

## SPEAKER INFORMATION

**Date:** *Thursday, November 12, 2020*  
**Event:** *“Bathroom Design, COVID-19, and User Compatibility Issues”*  
**Time:** *2:50 pm – 3:15 pm*

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Dr. Steven Soifer, co-founder and former CEO of the International Paruresis Association and president of the American Restroom Association, is an advocate for safer and more private bathrooms.

He co-authored “Shy Bladder Syndrome: Your Step-By-Step Guide to Overcoming Paruresis” (2001), which is in its tenth printing. He revised that ground-breaking book, titled “The Secret Social Phobia: Shy Bladder Syndrome (Paruresis)” (2017), which is available on Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and audible versions.

Dr. Soifer, the former chair of the Departments of Social Work at the University of Mississippi and University of Memphis, has a doctorate degree in social welfare policy from the Florence Heller School at Brandeis University and a master’s degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis.