

Rabbi Steve Karro Shares His Approach to Purposeful Productivity

Miami Beach rabbi, scribe, artist, and teacher reflects on how faith, responsibility, and service shape his approach to staying productive through changing circumstances.



Miami, Florida Sep 24, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - [Rabbi Steve Karro](#), a rabbi, scribe, artist, and teacher based in Miami Beach, is sharing the principles that have helped him remain productive throughout a career built around faith, craftsmanship, teaching, and service.

Karro has spent decades balancing several demanding forms of work, including sacred Jewish writing, Torah restoration, Hebrew calligraphy, Judaica art, and religious teaching. Rather than measuring productivity only by how much he completes in a day, he focuses on whether his time and effort are being directed toward something meaningful.

“Every situation I ask what the Creator expects from me,” Karro said. “That helps me understand what deserves my attention and what I should do next.”

His approach developed over a lifetime of study and practice. Born in Russia, Karro moved to

Jerusalem at age 10 and continued his education in Hebrew studies. At 13, he began studying at Yeshiva Ponovich in Bnei Brak, where he focused on rabbinic learning while also developing his skills in art and Hebrew calligraphy.

By age 19, he had earned his rabbinic certificate and diploma. His career later expanded to include work as a sofer, or Jewish scribe, along with the writing and checking of Torah scrolls, mezuzot, and tefillin.

Karro believes that productivity in detailed work depends on patience as much as speed. Sacred writing and restoration require concentration, careful inspection, and a willingness to slow down when accuracy matters.

That mindset also influences how he responds to difficult periods. Karro has spoken about facing personal challenges and public embarrassment, experiences that tested his confidence but did not stop him from continuing his work.

“If not for me, do it for my family and friends that need me more,” Karro said. “Sometimes you keep going because other people are depending on you.”

He views responsibility as a stronger long-term source of motivation than simply waiting to feel inspired. For Karro, family, faith, and service give structure to his daily work even when circumstances become difficult.

Teaching also plays an important role in how he stays engaged and continues to grow. Karro believes sharing knowledge strengthens both the teacher and the person learning.

“Teach what I learned so more people will be able to do good for our universe,” he said. “What you know becomes more valuable when someone else can use it too.”

Karro also encourages people to think beyond traditional measures of achievement. He defines success by the effect his work has on others rather than only by titles, recognition, or completed projects.

“When I make a happy difference in people’s lives, that is success,” Karro said.

His broader goal is to encourage others to believe that their own contributions matter. Whether he is teaching, restoring a sacred text, creating art, or supporting someone in his community, Karro says the purpose is similar: to make a positive difference and encourage others to continue doing the same.

About Rabbi Steve Karro

Rabbi Steve Karro is a rabbi, sofer, Judaica artist, and teacher based in Miami Beach, Florida. His work includes Torah scroll restoration, sacred Jewish writing, Hebrew calligraphy, painting, and religious education. Born in Russia, he moved to Jerusalem at age 10 and later studied at Yeshiva Ponovich in Bnei Brak, earning his rabbinic certificate and diploma at age 19. He has spent decades combining Jewish scholarship, traditional craftsmanship, art, and teaching in his work.

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