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David J. Wolpe to Discuss New Book, *Why Faith Matters* At Barrack Hebrew Academy, November 18

October 6, 2008 (Bryn Mawr, PA): David J. Wolpe, noted author, Akiba- Barrack Hebrew Academy alumnus, and one of America's most beloved religious leaders, will discuss his new book, *Why Faith Matters*, on Tuesday, November 18, 7:30pm at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, 272 South Bryn Mawr Avenue.

The program, entitled "An Evening with David J. Wolpe '76, is being presented by the Akiba Barrack Alumni Association. The program will include a Sponsors' Reception at 6:30pm, followed by a book discussion, author meet and greet, and book signing at 7:30pm, according to Donna Haas '76, school alumnus and chairman of the program.

Hailed as a thought-provoking book about faith and history, faith and science, and the way faith functions in the world, *Why Faith Matters* also includes Rabbi Wolpe's personal journey away from and back to his own faith and his career of helping others. It was his faith that sustained Wolpe during his wife's illness and his own two battles with cancer.

In his book, Wolpe gives voice to a case for faith and points out that religion does have value in the modern world, refuting such well known atheists as Christopher Hitchens. Wolpe presents both historical and personal evidence that reason and faith are not enemies. His work raises a number of provocative questions, including:

- What does it mean to be religious?
- Where does religion come from?
- Does religion cause violence?
- Does science disprove religion?
- What does religion teach?
- Is religion good for us?

-More-

To probe these universal questions and explore some meaningful answers, plan to attend this very special evening with Rabbi David J. Wolpe. Tickets for the sponsors' dinner at 6:30pm range from----- to ----- . Tickets for the general program at 7:30pm are ----- . For reservations, contact Sue Gordon, Director of Alumni Affairs: sgordon@jbha.org or alumni@jbha.org

About the Author:

David J. Wolpe is the Senior Rabbi at the Sinai Temple of Los Angeles, California. He has previously taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, and Hunter College in New York, and currently teaches at UCLA. Rabbi Wolpe writes for many publications, including regular columns for *New York Jewish Week* and BeliefNet.com, as well as periodic contributions to the *Jerusalem Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, and many other leading media outlets. He is an ethics columnist for *Campaigns and Elections* magazine and monthly book columnist for the *L.A. Jewish Journal*. Rabbi Wolpe has appeared in television series on PBS and A & E, and as a commentator on CNN and CBS *This Morning*. He is the author of six previous books, including the national best seller *Making Loss Matter: Creating Meaning in Difficult Times*. He lives in Los Angeles. He is currently on a national book tour, discussing *Why Faith Matters* that features a foreword by Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*.

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