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American Jewish University Confers 3 Honorary Doctorates

Los Angeles, CA – May 7, 2018 – American Jewish University conferred 3 honorary degrees, Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, during its 68th Commencement on Sunday, May 6, 2018 in the Gindi Auditorium of its Sunny and Isadore Familian Campus. The honorees included Rabbi David J. Wolpe, entrepreneur and philanthropist Louis Miller, and activist and entrepreneur Edward Robin.



RABBI DAVID J. WOLPE

Rabbi David J. Wolpe is the Max Webb Senior Rabbi of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. Named the most influential Rabbi in America by Newsweek and one of the 50 most influential Jews in the world by The Jerusalem Post, Rabbi Wolpe is a recognized leader in Conservative Judaism. Rabbi Wolpe has served as a faculty member at American Jewish University, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, UCLA, and Hunter College. An accomplished author, Rabbi Wolpe's work has been published and profiled in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post's On Faith website, the Huffington Post, and the New York Jewish Week. He is the author of eight books, including the national bestseller Making Loss Matter: Creating Meaning in Difficult Times. His new book is entitled David: The Divided Heart. He has been featured on The Today Show, Face the Nation, ABC This Morning, and CBS This Morning. In addition, Rabbi Wolpe has appeared prominently in series on PBS, A&E, History Channel and Discovery Channel.



LOUIS MILLER

Louis Miller is a noted philanthropist and Jewish community leader. In his professional life, Mr. Miller established Culver City Datsun in 1968 which grew to incorporate Hyundai, Mazda, Subaru and Suzuki and later became Culver City Import Group. At the same time, he embarked on a highly successful career in real estate investment and property management. Passionately committed to the continuity of American Jewish life, Mr. Miller, together with his wife, Judith, founded and endowed the Miller Introduction to Judaism Program at American Jewish University. At AJU, Mr. Miller is one of the longest serving members of the Board of Directors. He is also the past board chairman of Camp Ramah in California and the Jewish Academy of Los Angeles. In addition, he supports several other Jewish communal organizations locally, nationally and internationally.



EDWARD ROBIN

Edward Robin is an accomplished Jewish activist who has held positions of national leadership in the American Jewish community. Mr. Robin was a key figure in the Soviet Jewry movement and served as both the vice-chairman and chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Early in his career he served as the chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, another position of national prominence. Mr. Robin has also chaired various committees of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation, and has also served on the board of his synagogue, Valley Beth Shalom in Encino. An innovator in Jewish communal life, Mr. Robin founded the Moriah Process and the North American Jewish Forum, projects that influenced scores of young American Jewish and Israeli future leaders. In his professional life, Mr. Robin is the founder and chairman of NAS Insurance.

American Jewish University, founded in 1947, is a recognized leader in providing world class, Jewish educational and cultural opportunities. By creating a unique and distinctive learning environment in which innovation is nurtured, new ideas are born, and Jewish values are integrated into community life, AJU has grown into a thriving center of Jewish resources and talent. For more information about AJU, visit us online at www.aju.edu.