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**SAN DIEGO JEWISH ACADEMY TO SHOW ACCLAIMED MOVIE *RACE TO NOWHERE***

*Many SDJA faculty members felt the award-winning movie *Race to Nowhere* exposed the type of academic environment that SDJA has strived to avoid for years. Due to this, SDJA will be showing a special screening of the acclaimed movie on December 6 at 7:00 pm.*

**San Diego, CA – November 19, 2010** – The movie *Race to Nowhere* examines the high-stakes, high-pressure culture that has invaded our schools and our children’s lives, creating unhealthy, disengaged, unprepared and stressed-out students. An SDJA education has always been about helping our students discover their passions and exceed their own expectations, no matter their level of ability.

“This movie validates all of our efforts over the last ten years,” said Jeff Davis, Maimonides Upper School principal. “We emphasize developing students who are well-rounded and know who they are, so when they enter higher education, they are not only academically prepared, but also emotionally prepared.”

*Race to Nowhere* features the heartbreaking stories of young people from all types of communities who have been pushed to the brink, educators who are burned out and worried that their students are not developing the necessary skills and parents who are trying to do what is best for their kids.

Vicki Abeles, a mother turned filmmaker, examines many of the issues that face our school systems today. “As a mother, I experienced the stress firsthand and realized that no one was talking about it,” said Abeles. “I saw kids who were anxious, depressed, physically ill, checking out, abusing drugs and, worst case, attempting suicide. I felt compelled to speak out about this crisis by making a film and giving voice to the students, teachers and parents.”

*Race to Nowhere* will be shown at 7:00 pm on December 6 at the SDJA gymnasium. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 and are \$15 at the door. For more information, contact Debbie Kornberg at (858) 704-3785 or [dkornberg@sdja.com](mailto:dkornberg@sdja.com). To purchase tickets online, visit [www.sdja.com](http://www.sdja.com).

**About SDJA:**

San Diego Jewish Academy, one of the country’s premier K-12 Jewish day schools, challenges students to achieve their full academic potential and become individuals of strong moral and ethical character, while inspiring them to make Judaism a vital and relevant aspect of their lives.

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For more information about *Race to Nowhere*, visit [www.racetonowhere.com](http://www.racetonowhere.com).

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