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### **JCC-SLO to show and discuss controversial film, *Fitna***

San Luis Obispo, CA (March 25, 2009) — On April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm, the Jewish Community Center of San Luis Obispo is hosting its third Political Forum at 875 Laureate Lane. The evening will show the short film, *Fitna*, followed by a discussion on its surrounding politics.

*Fitna* is a 17-minute piece created by Dutch politician Geert Wilders. Its primary focus is to analyze the Koran and Muslim acts of violence. Wilders said the film shows how verses from the Qur'an are being used today to incite modern Muslims to behave violently and anti-democratically based on those verses. The movie also focuses on issues related to Islam in the Netherlands, after the slaying of the filmmaker, Theo van Gogh.

The global response to *Fitna* has been serious in fear of violent reaction to the film. The Dutch government made immediate emergency evacuation plans available to all its embassies worldwide. The European Union alerted its diplomatic missions around the world. NATO said it feared for the safety of its troops stationed in Afghanistan. Also, Geert Wilders has been litigated against in Dutch court for hate speech, and was denied entry into the United Kingdom after being invited to show *Fitna* to the House of Lords.

Come see the movie for yourself and join us in the discussion. The JCC-SLO is committed to providing a venue for the community to talk about relevant topics that affect our world. The forum follows our last one from March 5<sup>th</sup>, when Holocaust survivor, Thomas Blatt, came to tell us his story; over 300 people attended, traveling in from throughout the county. The JCC-SLO thanks the residents of San Luis Obispo County for their support.