

L'shanah Tovah! Happy New Year!

The Jewish Community Center of San Luis Obispo is proud of its endeavors over the past year. Please take a look at how we are growing as a community.

Join us and find more at

www.jccslo.com

Comments from the community:

I want to thank you for your web site.

Your calendar is excellent. It is a great addition...and has broadened the scope of life here [on the Central Coast]. Thanks again.

[The Membership Party] was a stimulating group of people from many diverse backgrounds...Thank you again for your warm hospitality.

I thoroughly enjoyed the [Jewish] film festival; it proved that a 54 year old professor can continue to learn.

What you guys did...from my tiny glimpse, was beyond professional, amazing, and will stay with me forever. Thank you.

SLO Jewish Film Festival, Palm Theatre

Save the Date: January 21-22, 2012



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The SLOJFF is made possible by a generous grant from the City of San Luis Obispo

1st ever JCCSLO Membership Party

Networking and special discounts for members!



Hannukah at the Mission

Save the Date:
December 20-28, 2011



New for members!

Babysitting Service:

www.jccslo.com/babysitters.html

JCCSLO Speakers Bureau: showcasing the diversity of Jewish culture

Sponsor: Mary Bianco



Monthly Programs: Outdoor Club, Kehilla, Jewish News Junkies & more



Dear Community Member,

Since last Jewish New Year JCCSLO has grown! We increased our membership to over 150 people, begun to offer exciting local discounts, enhanced our programs, and agreed to collaborate with another nonprofit to develop our property into a community space. *These are achievements to be proud of!*

Recently I read a report on Jewish Peoplehood, and its relevance to Jewish curriculum published by the Shalom Hartman Institute. “Jewish Peoplehood” is a concept that brings together a collective identity and a sense of commitment through unique Jewish stories, engagement with Jewish peers, and responsibility for the Jewish and global future. What I found exciting is that here in the San Luis Obispo area, we already promote Peoplehood through JCCSLO. We showcase inspirational Jewish stories through our **Jewish Film Festival** and **Speakers Bureau**, we propagate the *mifgash*, or encounter, with Jewish peers of all affiliations with our gatherings, parties, and discussion groups. And, we focus on the commitment to the global and Jewish future by affiliating as a **Network Community** with The Jewish Federations of North America, by working in sync with all local Jewish organizations, and by partnering with another nonprofit on **The Ranch** – a project that will develop our land in a socially-minded and environmentally sound way.

So, I’m looking forward to seeing what 5772 brings, and to watch our plans come to fruition. Over the past few years, I have had many engaging experiences as JCCSLO’s Executive Director (some highlights pictured below). I have seen the Menorah lighting at the Mission grow to over 100 families on the first night of Hannukah, and each subsequent night beautifully led by our various congregations and Jewish organizations. I have seen hundreds of people of all backgrounds crowd into spaces to hear the incredible survival stories of the Holocaust. I have spun in circles dancing to Israeli music at our annual Yom HaAtzmaut party and enjoyed good company with our monthly Kehilla social group.

I feel proud and lucky to live in San Luis Obispo. I love being a part of our community, and playing a role in strengthening our Jewish community. I am only one person – it is up to all of us to participate in and support this very enjoyable work.

L’shanah tovah!

I look forward to seeing you at a JCCSLO program soon!

Lauren Bandari
Executive Director, JCCSLO

