

**PROGRAMS TO REDUCE RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE AND PROMOTE
THE WELFARE AND INCLUSION OF JEWISH STUDENTS ON
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUSES**

SUMMARY

UC campuses provide students of Jewish and other religions with a variety of pedagogic and programmatic activities that promote interfaith dialogue, cultural appreciation, and peace building. Campuses hold learning communities, courses, and workshops throughout the year to educate students about religious history, law, and literature, as well as hone their leadership and conflict resolution skills. On and off-campus activities such as conferences, travel to the Middle East to learn about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and musical performances aim to foster civil dialogue and solidarity across religious, racial, and gender boundaries. A lot of the programming is conducted in collaboration with University departments, campus administrators, local Hillels, and community organizations.

BERKELEY**Teaching and Research**

- ***The Jewish Studies Program at UC Berkeley:*** Faculty cover fields from the Hebrew Bible and Talmud and Midrash through medieval Jewish history, to modern Jewish history, modern Hebrew and Yiddish literature, and modern Jewish thought.
- ***The Robbins Collection at the Boalt School of Law:*** The Robbins Collection is an international center for comparative legal and historical studies focused on religious and civil law that is housed at the UC Berkeley School of Law. Here you can find information about upcoming events and the history of the collection itself.
- ***The Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israeli Law, Economy and Society:*** An interdisciplinary initiative that provides resources and support for students and scholars working in Jewish or Israeli Law.
- ***The UC Berkeley Judaica Collection:*** Supports the research and instructional activities of faculty and students in a number of interdisciplinary fields, including Near Eastern languages and literature; Talmudic studies, including the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds and subsequent texts and commentaries; rabbinic, medieval, and modern Jewish history throughout the world; modern Jewish thought; and comparative literature, including works in Hebrew, Yiddish, English, and other languages.
- ***The UC Berkeley Center for Middle Eastern Studies:*** Promotes the interdisciplinary study of the Middle East through a wide variety of academic events and extracurricular activities, including colloquia, conferences, grant research, research programs, lectures, and film series.

Programs, Activities, and Events

- ***Critical Dialogues Across Differences:*** CDAD provides a space for dialogue around issues of difference and identity in social and cultural groups. Through small group dialogue, students explore their own narrative and that of others toward the development of an inclusive community. Beginning in fall 2011 semester a new dialogue on interfaith issues was added to assist students in exploring the interconnectedness of faith and identity.

- **Berkeley Project:** Sponsored through the Cal Corps Public Service Center, the Berkeley Project is an annual one-day service event that draws over 2,000 students, alumni, and community in-service projects throughout the city of Berkeley. Team MULISH is a group of Muslim and Jewish students who work annually as a collective body to demonstrate community and service.
- **BEARS Breaking Bread:** A dozen Muslim students and a dozen Jewish students developed BEARS Breaking Bread which not only includes the symbolic “baking of bread” but features moderated discussions about anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. Students initially wanted members of different communities to realize that at the core, they are very similar and then help them realize that although they may differ in opinion, they can still coexist to make the Cal community a healthier one.
- **Olive Tree Initiative:** OTI is an apolitical, educational organization dedicated to informing the campus and community about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It does not advocate any particular side, will not release any press statements, and will not co-sponsor events with other groups. Its mission is not to influence students or alter convictions, but rather to provide the opportunity to hear a wide range of perspectives that they may not have been exposed to before, as well as to offer a forum for education, discussion, and communication among students and staff.

Organizations

- **Jewish Studies Program at the Graduate Theological Union:** Looks at Jewish Studies from a non-parochial vantage point and seeks to encourage its students to combine various academic disciplines and historical perspectives in their work.
- **UC Berkeley Hillel Jewish Student Center:** Hillel is a place where students connect with their Jewish peers through Shabbat and Holiday celebrations, service, Jewish learning Israel education and advocacy, or social activities.
- **The Berkeley Jewish Student Union:** The Jewish Student Union works towards evaluating and improving Jewish life on campus while creating a unified structure to represent the Jewish community. We are here to express a voice, to allocate resources to members, and to foster communication between the leadership of student groups within Berkeley Hillel. The JSU is the umbrella organization for 15 student entities that include service, fraternities and sororities, academic and religious groups, is an ASUC Student Group at UC. Here you can find information about upcoming JSU events and JSU member group info.

DAVIS

Programs, Activities and Events

- **Cross Cultural Center:** During Jewish Culture Week, CCC Campus Climate interns coordinate the two-week “Muslim-Jewish Student Coalition” in collaboration with Hillel.
- **Campus Unions Center for Student Involvement:** Facilitates the development and operation of student organizations to engage them, and help them find a place to belong and connect to campus, and support their success. Jewish student groups include:
 - Alpha Epsilon Pi

- Challah for Hunger
 - EMET: Students with Israel Group
 - Jewish Law Student Association
 - Jewish Student Union
 - Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi
- ***Beyond Tolerance Tuesdays:*** The Office of Campus Community Relations partners with the Campus Unions Center for Student Involvement to engage registered student organizations in support the UC Davis Hate Free Campus Initiative. Training and activities are designed to confront and stop acts of hate, foster a greater awareness and appreciation for diversity, promote civility, and build more a inclusive campus community.
 - ***University Religious Council:*** Hillel staff and students are active members of URC and participate in the President's Interfaith and Community Service Challenge.

IRVINE

Teaching and Research

- School of Social Sciences hosted Galia Golan, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya to speak on "Israel and Palestine: Is Peace Possible?" (February 3, 2011). <http://www.lps.uci.edu/node/2027>
- School of Social Sciences hosted a conference on "Jewish Iranian Legacy: Life, Politics, and Culture" (October 3, 2010). <http://www.socsci.uci.edu/node/1725>
- Olive Tree Initiative hosted a two-week peace awareness program at UCI (April 19-30, 2010). <http://www.lps.uci.edu/node/1112>
- School of Social Studies hosted a program featuring message of peace and solidarity from Palestinian and Israeli students (April, 29, 2010) <http://www.lps.uci.edu/node/1153>
- Department of Jewish Studies hosted Erwin Chemerinsky to speak on "Judaism and the American Constitution" (November 24, 2009) http://www.humanities.uci.edu/SOH/bin/display_event_detail.php?recid=2212&file_name=events_arch&dept_code_val=994&css_path=jewishstudies&bkgd=cccc99
- School of Social Studies hosted Alick Isaacs, Shalom Hartman Institute, Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, University of Jerusalem to speak on the "Meaning of Israel in Contemporary Jewish Life" (January 27, 2010) <http://www.lps.uci.edu/node/911>

Programs, Activities, and Events

- ***Reaffirming Ethnic Awareness and Community Harmony:*** REACH is a year-long program in which 25 student leaders take a credited, four-course class for three quarters to learn about cultural identity development, diversity, social justice, and the multicultural movement in higher education. For example, students learn about the history and contemporary issues of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, as well as the pathways and strategies for addressing discrimination and intolerance. Seasoned REACHers facilitate about 35 dialogues and workshops throughout the year to raise awareness about diversity and promote advocacy and ally-ism within the UCI community. In the last three years, over 500 individuals have been reached on and off campus.

- **Summer Multicultural Leadership Institute:** SMLI is a three-day summer program for approximately 50 incoming, first-year student leaders. It consists of workshops and activities focused on leadership, diversity, free speech, conflict resolution, and community building. Students hear from experts about free speech in higher education. As a weekend capstone project, students work in groups on case studies that promote free speech and promote civic responsibilities.
- **Deconstruction Week:** Consists of a weeklong series of themed programs during the spring quarter designed to educate the UCI community about societal discrimination and oppression. Community members experience vignettes and interactive displays that portray specific injustices in society.
- **The UC Student Leadership Summit:** Presented in cooperation with the UCI Dalai Lama Scholars in April 2009. It was intended to engage and support student leaders who are committed to authentic and civil dialogue regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The gathering developed more informed student leaders and organizations on UC campuses by advancing greater understanding and cooperation. Speakers included Shannon Shibata, Director, Center for New Diplomacy, Jerusalem; Avihu Cohen, Director of Special Projects, Center for New Diplomacy, Jerusalem; and Usama Al Zoughbi, Citizens Diplomacy Project Coordinator, Wi'am, The Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center, Jerusalem.
- **The Need For New Diplomacy In the Middle East:** A presentation and open discussion with Shannon Shibata, Avihu Cohen and Usama Al Zoughbi.
- **Intercultural Journeys: Bridging Peace – Melodies and Dialogues of the Middle East:** Sponsored by the UCI Center for Citizen Peace Building and the Middle East Studies Student Initiative, this event featured Naser Musa, a singer, and Udi Bar-David, an Philadelphia Orchestra cellist, who played a blend of Arabic and Jewish melodies. An open discussion followed the performance.

Organizations

- **Olive Tree Initiative:** Consists of a diverse and changing group of UCI students who visit the Middle East. The group took its first trip in 2008 where they heard perspectives from Israeli and Palestinian academics, community leaders, and activists with firsthand knowledge of the conflict. OTI, which began at UC Irvine, now travels annually to the Middle East and has inspired chapters at other UC campuses. The group hosts weekly discussion groups on the subject of the Middle East and hosts a wide variety of programs and speakers including:
 - **Appreciating Narratives: Discovering Dialogue in the Israel-Palestine Conflict:** A homecoming event where the UCI community convened to hear from participants of the Olive Tree Initiative to hear about what they learned.
 - **Beyond Stereotypes: Faces and Voices of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict:** A presentation and open dialogue with members of the Olive Tree Initiative about their journey to the Middle East. Moderated by Professor Wayne Sandholtz, UCI School of Social Sciences.
- **Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity:** OEOD runs the following three different programs, which include sessions that address religious tolerances, including issues related to inclusion of the Jewish campus community
 - **Diversity Development Program:** DDP has a two and a half hour session on "Religions and Spirituality at the workplace" and a two and a half hour session on "Middle Eastern Americans: People, Culture, and Communication." This certificate program is restricted to staff and faculty.

- **Diversity in Medicine:** Addressing Health Care Disparities (DIM) has a two hour session on "Religions, Healing, and Health Care", and a two hour session on "Middle Eastern Health: Cultural Sensitivity". This program is open to staff, students, and faculty.
- **Religious Diversity Forum:** RDF has offered to the campus and community at-large an all-day annual conference on religions of the world for the last 17 years. Mini sessions are also occasionally run as noontime brown bag seminars.

Campus Leadership

- New initiative for 2011-2012: Jewish students have asked to work with Vice Chancellor Parham on Student Initiated Outreach into high schools.
- 2010-2011 Brown Bag Discussions facilitated by Vice Chancellor Student Affairs Thomas Parham, geared towards enhancing more understanding about being Jewish at UCI and being Muslim at UCI.
- Resident Assistants in Housing receive training on diversity and religious tolerance.

LOS ANGELES

Teaching and Research

- **Intergroup Dialogue:** Students who commit a quarter to engaging in meaningful discussions around issues of diverse populations, including those related to religion and religious conflict, receive academic credit from the Bruin Resource Center. The relations in the Middle East were the focus of one of their psychologists, Dr. Andrew Felder, who, among other things, has worked independently with Jewish and Muslim groups on campus.

Programs, Activities, and Events

- **Cultivating the Spirit:** A residential hall program that includes a film of transformational substance (related to the findings of the Cultivating the Spirit research study) followed by a facilitated interactive dialog between students and the film's director and participating actors to discuss big questions about the meaning of life and life's purpose.
- **Community Programs Office:** Outreaches to and hires significant numbers of Jewish and Muslim students as interns. Specifically, these interns are encouraged to build relationships, have positive social interactions and open conversations on Middle East conflict to include diverse perspectives. In addition, both Jewish and Muslim students hold significant student leadership positions in the office and on its committees.

Organizations

UCLA has approximately 15 registered campus organizations on campus geared directly to the Jewish community (and others focused on the Muslim/Arab communities). Examples include:

- **Middle East Peace Coalition:** Holds an annual comedy night that brings together Muslim and Jewish comedians to laugh at differences and celebrate commonalities. They also sponsored an Art Show in Kerckhoff Hall Art Gallery this past year to show how the different religions coexist in Israel.
- **Bruins for Israel and Muslim Students Association:** Student leadership meet to discuss ways to better understand and respect each-others' differences relating to the Middle East conflict.

- **Hillel Students Association:** Very active and often partners with University departments, including the Community Programs Office.
- **Olive Tree Initiative:** Addresses tensions that can arise on campus by providing a neutral, apolitical, academic space for UCLA students with different (and often opposing) perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The goal is to promote educated dialogue, civil discussion and mutual understanding about the conflict through empirical and experiential learning, centered around an annual student trip to the region in conjunction with UC Irvine
- **Mishpacha:** The LGBT Jewish student organization on campus has hosted LGBTQ-friendly Shabbat dinners, as well as conversations and panels on intersections of sexuality and spirituality.

Campus Leadership

- Residential Life at UCLA seeks to create safe, supportive and inclusive living/learning communities that engage residents in order to foster Academic Success, Responsible Citizenship and Personal Growth. They train staff, student RAs, student leaders, and professional staff on issues of diversity, including religious intolerance and inclusion of all religious diversity.
- Chancellor Block meets annually with the leaders of the Jewish Student Organizations.

MERCED

RIVERSIDE

Programs, Activities, and Events

- **Conversation over Coffee:** Brings students from a wide array of backgrounds together to learn more about one another and build bridges between and among groups and individuals.
- **Diversity Dialogue:** Launching program for the 2011-12 academic focused on enhancing the capacity of individuals and groups to engage respectfully across differences. Priorities for this academic year are dialogues with a gender, interfaith, and intragroup focus. Interfaith dialogues will bring students from diverse faith backgrounds together to explore social group identity, conflict, community, and social justice in a small and cooperative learning environment that emphasizes dialogue instead of debate.

Campus Leadership

- The Vice Chancellor, AVC/Dean of Students and Student Affairs staff regularly attend Hillel events and activities that extend support to Israel Week which Hillel launched in 2010-11. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and AVC/Dean received recognition in 2010 by the Inland and Desert Hillel for "Guidance and Support of Jewish Life at UC Riverside."
- The Division of Student Affairs is currently exploring the possibility of hosting "Laugh in Peace," which explores interfaith dialogue through comedy.

SAN DIEGO

Teaching and Research

- ***UCSD Judaic Studies:*** Dedicated to researching and teaching all facets of Jewish culture and history, from Iron Age Israel and the Levant through the 21st century Diaspora. Each year, experts in Jewish languages, history, literature, archaeology and anthropology offer instruction to hundreds of graduate and undergraduate students. The program aims to foster knowledge and understanding of Jews and Judaism in all students, irrespective of background, and to train future scholars of Judaic Studies.
- ***UCSD Center for Ethics and Spirituality:*** CES is a learning community that provides resources, programs and a venue for the ethical, religious, spiritual and character development of the UCSD community. It supports students as they explore the central spiritual questions of their lives and promotes religious, racial, ethnic, and cultural appreciation of diversity on campus. The organization is staffed by lay and professionally-trained leaders who represent major religious groups and serve all students regardless of religious affiliation. Hillel in La Jolla is an affiliate of CES. The center is affiliated with Hillel in La Jolla and is a place where affiliates work together to create an atmosphere of inter-religious dialogue and respect and build relationships within and among faith traditions.
- ***Palestine-Israel Intergroup Dialogue Class:*** Collaborates with academic departments and administrators to create an in-depth Intergroup Dialogue experience for students. UCSD's Thurgood Marshall College has approved a Palestine-Israel Intergroup Dialogue Class as an honors seminar during fall quarter 2011. This effort is also supported by the Deans of the Divisions of Arts and Humanities and Social Science.

Programs, Activities, and Events

- ***Muslim/Jewish Student Dialogue:*** This is an on-going dialogue of Jewish and Muslim student leaders (typically officers of the Jewish and Muslim student organizations). The dialogue has existed for several years. The Jewish-Muslim Dialogue meets approximately every other week throughout the academic year, uses Intergroup Dialogue techniques, and is facilitated by staff in UCSD's Center for Student Involvement. The goals of the dialogue are to create understanding across religious and political differences, to build relationships across groups, to proactively address event planning, and to develop strategies to address intergroup relations issues among the Jewish and Muslim communities. Student initiatives developing in the Jewish-Muslim Dialogue in 2010-11 include:
 - Participants agreed to a number of strategies to prevent and mitigate conflicts that may arise during JIP/Peace Week. These include: serving as allies to address potential issues as they arise between the two groups; designating peer counseling locations for students adversely affected; intragroup buddy system for dealing with issues within their own communities; and listserv emails from leaders of each group promoting respectful engagement.
 - Muslim students invited Jewish students to participate in service projects every two weeks serving food to the hungry. This is now an ongoing initiative involving members of both groups.
 - Jewish students involved Muslim students in the planning of a Passover Seder. Students from both communities participated.
 - Dialogue participants from both communities will plant an olive tree during week 10 symbolizing commitment to peace during the last Muslim/Jewish dialogue of the academic year.

- **Intergroup Relations Program, Center for Student Involvement, and Center for Ethics and Spirituality:** In 2010-11, the Intergroup Relations Program (IRP) facilitated a community dialogue on a proposed divestment resolution submitted to the Associated Students. 35-40 students attended this event, which was organized by incoming AS President Alyssa Wing. Many participants indicated that this was a positive event dominated by respectful discourse and appreciation of differences.
 - April 28, 2011: IRP Cosponsored Rethinking Israel-Palestine: Building Bridges at Home and Abroad as part of the 11th Annual Hate Free Campus Campaign. 100+ students attended this dinner and panel discussion.
 - IRP collaborated with the Center for Ethics and Spirituality to establish a Student Interfaith Council. The purpose of the council is to create a platform for religious and spiritual student organization engagement. An IRP peer educator serves as the convener and the current Presidents of Jewish and Muslim student organizations are represented on the council.
 - May 11, 2011: A Vigil for Peace sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Spirituality and the Student Interfaith Council will provide a platform for reflection during the JIP/Peace Week. IRP is helping with organization of this event.
 - Staff of the IRP and Center for Ethics and Spirituality meet to discuss their role in building positive relations across religious groups. The Center delivers at least one major event each quarter.
 - IRP staff meet regularly with key faculty interested in Palestine-Israel conflict and its impact on campus climate. These include Deborah Hertz and Gershon Shafir (Judaic Studies), John Evans (Sociology of Religion), John Marino (History).
 - IRP hired students to facilitate additional Muslim/Jewish initiatives for 2011-12.
 - IRP staff meet with ADL National Education Director to discuss ADL activities in the San Diego community related to high school and college students and support for efforts at UCSD to build positive relations among Muslim and Jewish students.
 - IRP and UCSD's Office for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination staff meet regularly to coordinate responses to hate-bias reports related to the Palestine Israel conflict.
 - CSI and IRP Directors regularly communicate with Hillel Directors Keri Copans and Rabi Lisa Goldstein when issues arise.
 - Several attempts were also made this year to meet with Imam Taha Hassan from the Islamic Center of San Diego.

Campus Leadership

The six undergraduate colleges organize new student orientation programs based on UCSD's Principles of Community.

- Several Welcome Week programs offered before the start of the fall quarter for new students are based on UCSD's Principles of Community (see <http://welcomeweek.ucsd.edu>) . This includes the program Triton Voices: Diversity and Community at UC San Diego attended by 900 students this fall.
- Mandatory student organization principal member training includes a component about UCSD's Principles of Community.
- Student Affairs Student Employee Training Program is organized around UCSD's Principles of Community.

Spaces

- **Cross Cultural Center:** Affiliates with the Tritons for Israel, a student organization, to provide students with a place to meet and find community. The Cross Cultural Center has hosted Seders with the students and has two scheduled this year.
- **Center for Student Involvement:** CSI assists UCSD students with forming student organizations and is staffed with professional advisers who advise student organizations on how to sustain and grow their organizations and how to plan activities and programs.

Organizations

- **Union of Jewish Students:** The student board plans events that bring together Jewish students to create a vibrant Jewish campus community. UJS is responsible for creating a warm and welcoming Shabbat experience as well as working together with the Hillel staff to plan Holiday celebrations. They also plan the quarterly Schmooze with the Jews, The Shpiel, Jewish Life Informational, and the annual Jewbillee week of celebrating the Jewish traditions with the campus community.
- **Jewish Organization for Persian and American:** JOPA is a social group that is meant to highlight the cultural details that make being Jewish so amazing. The intertwining of Judaism with a twist of Persian roots is embodied through events such as hookah nights, an annual Purim Party, weekly breakfasts, and much more.
- **Tritons for Israel:** Tritons for Israel is the Pro-Israel student organization at UCSD. They are dedicated to raising awareness about Israel and Israeli culture, educating students, and promoting peace in the Middle East.
- **Keshet: LGBT Jews and Allies:** Keshet strives to be a group that is open to all people, regardless of sexual orientation or religious practice. This group has many amazing events, including picnic lunches, movie screenings, LGBT themed Chocolate Seder, dances, and more! [Note: Keshet means 'Rainbow' in Hebrew].
- **Alpha Epsilon Pi:** Alpha Epsilon Pi is the only national Jewish fraternity. AEPI's role is to encourage and guide the Jewish student to become one of tomorrow's leaders through dedication to Jewish heritage, ideals, values, and ethics. The Chi Sigma Chapter has consistently been recognized for outstanding achievements on campus and nationally since its inception in 1997, including two "Chapter of the Year" awards and the highest GPA for 11 years in a row.
- **Alpha Epsilon Phi:** AEPHI, the national Jewish sorority at UCSD, is a source of energy and sisterhood for the entire Jewish community on campus. Although it's not exclusively Jewish, AEPHI tailors its events around the Jewish calendar; making sure to include both it's Jewish and non-Jewish sisters in the fun.

SAN FRANCISCO

Organizations

- **Jewish Student Association:** Provides a Jewish community for UCSF students, organizes holiday meals, and connects students with other religious and cultural events.

Campus Leadership

- Last year, Renee Navarro, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Outreach, initiated a meeting with the Jewish Student Association (JSA) to discuss campus climate issues. Vice Chancellor Joe Castro also attended. The issues that were raised by the students (and some post docs who also attended) focused largely on difficulties they faced with academic priorities that conflicted with the High Holy Days and a lack of information about High Holy Day services in the surrounding community.
 - The JSA recently contacted those of us in attendance at that meeting and the campus has offered suggestions and resources to assist with publicizing opportunities to attend religious services at a local temple.

Spaces

- Last year in response to a request from the Muslim Student Association, UCSF designated a small classroom as a quiet space on campus for individual reflection, meditation and prayer. The space is advertised broadly and is clearly open to anyone seeking such an environment independent of religious affiliation.

SANTA BARBARA

Programs, Activities, and Events

- **Cultural and Ethnic Annual Receptions:** UCSB Residence Halls host annual receptions for new students from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This year's Jewish Awareness Social was held on September 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Middle Eastern Awareness Social was held on September 20. At both events students, staff and faculty were invited to connect with one another while enjoying refreshments and watching student performances.
- **Middle East Ensemble:** UCSB's Music Department is home to the Middle East Ensemble, whose musical repertoire reflects the great diversity of cultures found in the Middle East. The ensemble performs music and dance from Arab, Turkish, Persian, Armenian, Greek, Sephardic, and Oriental Jewish, Kurdish, and Assyrian cultures.
- **Interfaith House:** Efforts are underway to establish an Interfaith House as part of UCSB's local Student Housing Cooperative in Isla Vista. Interfaith programming and projects to complement the themes of interfaith understanding and social justice will be a central part of the experience for students living in the Interfaith Co-op. The new co-op is scheduled to open in 2011-12.
- **Interfaith Mini-Grants to RGO's:** Beginning in fall 2011 with donor funding from the local URC Interfaith Fund, the Office of Student Life will oversee and administer mini-grants to registered campus organizations to bring together diverse campus organizations to plan, implement, and/or participate in programs, activities, events, or community service projects that promote communication, community, and unity among groups with differing perspectives.

Organizations

- **Hillel:** UCSB administrators and staff maintain a very positive working relationship with the local Hillel organization which is located within a couple of blocks of the campus in Isla Vista in the Milton Roisman Jewish Community Center. Hillel works closely with both students and the campus to provide programming and outreach to Jewish students. The Milton Roisman Center also provides space for Jewish cultural and community events and regular religious services.

- **Project NUR:** A new UCSB campus organization that promotes dialogue about Middle Eastern issues.
- **Olive Tree Initiative:** UCSB's Olive Tree Initiative Chapter is "unconditionally committed to the establishment of a permanent peace between the Palestinian and Israeli people...by illuminating the human dimensions of the conflict, and by fostering an environment that is conducive to peace efforts."
- **Middle Eastern Resource Center:** MERC promotes the cultural awareness and academic success of students of Middle Eastern heritage. (<http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop/merc/>)

Campus Leadership

- Within the last two years, staff members in the Office of Student Life and the Dean of Students have met with student leaders and staff advisors from Jewish and Muslim groups to help these students develop mutually agreed-upon guidelines for co-existing respectfully and peacefully on campus as they both engage in programming and activism around sensitive political issues.
- New UCSB students hear direct messages from the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and Associate/Assistant Deans about the importance of creating a community free from bigotry and intolerance, including religious intolerance, during New Student Orientation and New Student Convocation.
- UCSB's Division of Student Affairs annually publishes a letter to students in the *Daily Nexus* campus newspaper reinforcing the community's obligation to create a community that values diversity and remains free from bigotry and intolerance. This annual letter is signed by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.
- The leadership of UCSB's Student Affairs Division meets each quarter for dinner with selected student communities. These dinners provide an opportunity for discussion of current issues within student communities and allow Student Affairs leadership to stay informed and connected. In the past two years, we have met with members of both Jewish and Muslim student communities.

Spaces

- **Multicultural Center:** Registers over 50 student organizations as primary student user groups including Hillel, the Muslim Student Association, the Lebanese Club, and the Assyrian Student Alliance. These student groups have access to MCC facilities for their own events, and often collaborate across groups to develop programs and events. The MCC regularly schedules events such as lectures, films, discussions, and art exhibits that explore issues and themes related to cultural and religious intolerance.

SANTA CRUZ

Organizations

- **University Interfaith Council:** An affiliate of Campus Life, UIC provides programming for students around ethics and spirituality, religious tolerance, inclusion, and respect. Hillel and Chabad, two Jewish organizations, are part of UIC and the Dean of Students serves as University sponsor for their events.

- **Resource Centers:** Provide training, support, advocacy, and intervention services to students. Targeted populations include: African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, American Indian, Chicano Latino, GLBTI, and women.
- **OPERS:** Trains personnel on diversity issues with the goal of creating awareness, sensitivity, and tolerance. Topics have included age, sexual orientation, cultural and ethnic diversity, ability, and disability.
- **CAPS:** Counselors offer group and individual therapy sessions to help students cope with issues of diversity and inclusion, GLBTI, women, and students of color.
- **Hate Bias Response Team:** The AVC Campus Life/Dean of Students, along with the Director of Judicial Affairs, serves on this team, which receives and reviews hate-bias complaints and stewards community resources to help heal the community after incidents.