

SLO SEED EXCHANGE

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"Traditional Hebrew Farming"



a talk by

**Courtney
Melblom**

**Tuesday
MARCH 11**

6:30 to 8pm

**SLO Grange
2880 Broad Street**

Information: 543-5364

Courtney Mellblom is a Jewish Farmer, educated in Sustainable Agriculture and Plant Biology at Cal Poly, and was certified in Permaculture Design in Israel. She manages the 10.5-acre property owned by the Jewish Community Center of SLO County, which is being developed in partnership with The Ranch, a project of United Cerebral Palsy. She oversees a work crew of "differently-abled" adults-- people diagnosed with Autism, Downs Syndrome, etc. Together, they maintain a vegetable garden, lavender field, nature trail and orchard.

Through her desire to put the culture back into agriculture, Courtney started an organization called Hebrew Roots, which provides people on the Central Coast with new ways of celebrating old agricultural traditions that originated in a Mediterranean climate very similar to our own. In fact our latitude is just 3 degrees north of Haifa, a coastal town in northern Israel. She wishes to see a more culturally abundant and diverse SLO County, and feels that this project is her piece of the beautiful mosaic that makes up our community.