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## Lion & Compass

Lion & Compass is an old-school Sunnyvale eatery that has long been known around the South Bay as a place where investors and entrepreneurs meet to make deals.

Since opening in 1982, the bar and restaurant has attracted customers from nearby technology companies such as Yahoo Inc., among other firms, says owner Robert Nino. Gina Dunleavy, a senior corporate counsel at Symantec Corp., a few miles from the eatery, says she is a regular at Lion & Compass because it has a central location and great food.

### Lunch at Lion & Compass



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Lori Eanes for The Wall Street Journal

The New York steak comes with garlic french fries and a vegetable medley.

The establishment continuously tinkers with its offerings, introducing new dishes like the Thai chicken and shrimp stir fry while keeping favorites like the roast lamb French dip sandwich on the menu. It last underwent an interior revamp in 1999 and has the feel of a genteel club thanks to its dark wood furnishings, which along with the bar and outdoor gas lamps were purchased from an English pub at an auction, says Mr. Nino.

The small menu features a mix of classic American and Asian fusion dishes. Popular lunch items include the grilled New York steak and the soy-seared Atlantic salmon. The creme brulée has been a house specialty since the restaurant opened. Appetizers and desserts are about \$10, while entrees run from \$13 to \$26.

### Bay Area Food Guide

[The Journal's guide to eating, drinking and dining at restaurants and bars in the San Francisco Bay Area.](#)

Lion & Compass is located at 1023 North Fair Oaks Ave. in Sunnyvale. It is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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