Hillel at Virginia Tech Calendar

March 13-31, Exhibition of Salvador Dali’s *Aliyah Suite*
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech and the Student Budget Board. Installation support provided by the Moss Arts Center.

March 13

**Monday Munch and Learn and Israel Update**
11:00AM-2:00PM (Jamestown Room, Squires Student Center)

**Meeting of Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech**
6:00PM-7:00PM (Multicultural Center, Squires Student Center)

**Meeting of Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Student Leadership Board**
7:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

March 14

**Meeting of Sababa Ethic Entrepreneurship Fellows with Special Guest Speaker: Ben Brownstein, StandWithUs Mid-Atlantic Campus Coordinator**
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

March 15

**Israeli Faces Tabling**
11:00AM-1:00PM (Information Booth B, Squires Student Center)

**Krav Maga Self-Defense Class**
5:30PM-6:30PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech

**Meeting of the Peer Network Engagement Interns**
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

March 16

**Challah for Hunger Bake Sale**
10:00AM-3:00PM (Information Booth B, Squires Student Center)

March 17

**Café Ivrit**
1:00PM-2:00PM (EspressOasis, Newman Library)

**Hebrew Lessons with the Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech**
3:00PM-4:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**Tzedek Committee Volunteers at the Crossings for St. Patrick’s Day**
3:00PM-5:00PM
**Interfaith, Intercultural Dinner**  
6:00PM-7:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
Sponsored by Office of Inclusion and Diversity at Virginia Tech. Co-Sponsored by Muslim Student Association, Ahul-Bayt Student Association, Free Thinkers VT, Adventists Christians Fellowship, and Hillel at Virginia Tech

**March 18**

**Hike Tinker Cliffs with TEVA, Hillel’s Outdoor Club**  
9:00AM-2:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
**“Brunch and Brains” with Hillel’s Leadership Board/Birthright Alumni Get-Together**  
11:00AM-2:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
**Krav Maga Self-Defense Class**  
1:00PM-2:00PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)  
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech

**March 20**

**Monday Munch and Learn and Israel Update**  
11:00AM-2:00PM (Jamestown Room, Squires Student Center)  
**Meeting of Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech**  
6:00PM-7:00PM (Multicultural Center, Squires Student Center)  
**Keynote Speaker: Professor David R. Blumenthal Presents on Salvador Dali Exhibition**  
7:00PM-8:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech and the Student Budget Board.  
**Meeting of Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Student Leadership Board**  
7:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**March 21**

**Meeting of Sababa Ethic Entrepreneurship Fellows with Special Guest Speaker: Ken Stiles, Former CIA Analyst and Virginia Tech Geography Department Instructor**  
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**March 22**

**Israeli Faces Tabling**  
11:00AM-1:00PM (Information Booth B, Squires Student Center)  
**Krav Maga Self-Defense Class**  
5:30PM-6:30PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)  
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech
“Stronger than Stigma” Art Making Organized by Virginia Tech’s Ruderman Inclusion Ambassador
6:00PM-8:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)
Sponsored by Hillel International and the Ruderman Family Foundation
**Meeting of the Peer Network Engagement Interns**
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**March 24**

**Café Ivrit**
1:00PM-2:00PM (EspressOasis, Newman Library)

**Hebrew Lessons with the Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech**
3:00PM-4:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**Pre-Shabbat Oneg and D’var Torah with Special Guest Professor Samuel Kessler**
5:00PM-6:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech

**Shabbat Dinner and Services**
6:00PM-7:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**Programming Committee Movie Night**
(7:30PM-9:30PM, Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**March 27**

**Challah for Hunger Bake Sale**
10:00AM-3:00PM (Information Booth B, Squires Student Center)

**Monday Munch and Learn and Israel Update**
11:00AM-2:00PM (Jamestown Room, Squires Student Center)

**Tzedek Committee Bake Sale to support the JD Ballard Fund**
3:00PM-7:00PM (Outside Kroger Store on South Main Street)

**Meeting of Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Student Leadership Board**
7:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

**March 28**

**Krav Maga Self-Defense Class**
1:00PM-2:00PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech

**Meeting of Jewish Business Leaders at Virginia Tech**
6:30PM-7:30PM (Location TBD)

**March 29**

**Krav Maga Self-Defense Class**
5:30PM-6:30PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)  
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech  
“Technology, Science, and the Search for Meaning” (Symposium Day 1)  
6:30PM-8:00PM  
Sponsored by the Department of Religion and Culture, Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech, and Hillel at Virginia Tech  
Meeting of the Peer Network Engagement Interns  
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center) 

March 30

Israeli Faces Tabling  
3:00PM-5:00PM (Information Booth B, Squires Student Center)  
“Technology, Science, and the Search for Meaning” (Symposium Day 2)  
6:30PM-8:00PM  
Sponsored by the Department of Religion and Culture. Co-Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech and Hillel at Virginia Tech 

March 31

Café Ivrit  
1:00PM-2:00PM (EspressOasis, Newman Library)  
Good Deeds Day: Tzedek Committee Mails Cards to Cancer-Stricken Families  
2:00PM-6:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
Hebrew Lessons with the Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech  
3:00PM-4:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
Shabbat Dinner and Services  
6:00PM-7:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
Sponsored by the Sigma Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity 

April 1

Krav Maga Self-Defense Class  
1:00PM-2:00PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)  
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech 

April 3

How to Kosher a Kitchen for Passover  
10:00AM-6:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)  
Monday Munch and Learn and Israel Update  
11:00AM-2:00PM (Jamestown Room, Squires Student Center)
Meeting of Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech
6:00PM-7:00PM (Multicultural Center, Squires Student Center)

Meeting of Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Student Leadership Board
7:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 4-7 “Stronger than Stigma” Art Display Organized by Virginia Tech’s Ruderman Inclusion Ambassador
All Day (2nd Floor Atrium, Squires Student Center)
Sponsored by Hillel International and the Ruderman Family Foundation

April 4

Meeting of Sababa Ethic Entrepreneurship Fellows
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 5

Krav Maga Self-Defense Class featuring Skype with Soldiers serving in Israeli Defense Forces
1:00PM-2:00PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech

Meeting of the Peer Network Engagement Interns
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 7

Mental Health Awareness-themed Shabbat Dinner and Services
6:00PM-7:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 8

“Jew Good:” Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Big Event Team
Time TBD (Drillfield)

Krav Maga Self-Defense Class
1:00PM-2:00PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech

April 9-22 Winter Birthright Israel 2016-17 Photo Exhibition
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech
April 10

**Monday Munch and Learn and Israel Update**
11:00AM-2:00PM (Jamestown Room, Squires Student Center)

**Passover Seder**
6:00PM-8:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 11

**Kosher for Passover Lunch with Hillel**
11:00AM-2:00PM, Location TBD
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center

April 12

**Kosher for Passover Lunch with Hillel**
11:00AM-2:00PM, Location TBD
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center

**Meeting of the Peer Network Engagement Interns**
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 13

**Kosher for Passover Lunch with Hillel**
11:00AM-2:00PM, Location TBD
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center

April 14

**Kosher for Passover Lunch with Hillel**
11:00AM-2:00PM, Location TBD
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center

April 17

**Kosher for Passover Monday Munch and Learn with Special Guest Bruce Aft, Rabbi of Congregation Adat Reyim**
11:00AM-2:00PM, Jamestown Room
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center and the Peer Network Engagement Interns

**Meeting of Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech**
6:00PM-7:00PM (Multicultural Center, Squires Student Center)

**Meeting of Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Student Leadership Board with Special Guest Bruce Aft, Rabbi of Congregation Adat Reyim**
April 18

**Kosher for Passover Lunch with Hillel**
11:00AM-2:00PM, Location TBD
Sponsored by the Intercultural Engagement Center

**Meeting of Jewish Business Leaders at Virginia Tech**
6:30PM-7:30PM (Location TBD)

April 19

**Krav Maga Self-Defense Class**
5:30PM-6:30PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech

**Meeting of the Peer Network Engagement Interns**
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 21

**Hillel at Virginia Tech and Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity Relay for Life Team**
5:00PM-Late (Drillfield)

**Shabbat Dinner and Services**
6:00PM-7:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 22

**Krav Maga Self-Defense Class**
1:00PM-2:00PM (Multipurpose Room A, War Memorial Gym)
Co-sponsored by The Black Organizations Council and Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech

**Musica Viva Pre-Concert Reception of Annelies, Based on the Text of the Diary of Anne Frank**
3:00PM-5:00PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 23

**Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech Booth at the International Street Fair**
12:00PM-5:00PM (Downtown Blacksburg)

**Musica Viva Performance of Annelies, Based on the Text of the Diary of Anne Frank**
3:00PM-4:30PM (Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre, Moss Arts Center)
April 24

Monday Munch and Learn and Israel Update
11:00AM-2:00PM (Yorktown Room, Squires Student Center)

Reading of the Names Holocaust Remembrance
9:00AM-6:00PM (Drillfield)
Sponsored by Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech and the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention at Virginia Tech

Meeting of Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech
6:00PM-7:00PM (Multicultural Center, Squires Student Center)

Meeting of Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Student Leadership Board
7:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 26

Meeting of the Peer Network Engagement Interns
6:30PM-8:30PM (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

April 27

Challah for Hunger Bake Sale
10:00AM-3:00PM (Information Booth B, Squires Student Center)

Self-Starters: Coffee and Tea with Local Jewish Female Entrepreneur
Time TBD (Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center)

Descriptions of Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Recurring Events

Monday Munch and Learn and Israel Update
Rooted in Jewish wisdom and culture, Hillel at Virginia Tech’s weekly Monday Munch and Learn program is a forum for students to discuss Israeli current affairs, connect with peers, and do their homework in an informal, on-campus setting. Students can join Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Parent(s) Circle for free lunch, bring their own food, or pay for lunch.

Meetings of Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech
Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech’s mission is educate Virginia Tech students about every aspect of Israel and to celebrate its accomplishments in technology, sciences, mathematics, and the arts. We network with student leaders and connect with them university resources, such as the room reservations process, Collegiate Times, GobblerConnect, and Gobblerfest.

Meetings of the Peer Network Engagement Interns
The mission of the Peer Network Engagement Interns is to navigate our college social networks to connect peers with meaningful and relevant outlets to explore Jewish culture and traditions. We build relationships and enhance our peers’ accessibility to Jewish experiences, all the while being resources for Jewish values and learning.
Meetings of the Hillel Student Leadership Board
Hillel at Virginia Tech’s Student Leadership Board is the governing body of Hillel at Virginia Tech; its members actively shape Jewish life on their campus, now and for the future. Student serve on Programming, Tradition and Culture, Tzedek, Finance, and Innovation committees with their peers to learn and implement valuable leadership skills.

Meetings of Sababa Ethic Entrepreneurship Fellows
Sababa Ethic Entrepreneur Fellowship (SEE) is a post-Birthright internship designed to bridge the Birthright Israel journey and the college experience. Structured after an academic course, the program, in a series of discussion-based seminars, educates students on the significance of Israel as the country of the Jewish people, prominent figures in Jewish and Israeli history, the Israeli security situation and checkpoints, the connection between diaspora Jews and Israeli Jewry, and the US-Israel relationship.

Meetings of Jewish Business Leaders at Virginia Tech
Jewish Business Leaders at Virginia Tech aims to connect Jewish students with the business world and to help them as they explore and prepare for their future careers. The club meets on a semi-regular basis to attend workshops and networking events and to organize lectures and field trips for their peers. All students are encouraged to join Jewish Business Leaders at Virginia Tech to develop their resumes, practice interviews, and meet with experienced business leaders in the Jewish community.

“Israeli Faces” Tabling
“Israeli Faces” showcases to students the diversity of Israel and its people from the perspective of real Israelis. In Squires Student Center, students meet the Other “face-to-face” and come away with a greater understanding of Israeli society, culture, values, and traditions.

Krav Maga Self-Defense Classes
Anthony de Gregorio, a Virginia Tech graduate student, shares his perspective on Krav Maga last year: “Physical strength is merely a portion of combat. In Krav Maga, we learned how to harness and apply our strengths in a controlled and decisive retaliation just like the IDF.” In partnership with the Black Organizations Council and the Mixed Martial Arts Club of Virginia Tech, Hillel at Virginia Tech annually hires a licensed martial arts instructor to coach weekly Krav Maga classes at War Memorial Gym. The classes serve as a laboratory for physical learning and a platform to recognize Israeli contributions to the field of athletics; through brief, five-minute presentations at the beginning of each class, participants gain an appreciation for the Spirit of the IDF and the values embodied in their choice of combat.

Challah for Hunger Bake Sales
Challah for Hunger volunteers bake and sell Challah, a traditional Jewish weekly bread, to engage fully in the social justice cause of feeding the hungry. Their bi-weekly sales bring together young philanthropists, social activists, and entrepreneurs to bake challah and then sell it to their peers to spread awareness of hunger and food insecurity. Framed by the Jewish
imperatives of *tzedakah* (righteousness) and *tikkun olam* (repair of the world), Challah for Hunger engages and empowers Virginia Tech students in meaningful service and encourages creative thinking when addressing the root causes of social justice issues.

**Café Ivrit and Hebrew Lessons with the Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech**
Facilitated by the Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech, Café Ivrit brings together students and faculty with a basic understanding of spoken Hebrew for informal conversation over coffee in Newman Library. Participants practice their language skills in a group and then one-on-one with peers to grow their understanding of Hebrew’s nuances. At Hebrew Lessons, students discover the fundamentals of language acquisition; they read, write, listen, and speak elementary Hebrew in a more structured setting, and emphasis is placed on Hebrew’s building blocks.

**Tzedek Committee Activities**
In the spirit of *Ut Prosim*, Hillel at Virginia Tech’s *Tzedek* (righteousness) Committee galvanizes students to repair and give back to their local communities by connecting them with meaningful and relevant opportunities for service. In spring 2017, they’ll volunteer at Warm Hearth Village, run a bake sale outside a Kroger store, and coordinate Hillel at Virginia Tech’s participation in the Big Event and Relay for Life.

**Shabbat Dinners and Services**
In the Jewish faith, Shabbat is viewed as a time to focus on what really matters, and a way to designate the work week from a time to rest. It serves as a weekly time to grow one’s inner spirit and experience gratitude for our lives and the communities of which we are a part, and those around us. Shabbat offers the opportunity to sing, meditate, and learn together as a community. A festive meal follows the conclusion of this period of reflection.

**Kosher for Passover Lunches with Hillel**
The days following the Passover Seder mark a turning point in the Jewish calendar as Jews around the world dwell on, internalize, and draw inspiration from the events that led to the birth of our nation. During this time, Jews do not eat chametz, a term that refers to food prepared from five species of grain—wheat, barley, oats, spelt, and rye—that has been allowed to leaven. Because Dining Services at Virginia Tech cannot fully accommodate the dietary needs of Jewish students at this important time in their spiritual development, Hillel at Virginia Tech and the Intercultural Engagement Center offer students free Kosher for Passover lunches in Squires Student Center.

**Winter Birthright Israel 2016-17 Photo Exhibition**
In January, eighty-three Jewish Hokies visited Israel on a Birthright trip; for ten, packed days, they immersed themselves in Israeli traditions, developed cross-cultural connections, and reflected on their self-relation to their heritage, history, and people. From the moment they landed in Tel Aviv, these students vigorously photojournaled, hoping to visually capture and preserve their emotions and perspectives. At the conclusion of Jewish Cultural Month, at the apex of Jewish pride on our campus, Hillel at Virginia Tech students will display iconic images
from their Birthright journey and piece together their personal explorations of Jewish identity at Virginia Tech and abroad.

“Stronger than Stigma” Art Display organized by Virginia Tech’s Ruderman Inclusion Ambassador
An initiative of Hillel International and the Ruderman Family Foundation, Virginia Tech’s Ruderman Inclusion Ambassador reaches out to peers with disabilities to involve them in Jewish campus life and start conversations about disability, mental illness, and inclusion at Hillel and on the campus. To accomplish this, Virginia Tech’s Ambassador is coordinating a “Stronger than Stigma” art show with the belief that artistic expression may allow students with disability and/or mental illness to celebrate their authentic voices and translate their internal struggles to peers.

Exhibition of Salvador Dali’s Aliyah Suite and Keynote Guest Speaker
The Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center will host in March an exclusive viewing of Salvador Dali’s Aliyah Suite, a set of 25 photo-lithographs commissioned by Samuel Shore in 1968 to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the state of Israel. The prints, full of references to the Old Testament and modern history, offer a haunting, visual depiction of the Holocaust and the circumstances that led to the birth of the Jewish state, and a letter by David Ben-Gurion, Israel’s first prime minister, accompanies the collection.

One of the few remaining complete sets of Salvador Dali’s Aliyah Suite, this exhibition is available for public viewing at the Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center during the month of March on Mondays through Fridays from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. The Hillel Center is located at 710 Toms Creek Road in Blacksburg, Virginia. This exhibition is generously funded by the Intercultural Engagement Center at Virginia Tech, and the Moss Arts Center provided instrumental installation support.

All are invited to join us on Monday, March 20 at 7:00PM as we welcome to our campus David Blumenthal, Jay and Leslie Cohen Professor of Judaic Studies at Emory University, proprietor of Aliyah Suite, and our keynote guest speaker. Professor Blumenthal, in a lecture titled "Salvador Dali Aliyah: The Rebirth of Israel" will share his extensive insight into the context of Aliyah Suite’s commission and elaborate on the historical events that Salvador Dali chose to depict. This free event is open to the public. A reception will follow Professor Blumenthal’s lecture, and no RSVP is required.

Reading of the Names Holocaust Remembrance
In memory of the six million Jewish men, women, and children who perished in the Holocaust, students will simultaneously recite the names of victims from sundown to sunset on the Drillfield. A participant will read aloud names continuously from a selection of Holocaust victims until the end of his/her ten minute shift, and a microphone and podium will be set up to ensure that passerby hear the recited victims’ names. A Yahrzeit ceremony for Dr. Liviu Librescu, a
Holocaust survivor and professor who sacrificed himself for his students during the Virginia Tech shootings, will mark the conclusion of the Reading of the Names ceremony.

To celebrate the power of student voices, Virginia Tech student leaders will distribute white roses to passing students, faculty, and administrators in memory of the White Rose, a group of law-abiding, non-violent student freedom fighters who vocally opposed the oppression of the Third Reich. Each rose will have a small leaflet of paper attached; the story of the White Rose will be printed on one side and a prayer for peace will be printed on the other. Over the course of three hours, students will pass out 1,000 roses and leaflets on the Drillfield.

“How to Kosher a Kitchen for Passover” and Passover Seder
A Mashgiach, or a Jew who supervises the kashrut status of a kosher establishment, will visit the Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center in early April and prepare our kitchen for Passover. All students are invited to participate in this educational event, during which they learn, discuss, and practice ancient customs of kashrut and engage with Jewish texts on this subject.

Passover, a major Jewish holiday, celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.
Ever since our crossing of the Red Sea, generations of Jewish families have been coming together physically and spiritually to retell the wondrous events collectively known as the Exodus. Hillel at Virginia Tech proudly invites all interested students, faculty, families, and community members to our 2017 Passover Seder at the Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center. Join us for a vibrant gathering full of song, story-telling, and delicious, kosher food. In four courses, we’ll dine on marinated beef brisket, wild-caught salmon, sweet gefilte fish, matzoh ball soup, roasted root vegetables, spring greens, and assorted desserts. RSVP at https://hokiepassover.eventbrite.com.

Hillel at Virginia Tech offers subsidized meal tickets to students demonstrating financial need. No student will be turned away due to inability to pay. To receive a scholarship or sponsor a student’s meal, please contact Jonathan Wertheim at jonathan@hillelatvirginiatech.org.