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Hillel at Virginia Tech to build the Malcolm Rosenberg Center for Jewish Student Life



Malcolm Rosenberg



Thane Rosenberg

a prominent issue."

KITZ saw this through Malcolm Rosenberg never attended Virginia Tech, he and his wife knew the needs of the Jewish students well, not being that and he was working in the accounting about it. Rosenberg and Kitz worked together closely until his death in September 2007 to make the lives of Jewish students on campus. Since the fall, his widow, Thane Rosenberg, has continued her husband's legacy of commitment to the next generation of Jewish people. Together, they endowed the Malcolm and Thane Rosenberg Program in Jewish Studies at Virginia Tech and now she has offered the lead gift for the much-needed Hillel Center on Campus.

With this proposal, it is so important to the Jewish students at Tech to be able to have a home where they can come together to share Shabbat dinners, weekly weekly services, Jewish holidays and the many programs provided by Hillel. These students will have a Jewish experience that will enrich their lives while at Tech and in the years to come," says Rosenberg.

"Before he died, Malcolm had come to realize that the Jewish students would have to step up to support this project because the cost of Tech Jewish student is relatively small. While Malcolm knew that there would be greater numbers of Tech Jewish students in future years, his passion was to move the program along now," she says.

Two weeks before the Virginia Tech (VT) community prepared to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Israeli April 14, 2000 shooting, Joe Katz, Hillel's executive director, shared some enlightening news with Jewish students and the surrounding community. Plans to build a Jewish student life center was complete, which had been in talks for nearly a year. Had received a significant financial boost.

Hillel received a \$1 million challenge gift from Thane Rosenberg to go towards the building of the Malcolm Rosenberg Center for Jewish Student Life. Rosenberg wanted to honor her late husband's commitment to Hillel at VT by providing money to construct a new facility for Jewish students to gather and share meaningful Jewish experiences in the wake of the campus tragedy.

The Rosenbergs have long been avid Jewish philanthropists in the Tidewater community—areas they have generously been major donors despite living in Northern Virginia in Reston. Malcolm left a tremendous legacy because of the many meaningful relationships he had with people like Marvin Soren, Leonard and Ruthy Berlin, Mickey Swartz and many others over the course of his life.

"Although we lived in Reston, Malcolm and I have maintained our friendships that were formed in North and Virginia Beach in the mid 60's and early 70's. The influence of my friends and being connected to and becoming part of the campus and broader Tidewater Jewish community was a strong influence in shaping our overall Jewish philanthropy."

"The tragedy at Tech put a spotlight on the increasing number of Jewish students," says Katz. "Malcolm knew it was important for us to have a space for our growing Hillel program. His constant encouragement, prodding and generous support led to the inception of the program and the need for

Virginia Tech to do, our sons Jack and Sam and their families at home. Malcolm's was a story



What a wonderful example of Rosenberg's generosity. The center will be ready in early April.



Malcolm Rosenberg Hillel Center for Jewish Life
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