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Hillel to host documentary screening at The Lyric

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"Munich '72 and Beyond"

When: Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Where: The Lyric Theater, 135 College Ave., Blacksburg

Cost: Free

Hillel at Virginia Tech has organized a screening of the documentary "Munich '72 and Beyond" at the historic Lyric Theatre in downtown Blacksburg as part of the annual Jewish Film Festival.

According to [BusinessWire.com](#), "Munich '72 and Beyond" was named Best Documentary at this year's Los Angeles International Short Film Festival, one of the largest festivals of its kind in the world.

At the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, West Germany, 11 Israeli athletes and coaches were kidnapped and murdered by Palestinian terrorists.

The film, which depicts the victims' families' struggle for knowledge about what happened on Sept. 5, 1972, and their subsequent legal battles with the International Olympic Committee, is particularly salient following the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, where a "Place of Mourning" was dedicated in an official I.O.C. ceremony. This gesture, while symbolic, confirmed the right of Israel to participate in the Olympic Games despite efforts to bar the nation from the Olympics amid accusations of racism.

Following the film, Kenneth Stiles, former CIA analyst and current professor at Virginia Tech's Geography Department, will be presenting his views regarding the incident and will talk about the impact of the event in global politics and procedures later implemented to prevent another terror attack as such. In addition, Dr. Samuel Kessler from the Judaic Studies Department will be speaking about perspectives of death and tragedy in Judaism.

Co-sponsors for this event include Friends of Israel at Virginia Tech, the German Club at Virginia Tech, the Political Science Club and The Lyric Theater.

The program is free and open to the public.

— Submitted by Or Shaked

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