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Jewish students at Virginia Tech are looking to promote their culture through Jewish Awareness Month.

Running from March 14 to April 15, the theme of the month is "The Questions That Guide Us."

"A big part of Judaism is studying Torahs, studying text, reading and studying and then asking questions. It's not about this is what we read and then studying, it's about asking questions," said Sue Kurtz, advisor and director of Hillel at Virginia Tech.

Hillel at Virginia Tech, the foundation for Jewish campus life, as well as the Department of Student Activities and Multicultural Programs and Services, are sponsoring the majority of events.

"I think we should all cross over boundaries and learn about each others cultures. There's so much happening on this campus and there are so many people and I feel like there is not as much awareness that there needs to be," Kurtz said.

Kurtz said she wished more students were aware of other events Hillel plans at Tech, including a Monday lunch for students and a traditional dinner Friday nights.

There are about 2,000 Jewish students on campus., 700 of them active with Hillel at Tech. Student Anna Isserow said she was anxious for the events of Jewish Awareness Month.

"A lot of questions people have are what our events answer," Isserow said. "That way, people who are not Jewish get a lot out of the month and get to learn about our culture."

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