



VIRGINIA SUMMIT TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM

Joining Forces for a Hate-Free Community

Sunday, June 2

PROGRAM

5:30 - 6:45 PM

Main Ballroom Foyer
(4th Floor)

Welcome Cocktail Reception

Featuring IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism
Traveling Exhibit: "Thou Shall Not Discriminate"

7:00 - 9:30 PM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Opening Gala Dinner

Presentation of Colors, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office

Invocation Prayer & U.S. National Anthem

Israeli National Anthem, performed by Noa Benitah

Mayor Kenneth Alexander, Norfolk, VA

Sacha Roytman, Combat Antisemitism Movement CEO

H.E. Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel (Virtual)

Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears, Commonwealth of Virginia

Attorney General Jason S. Miyares, Commonwealth of Virginia

Speaker Don Scott, Virginia House of Delegates

Senate Minority Leader Ryan McDougle, Virginia Senate

Raya Gurevich-Gal, Head Nurse, Soroka Hospital, Oct. 7 First Responder

Remo Hozail, Israeli Bedouin Police Officer from Oct. 7 Nova Festival

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, U.S. Representative (VA-02)

Vivian Cohen, Student at Virginia Tech, Hillel's Israel Leadership Network

Brittany Dunn, Military Spouse

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Monday, June 3

7:30 - 9:00 AM

Salon ABC
(4th Floor)

Breakfast & Address From The Honorable Governor Glenn Youngkin

Governor Youngkin's remarks will begin promptly at 8:00 AM

9:00 - 9:30 AM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Opening Remarks

Rebecca Rose, Director of North American Partnerships, CAM

Lt. Governor Winsome Earle-Sears, Commonwealth of Virginia

Mayor Robert Dyer, Virginia Beach, VA

Ken Greenberg, U.S. National Executive Director, Jewish War Veterans

Connie Meyer, Virginia Commission to Combat Antisemitism

9:45 - 10:30 AM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Catalysts of Compassion: Turning Hate Into Sympathy

Hear from an incredible panel about the power of transformative experiences. A former Neo-Nazi, and former Islamist, recount their personal stories and what led them to renounce violence and embrace empathy. In conversation with Myrieme Churchill, Executive Director of Parents For Peace, an organization whose mission is to break the cycle of extremism by building resilience. The organization's flagship helpline empowers families to address the radicalization of a loved one. Their insights underscore the potential for change and the impact of awareness in creating a more equitable society.

Moderated by Jenn Block, Combat Antisemitism Movement

Myrieme Churchill, Executive Director, Parents For Peace

Arno Michaelis, Reformed Neo-Nazi, Parents of Peace

Mubin Shaikh, Reformed Islamist, Parents for Peace

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Main Ballroom Foyer
(4th Floor)

Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:30 AM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Antisemitism Unveiled: Understanding the World's Oldest Hate

To fight antisemitism it must be clearly defined. By bringing together stakeholders from various sectors, including local government officials & security experts, the need for a working definition of antisemitism will be explored in this panel.

Moderated by **Connie Meyer**, Virginia Commission to Combat Antisemitism

Bryce Reeves, Virginia State Senator

Bradley Orsini, Secure Community Network (SCN)

Jon Schleffer, Virginia Dep. Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security

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Monday, June 3 (continued)

11:30 - 12:15 PM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Uniting Communities: Best Practices to Secure Local Jewish Life and Communal Institutions

The panel will explore the unique challenges faced by Virginia's cities in addressing surging antisemitism, as well as the innovative approaches and initiatives being implemented by leading mayors and elected officials to confront this issue head-on.

Moderated by **Sue Stolov**, AJC Washington, Vice President

Michael Signer, Former Mayor of Charlottesville, VA

Mackenzie Babichenko, Commonwealth's Attorney, Hanover County, VA

Chris Taylor, Virginia Beach City Council Member

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Salon ABC
(4th Floor)

Lunch

1:15 - 2:00 PM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Interfaith Allies: The Power of Coalitions

Evil prevails when good people do nothing. This panel brings together individuals from diverse religious backgrounds to stand as a unified front against bigotry and discrimination. In a world where division often overshadows cooperation, this discussion will explore the shared values of compassion, understanding, and respect across different faith traditions.

Moderated by **Rabbi Eric Fusfield**, Director of Legislative Affairs, B'nai B'rith International & Virginia Commission to Combat Antisemitism

Anila Ali, Co-Founder, The American Muslim & Multifaith Women's Empowerment Council (AMWECC)

Luke Moon, Executive Director of The Philos Project

Sacha Roytman, Chief Executive Officer of CAM

2:00 - 2:10 PM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Expert Analysis: How Hamas Won Hearts and Minds on the American Left

For 30 years, the terror organization has made a concerted effort to appeal to Western intellectuals and their malign efforts have come to fruition on the American college campus. More than a terrorist organization intent on killing Jews and eradicating Israel, the terror organization is also a savvy international political player. Hear from an expert on extremism, Dr. Lorenzo Vidino, about why the support for Hamas on college campuses and in city streets comes as no surprise.

Dr. Lorenzo Vidino, Director of the Program on Extremism at The George Washington University

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Monday, June 3 (continued)

2:10 - 3:30 PM

Main Ballroom
(4th Floor)

Free Speech or Hate Speech? Addressing the Crisis on Campus

Antisemitic protests on university campuses, characterized by violence, vandalism, and intimidation tactics, have created an unsafe environment for Jewish students. The lack of decisive action from government and school administrations has only empowered antisemitic behavior within our education system. This panel of experts & campus leaders will discuss the urgent need for action to secure universities and protect Jewish students from physical and emotional harm and how universities can best prepare looking towards the fall semester.

Moderated by **Dr. A.J. Nolte**, Professor of Government at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Academic Engagement Network

Alyza Lewin, President, Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights

Rabbi Gershon Litt, Director of William & Mary College's Hillel

Noa Benitah, Virginia Tech Student

Kiera Schneiderman, Student Government President, Virginia Tech

Rebecca Schgallis, Senior Education Strategist, CAMERA

3:30 - 3:55 PM

Break

Light snacks and refreshments will be available in the Main Ballroom Foyer

3:55 - 5:00 PM

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Visit to The Nauticus Museum & The Battleship Wisconsin

We will be traveling by foot to the museum - it is approximately a 5 minute walk. If you have any accessibility concerns, please let a CAM staff member know. Admission tickets will be handed out upon arrival.

5:00 - 6:30 PM

VARIA Norfolk
(2nd Floor Hilton Main)

Closing Happy Hour Reception at VARIA Norfolk

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If you have any questions or need assistance,
please email us at Events@CombatAntisemitism.org