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### JFFW MARCH 2016 CALENDAR

**March 3** B'nai Jacob Board Meeting  
**March 5** Gwen Schneider's Bat Mitzvah (BJ)  
**March 10** Temple Board Meeting  
**March 17** JFFW Board Meeting 7:00 PM at the Temple

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## GEORGE DEEK

APRIL 10, 2016 at The History Center

George Deek is an Attorney-at-Law, a veteran of the Israeli diplomatic corps, and currently a Fulbright scholar at Georgetown University.

George has served in a number of diplomatic positions in Israeli embassies around the world, including as Chargé d'Affaires in Norway and Deputy Chief of Mission in Nigeria. Most recently he was responsible for the BDS file in the International Law Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. George was awarded Israel's outstanding diplomat of 2014 by the MFA. George is a frequent public speaker and has shared his thoughts and personal story with students at universities and research institutes in many countries. His speech in Oslo, Norway, in 2014, has received widespread attention and accolades, and led to profiles in several media outlets, such as Tablet magazine. For his efforts, The Algemeiner magazine selected him as one of 2014's Top 100 People Positively Influencing Jewish Life in the World.



George hails from an Arab-Christian family that has lived in Jaffa for over 400 years. From a young age, George was involved in the promotion of mutual understanding between Jews and Arabs in Israel. As part of that effort, he was the co-editor of the local newspaper "Yaffo Sheli/Yafati" ("My Jaffa" in Hebrew and Arabic, respectively). George also led the Arab-Christian community's youth movement in Jaffa and managed its musical school, where over 120 children and young adults received music lessons for free. He still plays the trumpet with the community's marching band.

George earned an LL.B. in Law and B.A. in Government at the Interdisciplinary Center of Herzliya (IDC). After working as a lawyer in a private firm in Tel Aviv, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2008. As a diplomat, George made use of his fluency in Arabic, Hebrew and English, good control of French and basic Norwegian.

In the fall of 2015, he began his Master's degree in International Law at Georgetown University at Washington D.C. as a Fulbright Scholar.

Sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and the Community Relations Council Committee.

Coming soon

## R.O.M.E.O.s

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Venue for **March 3, 2016** is:  
**The Lucky Moose**

622 E Dupont Road

Venue for **March 17, 2016** is:  
**Asakusa Japanese Restaurant**  
 6401 W Jefferson Blvd

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can contact Rich Manalis at 219-877-8825 or [richmanalis@me.com](mailto:richmanalis@me.com)

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## CONDOLENCES

Bob Adams passed away February 20<sup>th</sup>. Our sincere condolences to his brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Paula Adams, and all his family.

## Shalom Party – April 17, 2016 – 4:00 PM – Rifkin Campus at 5200



**Hooshir A Cappella** is Indiana University's Jewish A Cappella group and premiere Co-ed A Cappella Group. Hooshir has performed around the United States in cities such as New York, Chicago, Washington DC, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Akron, Louisville, Miami, Hollywood, Key Largo, Indianapolis, and Los Angeles. Recently, Hooshir had the honor of sharing the stage with Six13 and The Maccabeats, as well as opening for Matisyahu in April 2015.

Hooshir sings a mix of Jewish music, secular Israeli pop music, and American pop music and standards. Groups such as Pentatonix and Tizmoret have served as inspirations for Hooshir. The members of Hooshir are linked by a desire to share their love of song. More on our Web site at [fwjf.org](http://fwjf.org). Sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Dr. Louis and Anne Schneider Foundation.



**THANK YOU FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF JEWISH CEMETERY**



It's hard to describe what went through my mind looking at the widespread vandalism discovered on February 1 at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery. Sixty monuments and headstones knocked off their bases, damage scattered throughout the grounds, and police officers already looking for clues to determine who would do such a thing – it was a lot to digest. Frankly, I mostly was dreading what the investigators might find.

In my 25 years as president of the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, I've never had to contend with vandalism nor envisioned anything like this. One headstone was broken into pieces, having fallen against nearby stones. Other monuments were lying haphazardly; some face down so it was unclear at first whose life was memorialized there.

My wife, Beth, saw that markers for cousins on both sides of my father's family were down. We noticed other familiar names, including those who had contributed much to our Jewish and Fort Wayne community over the years, as well as many others whom neither of us had known.

While the crime scene investigators worked meticulously, we discussed next steps: Contacting families directly impacted (if we could find them), determining how best to restore the markers, how the cost would be covered, what security measures were needed, and, once order was restored, how eventually to bring the community together for a re-dedication of the cemetery. In short order, we had a long list of items to tackle for a cemetery that is run by a small number of volunteers.

With the help of Dan Bradley and Jacob Current, who discovered the vandalism upon arriving to do landscaping work, we began to make a list of toppled stones. Police investigators found shoe prints on a marker that remained upright and theorize that vandals kicked stones throughout the cemetery to see what would fall. We answered questions about the Hebrew on the markers and why some gravestones had pebbles on top. Officers did not find graffiti or symbols and, after going through the whole cemetery, concluded that the vandalism didn't appear to be targeted at Jews.

The past few weeks have been very challenging. People with loved ones buried at the cemetery reached out from all over the country and abroad to inquire. I also heard from an Eagle Scout, church groups, the local Muslim community, organizations that fight against anti-Semitism, Jews and non-Jews, all wondering how they could help.

We still haven't located family for some of those whose stones were impacted, perhaps because they didn't have children or relatives moved away long ago. In addition to asking long-time and long ago people in the Jewish community, we've started to search online genealogy records and yahrzeit lists for clues. Josh Tourkow and Mike Dicker have been assisting in gathering quotes for repairs and improved security, while Janet Finkel has been assisting in finding family members.

We greatly appreciate the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne for the tremendous support, including creating a way for the Jewish Cemetery to accept donations from those who have asked to help financially. The gifts we receive will be used for repairing damaged gravestones, improving security to deter future events, and to help assure a safe and sound future. (To make a donation, write a check to the JFFW and indicate your gift is for the Jewish Cemetery.) With help from the Federation staff, we are now working with Crime Stoppers to offer a reward with monies that were given by two Jewish donors.

We also are grateful to Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob, their rabbis, staff, boards and members, for their interest and help. We, too, are glad to be part of the Rifkin Campus at 5200.

The sense of community that has enveloped us is truly amazing. Please continue to support all the Jewish organizations in our area. Don't take for granted that they'll always be here without your assistance. Despite the terrible nature of the vandalism, it's heartening to know that so many stand with us as we repair the damage and restore the sacred ground where Jews have rested since 1912. ■

**Dan Zweig, President, Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association**

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A donation was made by **Esther Campbell-Russ** in honor of **Maeter Pearl Siles**

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A donation was made by **Jason and Heather Tanner** in honor of **Colton's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday**

A donation was made by **Jaki and Eric Schreier** in honor of **Larry and Carol Adelman's** new granddaughter, **Reeva Yarden Adelman.**

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