

SHALOM FORT WAYNE

Would you like to become an ambassador to welcome people who are new to the Jewish community or not currently involved?

*If you know somebody new to the Fort Wayne community, please let us know. We would like to welcome them.

Please contact the Federation office:
260 456-0400 or office@fwjf.org

JFFW NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 2 CAMPAIGN OPENER with Major David Tzur – 7:00 PM – Rifkin Campus
November 5 B'nai Jacob Board Meeting
November 12 Temple Board Meeting
November 19 Federation Board Meeting – T
November 26/27 Closed for Thanksgiving

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2015-2016 CAMPAIGN OPENER November 2, 2015

Rifkin Campus
7:00 PM
5200 Old Mill Road

Major David Tzur

Major (res.) David Tzur served as commander of an elite counter-terrorism unit in the Israel Defense Forces as well as commander of the Coastal Plain District Police.

After his military service, Tzur joined the Israel Police Force, and served in their counter-terrorism unit.

He worked as a security consultant for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

Major General (Rt) Tzur became chief of staff of the Ministry of Public Security, was commander of the Israel Border Police from 2002 until 2004, and the district commander of the police force in Tel Aviv.

He was CEO and owner of GLS and the external director of Epsilon Funds.

In February 2013, Tzur was elected to the Knesset on behalf of the Tenua Party. He is a member of



several Knesset committees including the economic affairs committee.

Tzur holds a BA Degree in Middle-East studies from Tel Aviv University.

Light refreshments will be served.

R.O.M.E.O.s

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Venue for November 5, 2015 is:
Black Canyon Restaurant

Venue for November 19, 2015 is:
B. Antonio's Pizza

Anyone interested in joining the ROMEOS for lunch can contact Rich Manalis at 219-877-8825 or richmanalis@me.com



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THANKSGIVING!**



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There is so much happening in our community and around the world. Our office works very hard to bring you information relating to the Jewish world. No matter what your social, political, religious, or personal views, there is always news that can bring you joy, concern, general information, or deep sorrow. We do our best to provide you with information that will help you reach the correct decision, realizing that the decisions we make today can and will affect our Jewish world and our family's lives for years to come.

On November 2, at 7 p.m. we invite you to come to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Campaign Opener and hear former Knesset member and retired Israeli Major, David Tzur. He will speak on **ISIS: Its influence on the Israel-Palestinian conflict and on the Israeli Arab minority.** This program will be another opportunity for you to acquire the necessary information in order to make the appropriate decisions as they relate to Israel, the Jewish world, and the work done by your local federation and the Jewish Federations of North America. We recognize that the Federation is YOU! We each give to the Annual Campaign because we can and because we know how important it is that the necessary work we do continues. It is a true blessing to help those who may need our help. Our mission is "tikkun olam, helping Jews and non-Jews in our community and around the world and making a difference in someone's life. I know how fortunate many in our Jewish community are compared to so many other areas of our city, country, and world. Let's all make this Jewish New Year a blessed one for ourselves by working together to make a difference for others by contributing to the Annual Campaign.



As an organization, the JFFW engages in analysis and reflection on how we can continue to enhance the lives of our Jewish community members here in Northeast Indiana and everywhere our dollars and services travel. What our community lacks in size is overcome by the strength and energy of our members and the degree of involvement in which they find themselves.

One just has to read the paper, listen to the news, or surf the internet to know that the Jewish Federation is relevant and important in our world. The Jewish Federations of North America was set up to be a major source of

fundraising in order to help Jews and non-Jews in need. This mission continues. For too many years, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne strived to make membership very inexpensive...too inexpensive. In doing so, we have fallen behind on asking many of our members to participate in a fair and generous level. Earlier this year, our accountant, Larry Coulter, put together an accounting of what each member household costs the Federation. The result was staggering...\$76.11 per member household. This amount does not include food, facility rental, employee time, etc. This amount simply covers the printing and mailing of the bulletin, programming mailers, and calling post phone messages. Obviously, we cannot continue in this manner. The Board of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne voted to raise the minimum dues per member household to \$54. At this rate, the Federation still loses money and doesn't achieve its purpose of being a major source of fundraising. The great thing about being part of a smaller community is that every dollar counts and helps us to provide stimulating programming, valuable social services, and general assistance to Jewish causes locally and globally.



As the Jewish community of Fort Wayne decreases, it is more important than ever that each of you step up your contributions and work with us to cut our expenses so more of the monies we raise can go for local programming, Partnership 2-Gether, assisting teachers to achieve the Indiana State Mandated Holocaust Education within our community schools, and so we may continue to be a source of education and information to each of you.

We are all stakeholders in our community, and I encourage anyone who hasn't attended a Federation program or event in recent years to make the commitment to attend a function. With the diversity of programming, it won't be too difficult to find a topic of interest to virtually every member of the community.

Please look deep in your hearts, history, and wallets to determine ways you can do your part to strengthen the good work done by our Federations and JFNA. Please let our office know if you are able to receive your bulletins and program mailers via e-mail in an effort to help us cut expenses.▶

-Jaki Schreier

PBS Caver Chris Nicola speaks to High Schools & IPFW



Photos by Marv Gottlieb



CAVER REVISITS FORT WAYNE

2014 Holocaust Speaker, Chris Nicola, came back to Fort Wayne in October to speak to area High Schools and students at IPFW. He shared the incredible discovery of the caves in the Ukraine where Jews hid (and survived) and the amazing research he did to find out what happened to the survivors after the war. Chris's book, "The Secret of Priest's Grotto" and the National Geographic Society Documentary "No Place On Earth" can be checked out from the Jewish Federation.▶