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Subject: Invitation to Participate in Annual Tzahal Shalom Program
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Members of the Board of Representatives are invited to meet with the Mayor and members of the Israel Defense Force (IDF) through the Stamford JCC Tzahal Shalom program on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. **Please let the Board office or the Mayor's office know if you plan to attend.** A description of the program is below.

The JCC Tzahal Shalom Program:

For the past 40 years the Stamford Jewish Community Center has brought active duty officers from the Israel Defense Force (IDF) to the Stamford community. The goal of the visit is to build bridges between Americans and Israelis, to learn about each other, person-to-person, while building lasting relationships and a profound sense of extended family. These young men and women meet with high school and college students along with various adult groups. The audiences that they speak to are both Jewish and non-Jewish, and vary in their knowledge of Israel. Typically the topics that they discuss are Israel's culture, the diversity of the people, Israel as a democracy, pluralism, being an officer (roles, responsibilities and experiences), defending one's country, etc. The officers are not permitted to speak about politics.

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