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HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By **MIKE COHEN**

MYRTLE BEACH SAFARI: There are many activities for visitors to Myrtle Beach to enjoy. But if you are an animal lover like me, then any future trip to Myrtle Beach (www.visitMyrtleBeach.com) will definitely include an opportunity to hold and play with baby tigers, wolves, chimpanzees and other endangered species.

This is all part of the Myrtle Beach Safari, presented by an organization called T.I.G.E.R.S. (The Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species). The man behind this operation is Doctor Bhagavan Antl, who started out training animals for movies and TV and then wanted a place where many could go essentially to retire. The company offers a guided safari like experience through a 50 acre preserve where many of the animals crawl right on top of your lap. A percentage of the revenue from the T.I.G.E.R.S. experience goes to the Rare Species Fund, which provides funding for on the ground international conservation programs. Where is this located? I am not permitted to put that information in print. Those who sign up are given a rendezvous point. You will have to experience it to learn more about this part of the journey. In order to maximize the peace for the animals and the privacy for guests, this preserve cannot be found on Google or MapQuest.

No personal cameras, video cameras, or cell phones are allowed. Professional photographers shoot studio quality photographs and video. This gives you the opportunity to take home an amazing set of portraits and phenomenal videos. The \$200 fee is well worth it. Tours run three to five days a week, from mid-March to early October, and cost about \$300 per person.

Tours operate rain or shine. A large majority of the tour is covered and they have the capacity to move portions of it inside if needed. They do have complimentary umbrellas available, but recommend that if it is raining that you bring

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This is a fully interactive activity. You will get to meet, pet, and hold many of the animals. The animals on each tour vary depending upon the day and the time of year, but you will always get to spend time with the tiger babies, hang out with the monkeys

or apes and meet exotic animals you've probably never even heard of before. The tour itself lasts about three hours.

For more information, log on to <http://www.myrtlebeachsafari.com> and <http://www.tigerfriends.com/RSF.html>.

JEWISH COMMUNITY: South Carolina's Jewish population is just under (Please turn to following page)



ISRAEL AND GERMANY COMMEMORATED 50 years of diplomatic relations by releasing joint-issue stamps. The stamp from Israel is denominated 7.40 shekelim, and the stamp from Germany is 0.80. In announcing the joint issue, Israel Post included a statement by Israeli ambassador to Germany Yakov Hadas-Handelsman: "Fifty years ago on May 12, 1965, as the agreement establishing German-Israeli diplomatic relations was signed, no one could have imagined that Israel and Germany would be the close allies they are today."

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14,000. Myrtle Beach has enjoyed exponential growth in year-round population, tourism, business opportunities, and employment in the past decade, and so have the Jewish community and the kosher amenities. The Chabad Shul, Heichal Avraham, welcomes all guests for daily Shachrit, mincha/maariv and Shabbat. They are located at 2803 North Oak Street and can be reached at 843-448-0035. There is an orthodox synagogue, Beth El, at 404 Calhoun Drive; a Conservative congregation, Temple Emanuel, at 406 65th Avenue North; and a reform temple Temple Shalom on Belle Terre Blvd. Across the state there are many other synagogues. In terms of kosher food, the Jerusalem Restaurant is located at 205 North Kings Highway. The Bi-Lo Supermarket at 1241 38th Avenue is open 24 hours a day and has frozen, refrigerated and dry kosher sections. For information call (843) 626-7400 or (843) 626-7400 or e-mail info@koshermyrtlebeach.com.

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