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# TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By **MIKE COHEN**

**POUGHKEEPSIE:**  
When travelling to New York City, our family always likes to stop over somewhere on the way in order to make the most of our first day in the Big Apple and avoid getting stuck at the border. For our most recent trip we decided to go a little bit further than Saratoga or Albany

and targeted the Town of Poughkeepsie, a mere 90 minutes from New York. Poughkeepsie, nestled in the majestic Hudson Valley, is home to 45,000 residents. The town is rich with culture and steeped in history and the home to such prestigious institutions as  
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**UNRWA MUST CHANGE DEFINITION**

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citizens of a future Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza as per UN policy), then according to Pipes, the number of Palestinian refugees goes down to some 20,000.

Alternatively, as Pipes explained even if this more "radical" proposal isn't accepted such that the status of the 6 million refugees isn't "revoked", then at least he hopes the US "one of

these days" will change its policy so that "in the future a child born will not get refugee status." If the US agreed to this, then Pipes and his colleagues would ask Canada and others to adopt the same rule so that over time the numbers of Palestinian refugees would diminish rather than increase.

As Pipes wrote in 2012 in the *Washington Times*, "All other refugees from the World War II era (including my own parents) have been long settled; the Palestine refugee status has already endured too long and needs to be narrowed down to actual refugees before it does further damage."

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Vassar and Marist Colleges as well as Dutchess Community College.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY:** The Jewish community of Poughkeepsie numbers about 2,500. It is the home of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and the Jewish Community Centre. There is one orthodox synagogue, Congregation Schomre Israel and two reform congregations - Temple Beth El and Vassar Temple.

**WHERE TO STAY:** For the two trips we made as a family to Cape Cod, we stayed at a Sheraton Four Points managed by the Linchris Hotel Corporation. My main contact is Robb Moskowitz, the Jewish Senior Vice-President of

Operations. When we decided to stop over in Poughkeepsie, I remembered that Linchris had a property there so we promptly booked a room at their Holiday Inn Express at 2750 South Road. General Manager Rachel Kuhn and her team were in the midst of a \$3 million redecoration plan scheduled for completion in 2016. Linchris has owned this hotel since 1995 and promotes its ideal location.

We stayed in a one bedroom suite, which included a sleeper sofa and a Jacuzzi tub. There was a coffee maker, microwave oven, mini refrigerator, plates/glassware and silverware. I really liked the layout. In the main bedroom



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there was an extremely comfortable lounge chair. The bathroom was gigantic, with access from both rooms. This is very convenient for the person on the sleeper sofa who does not have to worry about waking anyone up.

The hotel has 121 rooms and attracts both leisure and corporate travellers. A free hot buffet breakfast, as well as one of the continental variety, is offered daily. The lobby is very welcoming to someone like me who likes to work on his laptop late into the night and not disturb others in the room. I set up shop at one of the comfortable tables, helped myself to some coffee and a freshly baked chocolate chip cookie from the front desk and got to work. It was a most comfortable work environment.

The 24 hour fitness room features everything you'll need to stay on track with your routine: a treadmill, lifecycle, stair master, recumbent bicycle, free weights, and a two-stage universal gym. There is also a 24 hour business center and a seasonal outdoor pool. I must say that I enjoyed the experience so much that we will be back there this summer en route to the Big Apple again, anxious to see the new look after the renovations.

For more information log on to [www.hiexpress.com/poughkeepsie](http://www.hiexpress.com/poughkeepsie) or call 1 877 660 8550.

WHAT TO DO: Some places you might want to check out include The Bardavon 1869 Opera House (home of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic), The Mid-Hudson Civic Center (the one-time filming location for WWF Championship Wrestling), The Chance (home of live rock concerts), the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College, The Barrett Art Center, The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum,

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from Waryas Park at 29 North Water Street. For shopping and movie theater entertainment, the Poughkeepsie Galleria is the spot. The mall, which opened in 1987, consists of two floors with 250 shops and restaurants to enjoy. We were excited to find a

Ruby Tuesday franchise, with its excellent salad bar and superb customer service.

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Mr. Moe Koffman, whose marriage takes place next week, was guest of honor at a Stag given at the Standish Hall. Mr. Koffman was presented with a chest of flatware. Covers were laid for 100 guests.

Miss Bessie Agulnik has returned home from Potsdam, N.Y., where she was the guest of Miss Esther Sussman.

Mrs. A. Miller has returned to Pembroke after spending a few days in Ottawa, guests of her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cooper. Misses Frances Sanders, Anne Carofsky, Rose Sinclair, Mary Fleming and Dorothy Caplan have returned from Montreal where they spent the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Feller and their sons, Mr. Joe Feller and Mr. Sol Feller, proudly attended Convocation at McGill University when the degree M.D.C.M. was conferred upon their son Jack. Dr. Jack Feller will interne at

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