

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By **MIKE COHEN**

RENT LIKE A FOX: Booking a rental car from a reputable agency represents an important component to any holiday. On our recent trip to St. Petersburg, Florida we had our first experience with Fox Rent A Car (<https://www.foxrentacar.com/en/faqs.html>). Our Air Canada flight landed at the airport in Tampa. A free shuttle brought us to their area headquarters where we drove away in a Chrysler 300. It even came with Sirius XM Satellite Radio. At Fox you'll find economy cars, family-size cars, SUVs, mini-vans and luxury or sport vehicles available for your discount rental.

The shuttle pickup was very smooth. Our driver was a real gentleman, loading and unloading all of our luggage. It is a pleasant 10 minute drive from the airport, where a friendly staff awaits and checks you in promptly. I was then es-

corted to the Chrysler, our luggage was loaded and I was given an overview of the car's features. We brought our own GPS, but Fox will provide you with one.

Fox is the fifth largest car rental company in the US and it continues expanding globally with new locations now open for reservations in the popular tourist markets of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Merida, Mexico, Auckland, New Zealand, Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada and Istanbul, Turkey. Can Israel be next?

Fox Rent A Car, Inc. was founded in 1989, as a value-based car rental brand catering to airport travelers. Actively managed and owned by its founders, Fox has enjoyed robust growth for over 25 years. Fox Rent A Car offers consumers great value, convenience and superior service
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at 20 major corporate owned airport locations cross the US plus more than 90 affiliate locations and a growing roster of international partner locations. Readers can log on to www.foxrentacar.com.

The airport is currently undergoing major renovations. When completed in early 2018, there will be a new rental car facility at which point Fox will relocate.

Fox has been in Florida for five years now, with locations in Tampa, Orlando, Fort Myers, Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Their prices are significantly better than the competition. And their Tampa operation is very impressive.

"Pricing is obviously

a big factor when renting a car," says manager Johnny Hubner. "That and of course the reputation of the company. I believe we stand out on both counts."

The Tampa location is open 24 hours a day. For more information call (800) 225-4369 Ext. 1 or (310) 641-3838 Ext. 1

IHOP EXPERIENCE: During my trip to St. Pete, I ate at neighbouring IHOP Restaurants on four occasions. International House of Pancakes® began making people smile in 1958 when it opened its doors in the suburbs of Los Angeles. Fifteen years later, a new marketing campaign introduced the acronym "IHOP" and since then it's been

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ported. February 12 is, fittingly, Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Exuberant NAACP leaders hailed the "tradition-shattering victory" won by the alliance of black and Zionist activists against theater discrimination. The NAACP used that victory as potent ammunition in its battles to desegregate other Baltimore theaters in the years to follow.

"I am proud that it was my play which terminated one of the most disgraceful practices of our country's history," a beaming Ben Hecht declared after the opening perfor-

mance in Baltimore. "For the first time in the history of the State of Maryland, Negroes were permitted to attend the legitimate theatre without discrimination. I am proud that it was 'A Flag is Born' which they attended without insult. Breaking down this vicious and indecent tradition in Maryland is worthy of the high purpose for which 'Flag' was conceived and written. The incident is forceful testimony to the proposition that to fight discrimination and injustice to one group of human beings affords protection to every other group."

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not consider buying a gift card online at <http://www.ihop.com/Restaurant-Gift-Cards>. You can send it digitally to anyone you wish.

There was also an IHOP just down the street from our hotel in St. Pete. Open 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, I only wish I had this kind of option for breakfast foods and a whole lot more in Montreal.

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PROUD TO BE JEWISH

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restrictively defined because it is constantly evolving.

Being born Jewish I

scar mentality when I see that there is inequity to man's inhumanity to man. I believe that evil persists



SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ROSALIE ABELLA earned an honorary degree from Brandeis at its Commencement. Abella said over the course of her remarks that Brandeis is a university her father venerated. Her presence as the first Jewish woman to be named to the Canadian Supreme Court had special significance for Brandeis, as the university is named after Louis D. Brandeis, the first JEW on the U.S. Supreme Court. Seen above, left to right, are Canadian lawyer and President of Brandeis alumni association Mark Surchin, Abella, and Brandeis President Ron Liebowitz. Photo Credit Mike Lovett