

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By MIKE COHEN

DINING OUT IN VANCOUVER: There are a number of kosher restaurants in Vancouver, including the Maple Grill on West Broadway, Omnitsky Kosher on Cambie and Sabra Kosher on Oak Street.

In terms of Jewish restaurateurs, David Aisenstat was born and bred into the industry. He first learned his chops from his father Hy Aisenstat, founder of the famous Hy's Steakhouse chain. His ability to recognize and retain talented people, and his passion for art and design, combine for what have been consecutively successful ventures in the industry. He has since continued on to become a legendary restaurateur in his own right, as the owner of The Keg Steakhouse & Bar, Hy's Steakhouse Cocktail Bar, Gotham Steakhouse and now Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House (www.joe-fortes.ca) on downtown Thurlow Street in Vancouver.

We were a party of five on the night we chose to dine there and this was an extraordinary dining experience from the moment we were seated on the gorgeous rooftop garden by a charming hostess named Tori Simons. It just so happens she is Jewish and a second year student in Anatomy and Cell Biology at McGill University.

With a commitment to freshness, the Joe Forte's kitchen receives daily local deliveries, ensuring that you're guaranteed to find the freshest ingredients on your plate every day. Let me go on record as saying this is one of the finest restaurants I have ever dined at.

The main dining room is anchored by a soaring horseshoe oyster bar. This Grand Room boasts large, cozy booths, perfect for hosting a high-powered lunch or dinner meeting, as well as intimate dinner dates. From the mezzanine, diners enjoy a bird's eye view of the action and live musical entertainment below.

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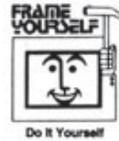
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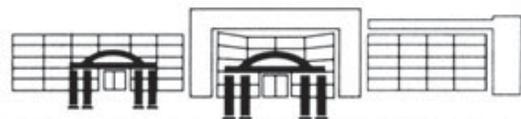
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which proposed, in detail, how Israel should withdraw from the territories. In one of his Times columns, Friedman even listed the URL so everyone else could see Makovsky's maps. A year later, Makovsky was hired by the State Department as part of the team crafting the path to a Palestinian state. Some of the recent media descriptions of the U.S. position in

the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, especially on issues such as the Jordan Valley, sound remarkably like what Makovsky and his magical maps have been promoting.

Is it all just a coincidence? Maybe. Or maybe it's a troubling case of a newspaper, which is supposed to be objective and impartial, getting a little too cozy with some of the policies and proposals of those on whom it is supposed to be reporting.

As far back as his college days at Brandeis University, Friedman told the student newspaper, *The Brandeis Justice* (February 11, 1975) that his career goal "is to work in the foreign service [i.e. the State Department] at the Middle East desk." The reporter added: "He is likely to succeed." And perhaps he has.

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enjoy an intimate lunch, or a private corporate celebration. The more casual side of Joe's is experienced in the bistro and bar area where locals and out-of-towners alike mingle, soak up the live music and keep their eyes open for visiting celebrities.

The restaurant has been specializing in classic, American cuisine since 1985. Its kitchen prepares each dish with a focus on natural flavours and features the finest ingredients collected from Pacific Northwest farmers, fishermen and food artisans. Serving more than 50 kinds of fresh fish, including their legendary three-tiered Seafood Tower on Ice, premium oysters and succulent chops, their signature dishes have become a favourite of locals, celebrities and tourists alike.

LIVE THEATRE: If you are planning a summer visit to Vancouver, then you must include Theatre Under

the Stars (www.tuts.ca) at the Malkin Bowl. The program's best of Broadway musicals have been delighting audiences in Stanley Park since 1940. Every July and August they present two wonderful productions on alternating nights. The summer of 2013 featured *Legally Blonde* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* on

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the stage. My family and I saw the former, purchasing our tickets online. Reserved tickets are \$29 to \$42 for adults and \$24 to \$29 for children and youth. We really enjoyed our second experience of watching theatre "under the stars."

Also check out the magnificent Arts Club Theatre Company (www.artsclub.com) at 1585 Johnston Street next to the public market. Shows are Tuesday through Sundays at what is called Western Canada's largest not for profit organization of its kind, having been in operation for 49 years. I spoke with Bill Millerd, the managing director. He recounted with pride how professional theatre is offered at three venues: the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage; Granville Island Stage;

Revue Stage and travels the province.

While we were in town, the Arts Club was presenting the Tony Award winning Avenue Q. Originally conceived as a television series, Avenue Q's "autobiographical and biographical" coming of age parable was developed as a stage production at the 2002 National Music Theatre Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Connecticut. Also coming up are Kim's Convenience, April 24 to May 24; Spamalot May 8 to June 29; and Red Rock Diner, June 19 to Aug 2.

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