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By **MIKE COHEN**

NEW JERSEY'S WILDWOODS: Home to more than 180 special events and festivals throughout the year, some might consider the Wildwoods the "Events Capital of the East Coast." The events take place at various locations throughout the island's three distinct municipalities: Wildwood, Wildwood Crest and North Wildwood. Visitors can find an event happening nearly every day of the week throughout the summer at various loca-

tions, including the Wildwoods Convention Center, Fox Park, Olde New Jersey Avenue and on the beach and world-famous Wildwoods Boardwalk.

The Wildwoods' annual calendar of events not only draws visitors to the family resort, but also provides additional activities and entertainment outlets to those already visiting on vacation or business. From firemen to fishing tournaments, music to marbles, the Wildwoods have
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developed a unique offering of special events not rivalled in any other resort destinations. You can check out what is on at www.WildwoodsNJ.com or by calling 1-800-WW-BY-SEA (800) 992-9732.

WHAT TO DO: There is much to do here and it all starts at The Wildwoods Boardwalk, often called "two miles of smiles." Here you will find spectacular amusement piers, world-class roller coasters, interactive waterparks, carnival-style games of chance, shops and irresistible food. Nearly nine million visitors are attracted here each season. We just loved the family atmosphere.

The Boardwalk features Morey's Piers (www.moreyspiers.com), containing three action-packed amusement piers. Morey's Mariner's Pier, located at Schellenger Avenue in Wildwood, offers the atmosphere of a traditional amusement park. Morey's Surfside Pier, located at 25th Street in North Wildwood, is like stepping into a colorful seaside carnival. Morey's Adventure Pier is the one that rocks, packed with high thrill extreme rides, including the world famous wooden coaster.

Another of the Boardwalk's most popular attractions is the Sightseer Tram Cars (<http://watchthetramcarplease.com/tramcar>), the source of one of the most familiar quotes to any visitor to the Jersey Shore and the Wildwoods Boardwalk: "Watch the Tram Car, Please," transporting visitors from one end of the famous wooden way to the other.

DINING OUT: The Wildwoods has some great seafood restaurants. I recommend two restaurants in particular, which are part of the Big Fish Restaurant

Group: the Beach Creek Oyster Bar and Grill (www.beachcreek.net) and The Boathouse (www.boat-houseonline.com). Both offer outstanding dining

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experiences. At the Beach Creek, located at 500 West Hand Avenue, general manager Colleen Guest and her team run a successful operation. You can tell this when you arrive and witness the wait for tables. Intimately served indoors amidst copper and wooden decor, or outside on their waterfront deck, this place knows its food. Located directly on the water, the Beech Creek is known for its award winning contemporary international cuisine. The casual surf 'n turf restaurant and bar features an intimate dark lit dining room, a marina-side deck and live bands. There is a wide array of choices for wine, cocktails, appetizers and main courses, Call 609-522-1062 for reservations.

At The Boathouse Restaurant and Marina Deck (www.boathouseonline.net), located virtually next door at 506 West Rio Grande Avenue, there is ample seating indoors and on the dock overlooking the intercoastal waterway. We arrived to the pleasant atmosphere of live music and young children dancing to the tunes of the musician. The Boathouse opened in 1989. It was built on the site of an old bait and tackle shop and serves lunch and dinner daily in June, July and August. Come September the Boathouse offers dinner daily, and lunch on the weekends. They open for dinner on weekends in October, until October 15. Happy hour is from 4 pm to

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JEWISH COMMUNITY: According to Kirk Wisemayer from the local Jewish Federation, some

12,500 Jews live in Atlantic and Cape May counties year round. This number triples during the summer months, as most of the communities along the New Jersey shore are resort towns. The Federation offices are in Margate, 36 miles north of Cape May, but they do service all of the Jewish communities in the two counties, including the city of Cape May. This being said, most of the region's Jews live in Atlantic County and in the communities of Margate, Longport, Ventnor, Linwood, and Northfield specifically. There are approximately 300 Jews who live in the Greater Cape May area (this includes the Wildwoods), but some of the most prominent members of the community live part of the year or have businesses in Cape May – the Montreal Beach Resort being one example.

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Meanwhile, the home of Oberlin professor Benjamin Kuperman was vandalized and a note left on his front door under the mezuzah read "Gas Jew Die".

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refusal to acknowledge and remedy her misconduct...any sanction short of dismissal is insufficient."

Jewish students and alumni have become increasingly concerned over the increasing number of anti-Semitic incidents at the college. First the K kosher Halal co-op from the Oberlin Student Cooperation Association was told to leave the school and then on Rosh Hashanah Jewish students had to pass through protesters on their way to services. In another incident African-American student activists issued a 14 page list of demands to president Marvin Krislov, one of which told the school to divest from companies doing bus-

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