

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

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VERMONT'S CITY OF BURLINGTON: Who does not love the Vermont city of Burlington? Less than two hours from Montreal, it features great shopping, good places to eat and fabulous accommodations. It is also a great place to stay during the ski season as you near some superb hills, notably in Stowe.

When I was young my family went to Burlington each summer for an extended stay. Looking to break up the drive home from Cape Cod last summer, I decided to extend our family vacation with a few days in Burlington.

Your Vermont vaca-

stop on Burlington's award-winning Church Street Marketplace pedestrian mall! With over 100 retail shops, restaurants and street vendors, this is a popular destination for shopping, dining and people watching. A recipient of the prestigious Great American Main Street Award, the Marketplace is recognized as one of the most successful pedestrian malls in the country.

Burlington Town Center is considered Burlington's premier indoor shopping center, featuring an exciting retail mix including Macy's Department Store. Then there is University Mall, Vermont's largest enclosed shopping center, with over 70 shops and services.

The Burlington region offers outdoor activities from lake-based kayaking, fishing and sailing to mountain-based hiking, cycling and skiing - and everything in between. Spend your time in Vermont enjoying the area's fantastic dining, shopping, concerts and special events.

Northern Lights, Vermont's premier cruise boat, offers daily scenic, lunch and brunch cruises, departing from the King Street Ferry Dock from May through October. The Flynn Theatre is a 1,453-seat art-deco treasure and 150 seat "black box" facility hosting over 100 world-class live performances annually.

ACCOMMODATIONS: We stayed somewhere new for me. The Doubletree Hotel Burlington (www.doubletreevt.com) is just off I-89 on Williston Road and near the airport. Many years ago

I was here when it was a Ramada. I was struck immediately by what a large and attractive property this was. All standard guestrooms include the Sweet Dreams bed, coffeemaker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, refrigerator, easy chair, in-room remote printing, Lodgenet with web access and Game Cube, speakerphone and complimentary wireless high speed internet access. In the

suites there is the main bedroom with a king size bed, a pullout couch, working desk with two chairs and two flat screen televisions and large size fridge, perfect if you are keeping kosher since there is so much room. There is a pool, connected to an outdoor patio and an onsite restaurant (Trader Duke's).

We were greeted with hot chocolate chips
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