

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

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CHATHAM'S JEWISH-OWNED RESORT: In the affluent Cape Cod town of Chatham, visitors are drawn to the expansive and magnificent beaches, the lighthouse, wildlife, nature trails, bike path, and stunning views of the ocean. Chatham (www.chathaminfo.com) has a special blend of the past and present with quaint streets lined with historic sea captains' homes, a fine selection of historic museums, and a walking downtown area with unique shops, galleries, and restaurants. Lodging options range from a spectacular oceanfront resort like the Chatham Bars Inn, to lovely bed and breakfast inns tucked in throughout this picturesque seaside village.

Chatham is located on the elbow of Cape Cod surrounded on three sides

by water. Located halfway between Falmouth and Provincetown, it extends out to sea as the most easterly point in Massachusetts. Once a quiet farming and fishing community, Chatham has become a vibrant tourist destination. Rich in its maritime heritage, as well as a spirited New England town with a variety of small businesses, Chatham is a special place for year-round residents and visitors alike.

THE INN: family and I were fortunate to spend the day at the upscale Chatham Bars Inn (www.chathambarsinn.com), experiencing their private beach and lunch at their Beach House Grill. The Chatham Bars Inn has been an idyllic Cape Cod family vacation retreat noted for its excellent ser-

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vice, fine cuisine and beautiful surroundings since 1914. The Inn is nestled near the heart of Chatham on 25 beautifully landscaped acres overlooking Pleasant Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. This world-famous turn-of-the-century landmark has a remarkable flavour. The expansive

lounge, front veranda and main dining room have been returned to their original grandeur, affording panoramic ocean views and gentle sea breezes. If you're looking for boat charters on Cape Cod, you'll love the top-notch fleet operated by Chatham Bars Inn. A variety of luxury boats offer unforgettable Cape Cod experiences. Memorable and unique boating excursions offered by Chatham Bars Inn include Cape Cod sunset cruises on Pleasant Bay, big game sport fishing, sailing tours, family activities, and private charters to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. You'll also love their Cape Cod sailing packages, including the popular Cape Cod Sunset Cruises Package.

In addition to popular Cape activities such as golf, tennis, fishing, water sports, and bird watching, guests also enjoy summer beachfront theme dinners, spa treatments, and an array of children's programs and family activities: everything you need for a summer vacation in Cape Cod. Most important, the grand tradition of relaxing in casual, unhurried comfort continues year-round at

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this historic Cape Cod vacation resort.

In 2007, Chatham Bars Inn completed a \$14 million upgrade to the resort, including guest rooms, landscaping, dining and public facilities. They also added the Japanese gardens and a year-round relaxation pool at The Spa at Chatham Bars Inn.

This is a Jewish-owned facility. In 2006 Capital Properties, the New York-based residential and commercial real estate development and management firm, purchased the property for \$166 million. The transaction marked the first venture into hospitality real estate for Capital Properties. "This year-round landmark resort holds a lot of personal significance for me," said Richard Cohen, founder and president of Capital Properties. "I grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts and continue to maintain offices in Boston, so my ties to the East Coast remain strong, as does my commitment to maintaining the charm and integrity of this historic gem."

A noted Historic Hotel of America and a

member property of Leading Hotels of the World, Chatham Bars Inn is New England's celebrated ocean-front resort and a classic Cape Cod landmark. Consistently maintained and updated since its initial construction in 1914, the historic Main Inn sits gracefully atop a seaside bluff, offering spectacular views of

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Pleasant Bay and the Atlantic. Two hundred and seventeen distinctively appointed guestrooms occupy the main building, including 68 sumptuous suites, each designed to preserve an elegant turn-of-the-century ambience. Nestled throughout the property's 25 acres of lush landscaped grounds bordered by meandering beaches are 34 quaint Cape-style cottages offering guests an exceptional level of privacy and housing lux-

urious guestrooms and master suites.

The Inn is a popular spot for Jewish weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and has many Jewish guests.

SYNAGOGUES: Within 20 minutes in Hyannis you will find the reform Cape Cod Synagogue (<http://ccsynagogue.org>). Cape Cod Chabad Lubavitch (www.chabad-capecod.com) also operates in Hyannis at 745 West Main Street. There is also the reform Falmouth Jewish Congregation (www.falmouthjewish.org), at 7 Hatchville Road in East Falmouth.

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