

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By MIKE COHEN

DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE: Well this was a new stop for our family. While we originally looked at staying in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, getting a booking there was no easy task. Most of the rooms were already spoken for by government personnel attached to the Naval Shipyard. Always a fan of the Homewood Suites chain, I found one in the suburb of Dover (www.dovernh.homewood-suites.com). This is part of the Lafrance Hospitality Group, which also owns a Comfort Inn and Suites and a Hampton Inn nearby. Dover is about 15 minutes from Portsmouth and 25 from beautiful Rye Beach. You are also only a 30 minute drive from the Maine beaches.

WHERE TO STAY: I have always enjoyed my stays at The Homewood Suites. In Dover this was no different. Located in the heart of the business district, at 21 Members Way, this hotel is just minutes from downtown Dover and many fine restaurants and shops. It is the perfect place for short and extended stay accommodations. We were there for five days and it proved to be a great base for our activities. Their sister properties, the Comfort Inn and Suites and the Hampton Inn, also have solid reputations. General Manager Scott Goldberg has a decade of experience in the industry and he is only 29.

This Homewood Suites Dover only opened in (Please turn to page 13)

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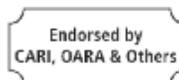
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2008 and still looks spanking new. It offers all of the following on a complimentary basis: a daily Suite Star hot breakfast buffet; dinner and beverages Monday through Thursday evenings at a Welcome Home Reception; parking; high-speed internet access; shuttle service providing transportation to the surrounding area, including downtown Portsmouth; a business center, with print, photocopy, and fax capabilities; Neutrogena bath products; a fitness center, indoor heated pool, whirlpool and outdoor patio. There is also a 24-hour Suite Shop convenience store

With its spacious suites, fully equipped kitchens, and separate living and sleeping areas, this hotel is perfect for families who need some space and naturally a good choice for the corporate field and travellers looking to remain productive while on the road. We really appreciated the fully equipped kitchen in our one bedroom suite, complete with full-size refrigerator, microwave oven, two-burner stove top, and coffee maker. There were two televisions with a video player, two telephones with data ports, an iron, ironing board and hair dryer. Pets are allowed here (maximum 50 pounds) for a fee of \$50 a night. The third floor of the hotel is reserved for this. Just up the street are a number of restaurants, grocery stores, a Target, Walmart, TJ Maxx and more.

WHERE TO DINE: The Orchard Street Chop Shop (www.orchardstreetchopshop.com) gets my vote for the top dining option in Dover. The magnificent dining room is one of the most elegant on the seacoast. It seats more than 200 people over two floors and a seasonal patio, featuring floor-

to-ceiling stone fireplace, oversized booths, Brazilian Cherry wood floors, bronze chandeliers, and wines scattered around the open-grill dining room. This room can be separated for private dining rooms or the entire room can be booked for any special occasion.

Open Monday through Saturdays at 5 p.m. for dinner, The Orchard Street Chop Shop is housed in the original Dover Firehouse. The restaurant offers the finest selections of meats and seafood, skillfully prepared with a stunning assortment of traditional steakhouse sides and sumptuous desserts - all house made.

WHAT TO DO: The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (www.childrensmuseum.org), The Woodman Institute Museum (www.woodmaninstitutemuseum.org), the Jenny Thompson Swimming Pool (www.ci.dover.nh.us/rec_jtpool.htm) represent popular stops for visitors. There are also walking tours and jaunts on trails and at parks to consider. Check out dovernh.org/things-to-do for more details.

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Dover Temple (www.dovertemple.org) is located at 36 Olive Meadow Lane. This reform congregation has been serving the Seacoast community since 1938. Rabbi Sam Seicol is the present-day spiritual leader who is committed to study, ritual, Shabbat and *(Please turn to following page)*

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holiday observance, and music as paths for enriching communal life and personal spiritual growth. Close to 300 Jews reside in Dover.

SHOPPING: Fox Run Mall is a one level enclosed regional shopping center located in Newington, 15 minutes from Dover. It is the only regional shopping center within a 40-mile radius and features national tenants including Macys, JC Penny, LOFT, Abercrombie & Fitch, PacSun, Express, Victoria's

Secret, Bath & Body Works, Gap, Men's Wearhouse, American Eagle Outfitters, Pandora and Hollister Co. New Hampshire does not have a sales tax which draws shoppers from neighboring states of Maine and Massachusetts.

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uments to the Jews inside as German bullets whizzed around him. Historians estimate that Wallenberg's efforts saved tens of thousands of lives--including those of future U.S. Congressman Tom Lantos and his wife Annette.

Fifteen of the 18 speakers at the Yad Vashem symposium did not even mention that the War Refugee Board sent Wallenberg to Budapest. It was as if Wallenberg just dropped from the sky one day. The other three speakers did mention the Board,


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