

# TRAVEL TALES

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By **MIKE COHEN**

**LAKE PLACID:** My family and I recently enjoyed our first visit to the former Olympic village of Lake Placid ([www.lakeplacid.com](http://www.lakeplacid.com)). This New York town boasts a world-class array of trails for skiing and riding. Folks enjoy sliding down the toboggan chute on frozen Mirror Lake, ice skating, taking an invigorating dog sled ride, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing or ice climbing. There is also the option of exploring the endless Adirondack snowshoeing trails to see the forest from a whole new perspective.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** We stayed at the 92 room Northwoods Inn ([www.northwoodsinn.com](http://www.northwoodsinn.com)), situated right on Main Street, a short walk to the Olympic Arena and Oval, a public beach, numerous restaurants, a

movie theatre and the quaint shops of Lake Placid. The hotel offers a sidewalk café, two restaurants and "The Cabin," a warm and cozy fireplace bar overlooking Main Street. Their rooftop bar offers a majestic view of the entire town plus the High Peaks and the incredible Whiteface Mountain. The breakfasts and gourmet burgers here have been voted "The best in Lake Placid."

This is an all suite hotel and includes extended stay spots with kitchenettes and affordable rates. The lakeside rooms offer great views of Mirror Lake and the Adirondack mountains while others include balconies where guests can sit outside and enjoy the fresh mountain air. All of the rooms feature air conditioning, cable TV and separate sitting areas. There is complimentary onsite parking for overnight hotel guests only. Parking is limited, and in high demand periods, overflow spots are available, for a nominal fee, in the Lake Placid Municipal Parking Lot, one block from the hotel.

The Northwoods Inn was purchased by the Smith family five years ago. Gary Smith has handed the day-to-day operations to his son Garrick, who as innkeeper spends a lot of time mixing with guests and getting their feedback. He is working hard at upgrading the property. Free WiFi was recently added to all guestrooms and public areas. The renovation of guestrooms

is next. For more information you can call 518-523-1818 for special packages, group rates or to make a reservation.

**OLYMPIC PASSPORT:** Lake Placid was the proud host of the 1932 and 1980 winter Olympic Games. In all of the four seasons, this celebrated history can be experienced with a full range of activities from ORDA – the Olympic Regional Development Authority (<http://www.orda.org/corporate>). Make sure to purchase the Olympic Sites Pass-

port, which gives you access to every one of the Olympic venues - from Whiteface to the Olympic Sports Complex and everything in between. Sold for \$29 at the ORDA Store and all of their ticket offices, the passport saves you time and money, and gets you into the venues at a good value.

**ACTIVITIES:** For sports fans, be sure to check out the Olympic facilities including the Lake Placid Olympic Museum and the various sports venues, such as the

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### SETTLER'S PLEA

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abrogated, once again, due to the undemocratic closure of Yitzhar's educational institution.

According to *The Yeshiva World News* of November 2, 2011, "In an unprecedented move, the Director-General of the Ministry of Education, Dr. Shimshon Shoshani, is cutting the funding for the Dorshei Yehudcha Yeshiva High School based on "confidential" information that he is not at liberty to discuss...Shoshani adds that the book *Torat HaMelech* is not in line with the educational values expected from a rabbi and educator". Not compelled by law to reveal the evidence against the school, even to their attorney, there are no charges to refute. In a state in which democracy is hailed as the supreme mantle to behold, citizens are expected to place their trust/faith in a system which hides behind "secret evidence".

All of the above leads full circle to their penultimate target, Rabbi Yitzhak

Shapira, a main Yeshiva head in Yitzhar. The distinguished rabbi was recently investigated for the 'crime' of authoring a leading Jewish legal treatise called *Torat HaMelech*, the King's Torah.

Its essence explains when is it permissible under Jewish law to shed the blood of non-Jews belonging to the enemy population. The text, deeply sourced, thoroughly and painfully explored by Torah pin-pointed examination, discusses the Jewish population's precedence over the non-Jewish enemy population during war time. This Torah based discussion is hideously offensive to our post-Zionist politicians. By placing halacha and nationalist ethos above post-Zionist ideology, the punishment of Yitzhar is pursued along many paths. At this juncture it involves the dismantlement of Yitzhar's spiritual institutions.

The open questions are these: Will our Jewish leadership, in Israel and the diaspora, stay silent in the face of this (latest) Jewish nationalist outrage? And will our communities step up to the plate, making sure that whatever funding is cut is replaced through private donations and attendant communal efforts?

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hockey arena, home to the 1980 "Miracle on Ice." If you're seeking an adrenaline rush, take a ride on the bobsled run or ski or ride down the highest vertical drop in the East at Whiteface Mountain. As America's very first winter resort, Lake Placid has skiing and riding covered. See firsthand the ramp that ski jumpers launch from before flying over the length of a football field. Take the chairlift along-

side the jumping hills to the glass enclosed elevator to the observation deck of the 120K jump. At the top you will find a panoramic view of the Adirondack High Peaks as you stroll through the ski jumpers preparation room. Whiteface is open generally from the very end of November until the middle of April.

**JEWISH:** Lake Placid Synagogue is the only year-round synagogue in the Adirondack Park. At one time there were two other active synagogues in the Tri-Lakes area. Today, approximately 25 year-round families help maintain the

synagogue. All of the members recognize the importance of having a place to worship throughout the year, a place to educate their children, and a place to socialize. Shabbat services are held monthly for most of the year. During the summer months, services are held weekly on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. High Holy Days and other festivals are also observed. Guests are always more than welcome.

The Torahs have been with the Lake Placid Synagogue for many years, New Torahs are now the property of the

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Lake Placid Synagogue having come from the nearby synagogues which no longer exist. Info: sue@lakeplacidsynagogue.org.

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**WORLD IN REVIEW**

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missed Father Tandek from the Higher School of Hebrew Philology. There is speculation that his superiors did not appreciate the fact that he advocated a dialogue with Jews. He became, according to some, simply too independent.

Whatever the reason, the dismissal has not gone over well with his parishioners. "This man has done so much good", said one parishioner, "and now they are getting rid of him like a rat." Said an-

other parishioner: "If Father Tandek had not accepted his reassignment with humility and showed how much good you can do without responding to evil, this farewell would have turned into a demonstration."

Jewish leaders are also upset with the Franciscan Order's decision. Just a few miles away from Tandek's parish is the ultra Conservative Radio Maryja, which caters to those among the community's *(Please turn to following page)*



FINANCE MINISTER JIM FLAHERTY MET RABBI Chaim Mendelsohn, Canadian director of public affairs for the Federation of Chabad Lubavitch, on his recent visit to Israel. Rabbi Mendelsohn accompanied Minister Flaherty to the Western Wall and discussed Chabad's charitable work in Canada, Israel and around the world. From left, Rabbi Mendelsohn, Minister Flaherty and Whitby-Oshawa MPP Christine Elliott. - Photo by Atara Beck

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