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By **MIKE COHEN**

IL MULINO NEW YORK AND MORE: Dining out in New York City (<https://www.nycgo.com>) and the Manhattan area is always such a treat. And on our most recent trip we made some Jewish connections to certain restaurants.

Noted Jewish businessman Jerry Katzoff is the chairman of the ever growing Il Mulino New York group of restaurants; his wife Lee serves as vice-president. Brian Galligan is the president.

Founded in historic Greenwich Village in 1981, Il Mulino New York originat-

ed as an intimate and esteemed eatery serving local foodies in the know. Today, it has grown to 17 locales which attract "A" list celebrities and dignitaries.

Il Mulino New York focuses on the authentic cuisine of Abruzzo and serves expertly crafted dishes with unparalleled service. For more than 38 years, its flagship Greenwich Village restaurant has remained top rated in New York's dining scene. The premier hospitality group portfolio also has outposts via its different brands

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Downtown, Uptown, Tribeca, the Hamptons and Long Island in New York as well as Las Vegas, Puerto Rico, Sunny Isles Beach, Atlantic City, Boca Raton, Nashville and Orlando.

For our family vacations in Sunny Isles, Florida in years past one of our favorite dining establishments was Il Mulino New York at the Aqualina Resort. On this trip we experienced Il Mulino Prime in Gramercy (<https://www.ilmulino.com/prime/gramercy>), located at 43 E 20th Street.

This modern steakhouse and Italian restaurant features inspired cuisine and choice cuts by Executive Chef Michele Mazza. Located in the heart of Gramercy-Flatiron, Il Mulino Prime embraces the signature style and unparalleled service attributed to the success of Il Mulino New York. Sun-dappled by day and sophisticated by night, Il Mulino Prime is a versatile venue that is easily customized for any crowd or occasion. The dining room can accommodate 50 guests.

Il Mulino Prime is described as an Italian steakhouse that has been so popular that they are now opening one in Chicago and looking to expand that brand, which features some

Il Mulino New York classics but with a bigger slant on steaks.

There is also an Il Mulino New York gourmet product line, which offers items such as sauces, pastas, infused olive oils, and more (ilmulino.com/shop-now). In Canada they are available at the four Pusateri's Fine Foods (www.pusateris.com) stores in Toronto.

JUNIOR'S RESTAURANT: I experienced Junior's Restaurant (www.juniorscheesecake.com) for the first time on 49th Street near Times Square. There is another location at 1515 Broadway, the original in Brooklyn, as well as another at the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut and a bakery outlet in New Jersey. Known for its no-frills, diner-style comfort food, this iconic eatery was founded by Jewish restaurateur Harry Rosen in 1950. With a full menu ranging from steaks to seafood and sandwiches to salads and cheesecake, there was a lot to choose from. I enjoyed their trademark beverage: the chocolate egg cream, a hot bowl of matzoh ball soup, a big latke and a Reuben sandwich.

DEL FRISCO'S DOUBLE EAGLE STEAKHOUSE: One of the restau-



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rants very high on our list for this trip was Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse (www.delfriscos.com). We had previously dined at this energetic, luxurious three-story restaurant, located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, three years ago and we were anxious to return. The New York location can accommodate more than 500 people at a time. The 18,000 square foot restaurant boasts floor-to-ceiling windows with breathtaking views of Sixth Avenue, truly bringing midtown Manhattan to life for every diner as Radio City Music Hall's lights shine brightly in the distance.

OCEAN PRIME: If you are looking for one of the best seafood and steak restaurants in New York, Ocean Prime at 123 West 52nd Street should be at the top of the list. Located in the heart of Manhattan, Ocean Prime(https://www.

ocean-prime.com) sits amongst world-class museums, theatres and corporate headquarters. Ocean Prime only opened in 2015 but it has quickly gained a reputation for excellence. The restaurant specializes in incredible seafood and prime steaks. Their menu features classic dishes crafted with a modern sensibility and an appreciation for ingredients. With lighter fare, like their shellfish cobb salad and sushi, as well as more indulgent items like the smoking shellfish tower, juicy steaks and decadent desserts, there's something for every occasion. It's well worth a visit.

PATSY'S: A few years ago I made my first visit to Patsy's Italian Restaurant (http://www.patsys.com) and boy was I impressed. On the occasion of their recent 75th anniversary I was invited (Please turn to following page)



ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION HOSTED Kippahs and Kilts Scotch Tasting on September 12. The event was a fundraiser for the synagogue and featured a professional scotch expert, piper and prizes.

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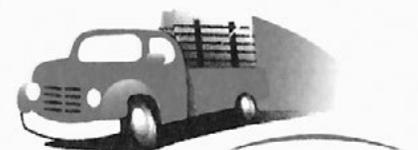
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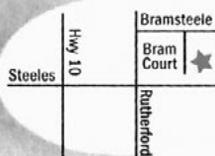
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back to the iconic 235 West 56th Street location and I jumped at the opportunity. Only a few short blocks from Times Square, this legendary Midtown Manhattan spot had been known for years as Frank Sinatra's

restaurant of choice and has become a favorite with countless stars. The restaurant can seat 180 people and with its lunch and pre-theater specials, is busy all of the time. Signature dishes included tender chicken contadina, spectacular seafood such as striped bass marechiere, sirloin

steak pizzaiola with peppers and mushrooms and chicken livers cacciatora. The veal rollatine marsala, stuffed with parmigiana is an absolute treat.

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compulsion and did not prevent the husband from giving a get. He cited Britain's 2002 Divorce Act under which a husband can be prevented from obtaining a civil divorce until he provides a religious divorce.

Moher has said he will appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. The couple have three children and were married for 20 years.

Labour Anti Semite Sues Party

Labour MP Chris Williamson is suing the Labour Party over its decision to re-implement his suspension from the party over accusations of anti-Semitism. Williamson has been labelled a "Jew-baiter" for his involvement in the party's anti-Semitic crisis. He is a close ally of that paragon of virtue, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Earlier this year he was suspended from the party for claiming that it had been "too apologetic" for its stance on Israel and its attitude towards British Jewry. He was allowed back in June but was suspended two days later following a backlash from the Jewish community and some of his fellow Labour MPs. Indeed, 60 Labour MPs voiced their opposition to his being permitted to rejoin the party. "There is no place for Chris Williamson in my Labour party. I think out of all the issues around antisemitism in the party he has been the biggest surprise and has caused me the most heartache," says Steve Lapsley, a lifelong Labour supporter, who adds that he will never be able to forgive the Derby North MP for the damage he has done to the party.

Last February Williamson told supporters in Sheffield that "in my

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