

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By MIKE COHEN

RETURN TO THE DON CESAR - Just over a year ago my family and I made our first visit ever to St. Pete Beach, Florida and stayed at the extraordinary and historic Don CeSar (www.doncesar.com). It was a Loews property at the time. Soon after Host Hotels & Resorts purchased it and engaged Davidson Hotels

& Resorts to manage the main locale and the Beach House Suites down the street. The new management is in place just in time to mark this historic hotel's 90th anniversary.

The Don CeSar opened at the height of the Great Gatsby era in 1928. Known as Florida's iconic (Please turn to page 12)



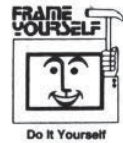
FORMER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT CRISTINA Kirchner is facing potential trials over both the Iranian AMIA bombing (seen above) and the murder of investigator Alberto Nisman. The AMIA bombing, which killed 85 people, has yet to produce a single conviction. But Federal Judge Claudio Bonadio's ruling offers real hope that a trial will proceed, even if the Senate does not lift Kirchner's immunity from prosecution.

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"Pink Palace," The Don CeSar is reminiscent of a Mediterranean-style castle set upon the magnificent white sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico in St. Pete Beach. A AAA Four Diamond property, National Historic Landmark and member of the Historic Hotels of America, The Don CeSar features 277 incredibly luxurious guest rooms including 36 suites, six

restaurants and lounges, two deluxe heated pools, more than 38,000 sq. ft. of event space, the 11,000 sq. ft. Spa Oceana, fitness center, Camp CeSar Kids Camp, The Shoppes of The Don, and access to beach rentals and water sports. No visitor could ask for more.

The Don CeSar Hotel partners with the award-winning Boucher Brothers Management to pamper its

guests during their day on the beautiful St. Pete Beach. We got to spend our day lounging in private daybeds and chilling out on a chaise for a luxurious take on fun in the sun. Lunch and drinks were available right at our chairs via the Beachcomber. Here you can enjoy frozen drinks, mojitos, fresh seafood, salads, burgers and other traditional dishes such as the NY Strip Steak Salad, grilled pineapple, tomato, jicama, crispy tortilla and sweet onion vinaigrette, Gulf Fish Tacos with soft corn tortillas, lettuce, salsa, chipotle crema and jicama citrus slaw, and the Foot-Long Do, jalapenos, and bread and butter palm of hearts. The orders turned around quite quickly and were delivered in large plastic containers, with serving plates and cutlery inside. I have never felt so comfortable dining on a beach chair before.

The beach rentals, are run by the Boucher Brothers (www.boucherbrothers.com) and its BouYah Watersports Division (www.bouYahWaterSport.com), They offer full and half day rates for chaise lounges, sand chairs, umbrellas, cabanas and luxury queen and king beds. We also took advantage of the jet ski rentals. It is \$120 per hour or \$60 for a half hour after lunch time. You will save some money if

you book it in the morning. The staff will sit you down in the jet ski in the water, provide a series of guidelines and then allow you to start the motor and go on your merry way. This was a real "rush" for my family. The one hour went by very quickly. BouYah also rents out banana boats, kayaks and paddle boards.

You can book your choice experience right at the hotel or call in advance and ask to be connected to someone from the Boucher Brothers team.

JEWISH COMMUNITY: St. Petersburg is Florida's fourth largest city, with 61 square miles. The St. Pete, Tampa and Clearwater areas have a combined Jewish population of about 60,000. According to the Jewish Virtual Library, the first-known Jews were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schutz, who arrived from Germany in 1901 and opened a dry goods store, the only Jewish merchants for seven years. Their store on Central Avenue, which had a basket on a pulley to carry money to a balcony to make change, later served as a temporary home for St. Petersburg High School.

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their encounters Greitens took photos of his lady friend "in a state of full or partial nudity", without her consent. Greitens is accused of threatening to release the compromising photos if she did not remain silent. "You're never going to mention my name" her reportedly told her.

A St. Louis grand jury has now indicted him for felony invasion of privacy.

Some Lawmakers from both sides of the House have told Greitens that he should resign. They also want a legal opinion on whether a governor can continue to perform his duties while a felony case moves forward.

With Greitens remaining defiant, and we might add with the support of his wife, for some lawmakers impeachment is on the table. Says Democratic

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