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Autumn, poetry and the shared table

Iran diplomacy, Rumi on stage and the everyday life of a Brooklyn café



Photo: Sofreh Cafe

IN THIS ISSUE / FOOD & CITY

Autumn in New York brings public debate and quieter forms of connection. This week, we follow unresolved Iran diplomacy, look ahead to an evening of Rumi and pause at a Brooklyn café. Inside: eleven businesses for dining, gathering and hospitality.

IRAN & THE WORLD

Diplomacy after a rejected proposal

Reuters reported September 27 that Trump said he rejected Iran's proposal, while Araghchi said mediators had not conveyed a formal rejection. No agreement was announced.

Reuters · 27 Sep

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

An evening with Rumi

Haleh Liza Gafori's RUMI is listed at Joe's Pub for September 30 at 9:30 p.m., pairing translated poetry with Persian song. Check the program before booking.

BroadwayWorld · Joe's Pub

BUSINESS NOTEBOOK

Mornings at Sofreh Cafe

At 216 Flatbush Avenue, the café lists weekday hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rechecked September 28; this is a service update, not a new opening.

Sofreh Cafe · Official

Tables that bring us together

Brooklyn dining and the kitchens behind a celebration

Prospect Heights

Sofreh



Photo: Sofreh

Sofreh frames Persian cooking around the welcome of a home. Chef Nasim Alikhani’s restaurant pairs that sensibility with a spare, contemporary dining room. Its own account of the space emphasizes hospitality over spectacle: a useful lens through which to discover this corner of Brooklyn’s Persian dining scene. Consult the current menu and reserve directly before planning an evening here.

75 Saint Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Official website and current details

Bushwick

Eyval



Photo: Ellen Silverman Photography / Eyval

On Bogart Street, Eyval belongs to a newer chapter of Persian dining in Brooklyn. Chef Ali Saboor, previously of Sofreh, approaches Iranian culinary traditions through a contemporary restaurant setting. The official Eat and Drink pages are the best starting point for its current offering. This is a researched introduction, rather than a review based on an anonymous meal.

25 Bogart Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Official website and current details

Flatbush Avenue

Sofreh Cafe



Photo: Sofreh Cafe

Nasim Alikhani’s Sofreh Cafe brings hospitality into the everyday: coffee, chai, pastries and dishes to share. At 216 Flatbush Avenue, the table becomes a place to pause between city errands. The café also lists takeaway and catering. Published hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

216 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Official website and current details

New York catering

Nasrin’s Kitchen



Photo: Nasrin’s Kitchen

Nasrin’s Kitchen now emphasizes catering for weddings, corporate events and private dinners on its official website. We list it as a catering business, not a walk in restaurant. Use the official inquiry form to discuss menus, guest numbers and availability for your event.

Catering across New York City

Official website and current details

Four addresses in Manhattan

From Madison Avenue to Chelsea and the Upper East Side

Midtown

Ravagh · Madison Avenue



Photo: Ravagh Restaurants

Ravagh’s Madison Avenue restaurant is one of four addresses currently listed by the business across Manhattan and Long Island. The restaurant describes its cooking in terms of balance and aroma. For readers looking for a Persian meal in Midtown, this is a practical address to know. Use the restaurant’s own site for menus, ordering and opening hours.

173 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016

Official website and current details

Upper East Side

Ravagh · Upper East Side



Photo: Ravagh Restaurants

This First Avenue location appears in Ravagh’s official directory. If you are on Manhattan’s east side, use the distance sorting to compare it with the Madison Avenue address. The photograph comes from the Ravagh group and does not necessarily depict this particular branch.

1135 First Avenue, New York, NY 10065

Official website and current details

Chelsea

Shiraz Kitchen · Chelsea



Photo: Shiraz Kitchen

Shiraz Kitchen’s West 17th Street restaurant is one of the business’s two current locations. Its own description brings Persian and Mediterranean cooking together, and the Chelsea location lists weekend brunch. Consult the official location page for service times and reservations.

111 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011

Official website and current details

Upper East Side

Persepolis



Photo: Persepolis

Persepolis lists saffron chicken kabob, ghormeh sabzi and vegetarian options among its offerings. The restaurant sits on Second Avenue near the 72nd Street station. For dietary requirements or allergies, confirm individual dishes directly with the restaurant rather than relying on a category label.

1407 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10021

Official website and current details

New York, beyond the city

Westchester and Long Island: addresses outside NYC’s five boroughs

White Plains

Shiraz Kitchen · White Plains

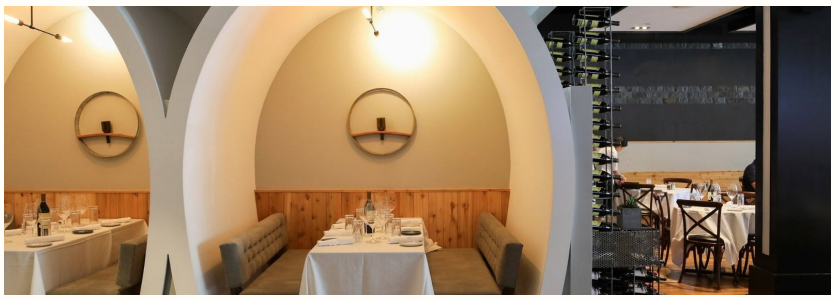


Photo: Shiraz Kitchen

For readers north of the city, Shiraz’s White Plains location is on Mamaroneck Avenue. This address is in Westchester, outside New York City; we label it separately so a dining plan does not become an unexpected journey. Check hours and reservations on the business’s official page.

80 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601

Official website and current details

Roslyn Heights

Ravagh · Roslyn Heights



Photo: Ravagh Restaurants

The Roslyn Heights branch appears on Ravagh’s official location page at Mineola Avenue. It is outside New York City’s five boroughs. The photograph represents Ravagh’s food, rather than this individual branch.

210 Mineola Avenue, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

Official website and current details

Huntington

Ravagh · Huntington



Photo: Ravagh Restaurants

Huntington is the second Long Island address on Ravagh’s official list. For readers living in the area, discovering a local option can make a Persian dinner possible without a trip into Manhattan. The photograph is from the Ravagh group.

335 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743

Official website and current details

FROM THE EDITOR

The city we make together

Sometimes knowing a city begins with an address: somewhere for tea, a table for dinner or a kitchen that gives a celebration its familiar taste. This edition continues a guide that brings real names and places together carefully.

OUR METHOD & SOURCES

Text is prepared using the linked sources. Introductions are not reviews based on personal visits. Photos come from official business websites and remain their owners’ property. This week’s sources were checked September 28, 2026; individual listing dates appear on our website. Please confirm hours and reservations before visiting. This publication is not affiliated with The New Yorker.