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The places we gather

Hormuz in the news, ANAHITA in Brooklyn and Persian cooking in Manhattan

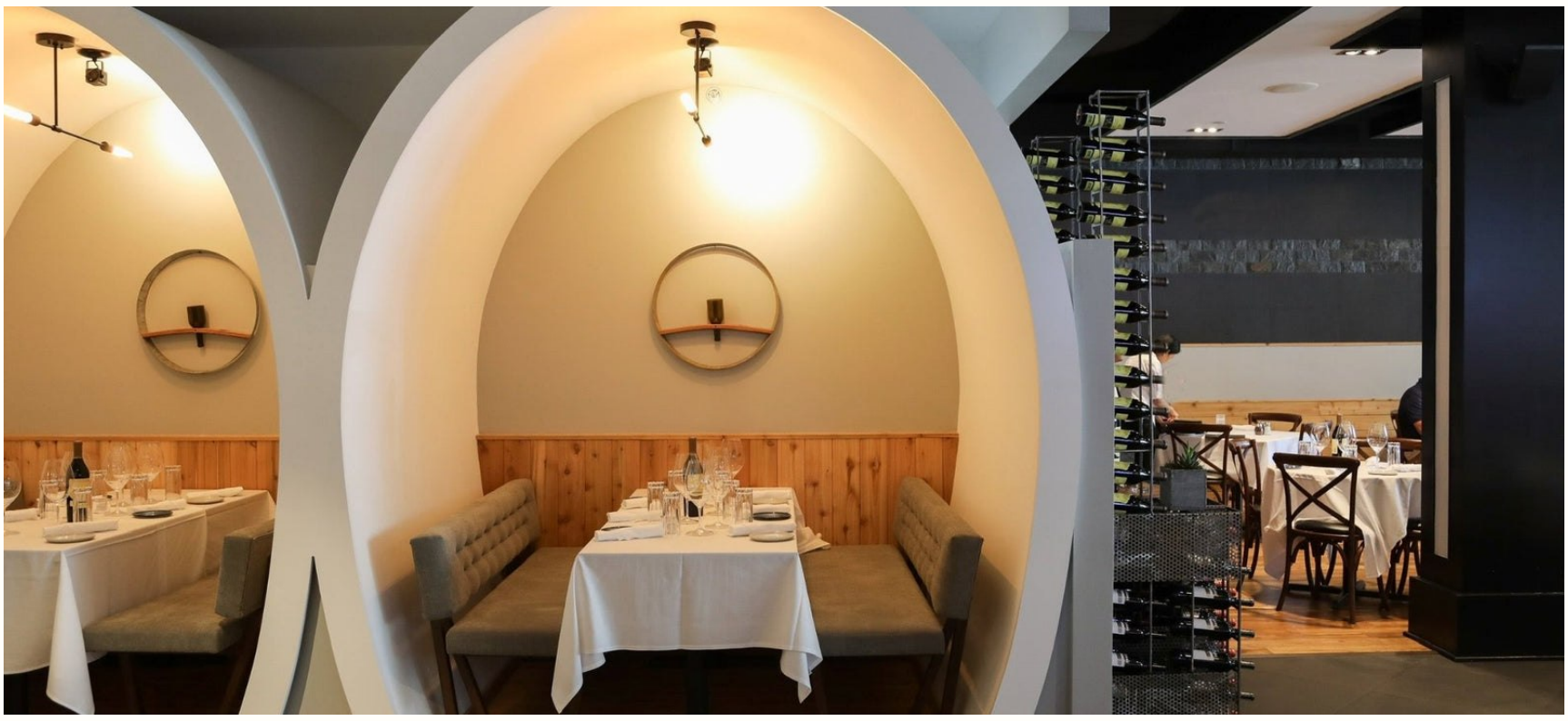


Photo: Shiraz Kitchen

IN THIS ISSUE / FOOD & CITY

Persian life in New York stretches across neighborhoods and beyond the city line. This week, a Brooklyn exhibition and a Manhattan cooking evening offer places to meet around art and food. Our cover shows Shiraz Kitchen in White Plains, outside NYC’s five boroughs, one of eleven businesses in this directory.

IRAN & THE WORLD

Hormuz: conditions remain

Reuters reported October 4 that Qalibaf linked reopening Hormuz to seven Iranian conditions. Araghchi said Iran’s proposal could reopen the waterway within seven days if accepted by Washington.

Reuters / Arab News

ART & COMMUNITY

ANAHITA in Brooklyn

Transmitter lists Amy Rose Khoshbin’s ANAHITA, curated by Lila Nazemian, from October 3 to November 1. The exhibition draws on Persian mythology and experiences of grief.

Transmitter

FOOD & CITY

Tahchin, kitchen to table

Eat Offbeat lists a Persian dinner with Chef Sahar at Atelier Jolie Cafe on October 8, 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. A tahchin demonstration is included; check tickets before attending.

Atelier Jolie / Ticket Tailor

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 brings Persian and Mediterranean cooking to West 17th Street. Weekday lunch and weekend brunch offer two ways to make this Chelsea address part of a city outing. The restaurant recommends reservations Thursday through Saturday. Check its own page for the menu and current service details.

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

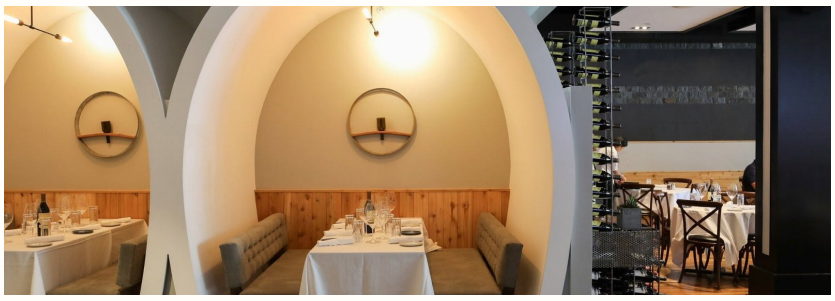


Photo: Shiraz Kitchen

Shiraz Kitchen’s White Plains address is 80 Mamaroneck Avenue in Westchester, outside New York City’s five boroughs. For a gathering north of the city, plan the journey separately. Weekday lunch is listed from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Consult the restaurant’s site for menus and reservations.

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

Gathering can mean looking at an artwork, learning a dish or sitting down beyond the city’s rush. This guide brings those possibilities together. A useful invitation also needs practical detail: we distinguish event dates from publication dates, and mark suburban addresses clearly so readers can plan their journeys.

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 October 5, 2026; individual listing dates appear on our website. Please confirm hours and reservations before visiting. This publication is not affiliated with The New Yorker.