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Falafel Shack Opens Today on Warburton Avenue

New cafe offers falafel, hummus, shish kabab and other pita-pocketed delicacies.

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Have you ever had an insatiable craving for falafel but had no idea where to get it? The dilemma will soon be solved.

A mideastern eatery called **Taiim Falafel Shack** is opening Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Hastings, filling the space on Warburton once occupied by **Comfort**.

Taiim brings falafel, hummus, Babaghanouj, shish kebab and other Mediterranean/mideastern foods including Israeli and Jordanian specialties. Primarily, the dishes provided by the new restaurant are intended for takeout, but Taiim Falafel Shack also has limited seating - its tables can accommodate eight patrons and there is room for four more at a counter. The owners, Kerri Jew and her husband Zamir Iosepovici are Hastings residents.

Falafel is deep-fried chickpeas with fresh herbs and spices; hummus is made by mixing chickpeas gently with lemon, tahini and spices; Babaghanouj combines charbroiled eggplant with lemon, tahini and spices.

"The food we are preparing is much the same food we cook and eat at home," Jew said. "Plus a few of the dishes served at Zeina," which is a Middle Eastern restaurant in Highland Park, New Jersey.

Vegetarian and meat sandwiches are accompanied by lettuce, tomato, pickled turnips and a hot sauce if desired - the sandwiches are served in white or whole-wheat pita pockets, for the more health-conscious.

Three vegetarian sandwiches (falafel, hummus and Babaghanouj) are available at \$5 each. Other sandwiches cost \$7 and are filled with Chicken Shawarma or chicken, lamb or beef kebab. Chicken Shawarma is spiced boneless chicken that has been slowly broiled in a spinning rotisserie.

Regular customers will receive punch cards to track sandwich purchases. Each six sandwiches bought will qualify the cardholder for a seventh one free.

Meat platters and vegetarian sampling combinations are also available; they come with a choice of side dishes and typically range in price from \$10 to \$13. Salads and sides abound and include: Israeli chopped salad, Tabbouleh, spinach/feta pie and stuffed grape leaves. Tabbouleh is made from finely chopped parsley, tomatoes, onions and fine cracked wheat blended with lemon and spices.

Salads are available in small (\$4) or large (\$7) portions. Sides include Israeli-style French fries (thin and crispy) at \$3 and yellow rice (\$3 to \$5 depending on portion size). Desserts are house-made; they are typically priced at \$3 and feature moist, delicious Baklava. Beverage highlights are are: imported Israeli juice, Turkish coffee (\$2) and Turkish tea (\$1.50).

Lunch specials come with a beverage and are priced at \$5 and \$7. Children's meals cost \$3. All prices include sales tax.

Catering service is available for social events and corporate affairs.

Taiim Falafel Shack is located at 598 Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York NY 10706. it is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations are not accepted. 914-478-0006. www.taiimfalafelshack.com.

What do you think of Taiim? What do you recommend? Tell us in the comments.

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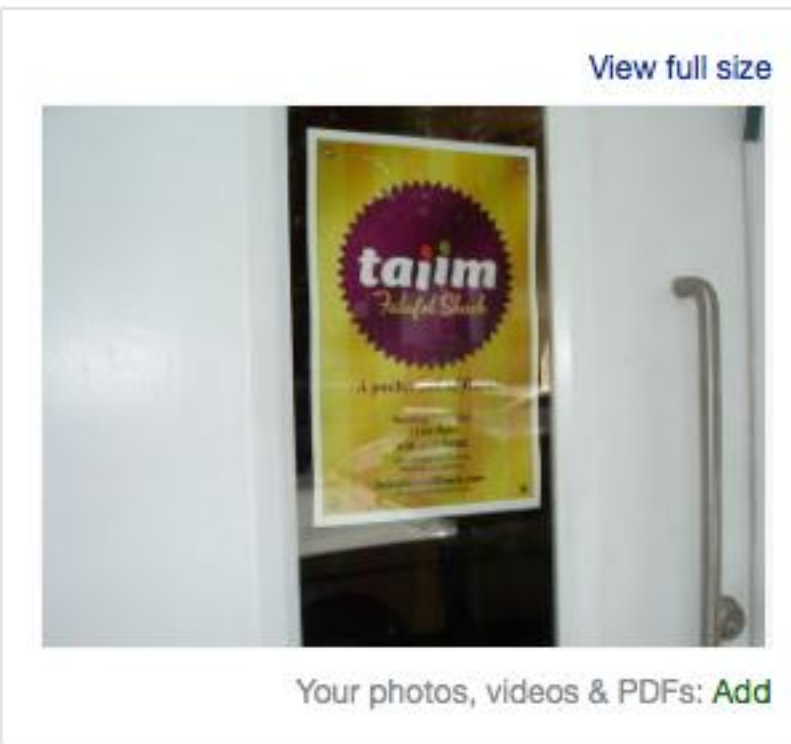
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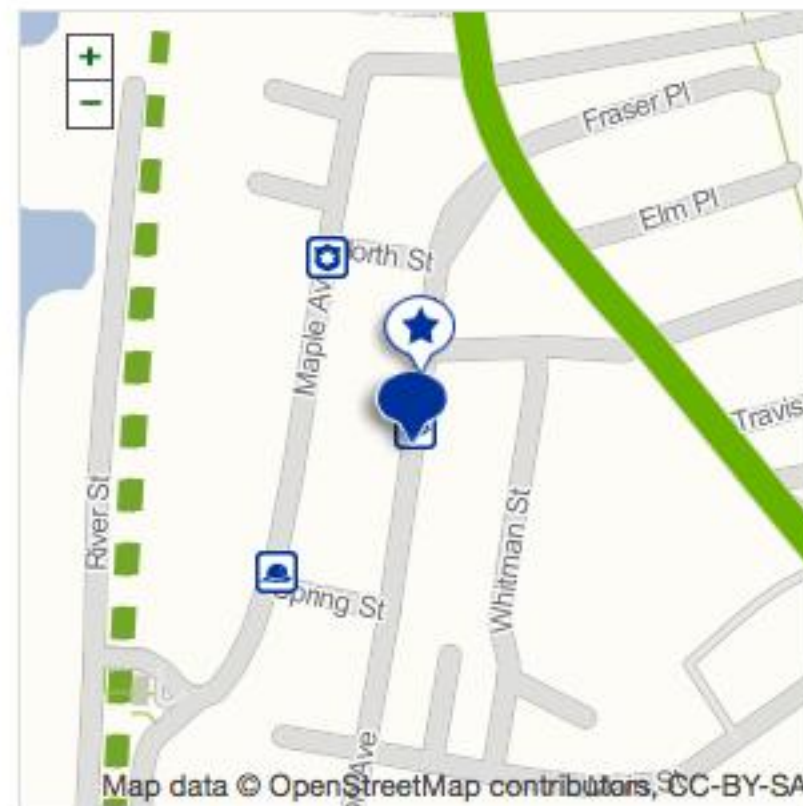
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