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# Palestinian restaurant chain Ayat opens in Princeton





With a light green awning on the exterior, the restaurant's interior features a ceiling reminiscent of a forest canopy and wall art that stretches across the entire space.

The mural depicts a teary-eyed woman wearing a keffiyeh with part of her face covered by the Palestinian flag. Above the tables in black ink reads: "Story of Resilience. Feast for the Senses."





Ayat's menu boasts over 50 drinks and dishes, including shawarmas, hummus, kebabs, Arabian teas, and pizzas baked in a wood-fired oven.

Appetizers range from \$4.16 to \$30.16, with larger dishes like the braided filet and shrimp kebab totaling \$33.28 and \$23.92, respectively.



In December of 2023, Ayat's Brooklyn establishment came under fire for a section of the seafood menu titled "From the River to the Sea," a phrase that has drawn controversy because of its different interpretations. To some, this saying represents freedom, while others believe it calls for the destruction of Israel. The Princeton menu features the same seafood dishes, though it omits this particular phrase.

