

This list was compiled by YMCA of Central New York team members with the help of our community partners at InterFaith Works of Central NY. Stories were either provided by restaurant owners or taken from restaurant websites and interviews.

Do you have a favorite restaurant that's missing from this list? Help us celebrate them as a part of Welcoming Week 2023 and email us their info at contactus@ymcacny.org.



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As part of the YMCA's Welcoming Week, the YMCA of Central New York has compiled a list of restaurants in the greater Syracuse area run by immigrants and their families. These restaurants showcase cuisines from around the world.

LISTED BY CUISINE TYPE

RESTAURANTS

LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

Aloha Japanese Bento	Koto
Asahi Japanese Restaurant	Las Delicias
Baghdad	Layla's
Big Burma	Mamma Hai
Bongo's Jerkhut	Mediterranean Combo
Byblos Mediterranean Café	Mi Casa Grande
Calle Tropicale	Mi Casita
Chorong House	Mr Bigg's
Don Juan	Munjed's Middle Eastern Café
Dosa Grill	New Century
El Trailer Del Sabor	Oasis Mediterranean Market
Erawan	Pita Dream
Erma's Island	Ponchito's
EthioEritrea	Ponchito's
Eva's European Sweets	Red Chili
Firecracker Thai	Royal Indian Grill
Gangnam Style	Sahota Palace
Goodies Mediterranean Grill & Cuisine	Secret Garden
Guadalajara	Sinbad
Habiba's Ethiopian Kitchen	Spoon & Chopsticks
I LOVE Thai	Sumera Restaurant
India Chaat Fashion House	Syracuse Halal Gyro
Jamaica Cuse	Taste of Africa
Jianghu Café	Thai Thai Cuisine
Kebab Guys	Victoria
King David's	Vietnamese Noodle House

AFRICAN CUISINE

Taste of Africa

820 Danforth St, Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 378-4152
toasyracuse.com

"My family originated from the Republic of Congo. In the early 1990s, a civil war broke out and my family was forced to run and leave everything behind. We became refugees, first in different cities within our own country, then, after another civil war, we found ourselves in Gabon. Finally, in what has become our second home, we settled in the United States of America.

In all places we've been, we learned to cook different types of food. Since arriving in Update New York in August of 2005, it's been my dream to open a restaurant and share my love of African cuisine with the local community. After many years of planning and perseverance, my dream finally came true in October of 2017. My story is similar to the stories of many who came to this country before me to find better lives for themselves and for their children.

-- Mr. Ullys Mouity"

Habiba's Ethiopian Kitchen

Salt City Market: 484 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202

EthioEritrea

505 N State Street, Syracuse, NY 13203
(315) 870-3514
ethioeritreacuse.wixsite.com

CHINESE CUISINE

Jianghu Café

725 E Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 992-8888
jianghuonline.com

Red Chili

2740 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY 13224
(315) 446-2882
redchilisyracuse.com

▶▶▶ LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN CUISINE

Calle Tropicale

Food Truck- locations vary
calletropical.com

Bongo's Jerkhut

440 South Ave, Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 478-5303
bongojerkhut.com

El Trailer Del Sabor

Corner of Seymour & Niagara Streets, Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 965-6616
facebook.com/eltrailer.delsabor

Erma's Island

Salt City Market: 484 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 217-1989
ermasislandsyr.com

"Latoya migrated to America from Jamaica at age 19, determined to establish a better life for herself and her family. Opening up a restaurant featuring outstanding Jamaican cuisine had been a lifelong dream- and is soon to be a reality.

Mama Erma is proud! She is Latoya's maternal grandmother who planted the seed for a love of cooking and culinary arts deep within her soul. She sets the example how to delight diners with savory, and traditional Jamaican food.

Latoya began cooking at the age of eight. She had watched with gripping curiosity and fascination as her storied and talented grandfather- a celebrated cook in Jamaica-enticed generations of food lovers. Latoya's mother continued the tradition and passed it on to her. The eldest of nine siblings, Latoya found them to be a welcoming and ready-made clientele upon which to practice her culinary gifts.

Latoya prioritizes exceptional, flavorful and authentic foods from Jamaica and the Caribbean."

▶▶▶ LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN CUISINE (CONTINUED)

Guadalajara

324 W Water Street, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 552-1300
guadalajaramexican.com

Jamaica Cuse

117 E Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 399-4027
facebook.com/Jamaica-Cuse-112117323830846

Las Delicias

552 Westcott Street, Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 422-0208
<https://www.facebook.com/Las-Delicias-Restaurant-133695790025955/>

Layla's

376 Grant Blvd, Shop City Plaza, Syracuse, NY
(315) 940-8035
syracusecaribbeanfood.com

Mi Casa Grande

1706 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 960-0009
<https://www.facebook.com/Mi-Casa-Grande-110268960856078/>

Mi Casita

1614 Lodi Street, Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 870-3392
micasitarestaurant.wordpress.com

Mr Bigg's

658 N Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 299-5588
mymrbiggs.com

▶▶▶ LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN CUISINE (CONTINUED)

Ponchito's (Court Street)

3800 New Court Ave, Syracuse, NY
(315) 218-0294
ponchitossyr.com

Ponchito's (Fayette Street)

1022 W Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 870-3625
ponchitossyr.com

Victoria

129 Columbus Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 378-4328
<https://www.facebook.com/Victoria-restaurant-101243781875616/>

Don Juan

102 Grand Ave, Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 472-1770
donjuanrestaurant.net

▶▶▶▶ MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

Byblos Mediterranean Café

223 N Clinton St, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 478-3333
byblossyr.com

Byblos Cafe name was inspired by a visit to Byblos, which is located in Lebanon. Byblos is the Greek name of the ancient Phoenician city Gebal in what now is Lebanon. Byblos is said to have been founded around 5000 BC. Today it is believed by many to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. Byblos cafe offers an authentic Lebanese experience; fresh, homemade food with proven health benefits. We are family run and opened our doors on April, 2010. We serve up all of the traditional menu items made from scratch daily. Most of our dishes are Lebanese influenced. We offer a large selection of vegetarian dishes.

▶▶▶▶ MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE (CONTINUED)

Goodies Mediterranean Grill & Cuisine

3605 James St, Syracuse, NY 13206
(315) 433-1003
syracusegoodiesmediterranean.com

Goodies Mediterranean Grill & Cuisine is a cornerstone in the Syracuse community and has been recognized for its outstanding Mediterranean cuisine, excellent service and friendly staff. Our Mediterranean restaurant is known for its modern interpretation of classic dishes and its insistence on only using high quality fresh ingredients.

Mediterranean Combo

149 Marshall Street, Syracuse, NY 13210

King David's

317 Towne Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066
(315) 637-0485
kingdavids.com

Oasis Mediterranean Market

2646 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY 13224
(315) 449-0002
oasis-mediterranean-market.business.site/

▶▶▶▶ MIDDLE EASTERN CUISINE

Munjed's Middle Eastern Café

505 Westcott Street, Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 425-0366
munjeds.net

Syracuse Halal Gyro

477 Westcott Street, Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 299-6640
syracusehalalgyro.com

▶▶▶▶ MIDDLE EASTERN CUISINE (CONTINUED)

Kebab Guys

3179 Erie Blvd E Suite 170, Syracuse, NY 13214
(315) 299-7001
kebabguysyracuse.com

Pita Dream

214 Walton Street, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 504-7482
pitadream.com

Baghdad

Salt City Market: 484 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 378-7853
baghdadcny.com

My name is Firas, and I am originally from Baghdad, Iraq. When the war came my family resettled as refugees in Syracuse in 2014. I've cooked at Middle Eastern restaurants in town (Byblos, Red Olive), opened a restaurant with 2 partners (Sumer), opened my own restaurant in Fairmount (Baghdad) and am now opening a stall at Salt City Market. This is a hard business. But I have given my life to it because I love sharing my country's food and making my guests feel cared for. I am devoted to building a business for my sons to inherit and building bridges through food with my new community.

Sinbad

2727 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13206
(315) 565-5655
sinbadsweets.net

Sumera Restaurant

2204 Genessee Street, Syracuse, NY 13219
(315) 802-2390
facebook.com/sumer.restaurant

▶▶▶▶ SOUTHEAST ASIAN CUISINE

New Century

518 Kirkpatrick St, Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 410-9999
<http://www.newcenturyviet.com/>

Big Burma

Salt City Market: 484 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 308-0454

Vietnamese Noodle House

3801 Milton Avenue, Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 870-9087

Thai Thai Cuisine

3138 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY 13214
(315) 802-7660
thaithaisyracuse.com

Firecracker Thai

Salt City Market: 484 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 362-1700
firecrackersyr.com

Mamma Hai

Salt City Market: 484 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 313-5611
mammahai.com

Erawan

2724 Erie Blvd E, Syracuse, NY 13224
(315) 445-8152
erawan-inc.net

I LOVE Thai

2822 Lemoyne Ave, Syracuse, NY 13211
(315) 928-5659
thailoveny.com