

New Middle Eastern Restaurant Chickpea Open In Journal Square Transportation Center



Chickpea owner Mike Himani, third from left, Mayor Steve Fulop and PATH Acting Director Mike Marino cut the ribbon during the grand opening ceremony for Chickpea restaurant at the Journal Square Transportation Center in Jersey City on Thursday, July 9, 2015. Chickpea, a fast-casual eatery, offers freshly prepared Middle Eastern dishes you design yourself at the counter. The menu features gluten-free, lactose-free vegetarian, vegan, organic and spicy options. Reena Rose Sibayan | The Jersey Journal

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JERSEY CITY -- Travelers passing through the Journal Square Transportation Center now have a Middle Eastern dining option with the opening of a new Chickpea restaurant yesterday.

On the menu at Chickpea are several gluten-free, lactose-free, vegetarian, vegan, organic and spicy options like falafel or spicy Mediterranean chicken that customers can design themselves at the counter.

The owner, Mike Himani, has also developed several other dining spots in the New Jersey and New York area, including an Asian-fusion Nanking with locations in Jersey City, Long Island and South Plainfield. He's also developed a Deli Plus and Chop n' Toss, as well catering services like Elite Caterers and All About Food.

The Chickpea restaurant is the first of several planned openings of stores in the Journal Square Transportation Center.