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# A testimonial to good food

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It's hard to talk about Turkois Grille, an 18-month-old Turkish restaurant in Airmont, without sounding like one of those late-night knife infomercials. A Turkois meal starts with a basket of warm, yeasty pide bread, crusty on the outside, chewy on the inside. It's served with a plate of olive oil for dipping — not unusual in restaurants these days, but this oil is filled with an addictive combination of toasted sesame and nigella seeds plus a sprinkling of lemony, thyme-like zatar. You could easily make a meal out of just bread and the seeded oil and call yourself happy.

But wait! There's more!

The number of possible starters — soups, salads, and hot and cold appetizers — approaches two dozen. While you can't go wrong with the fresh, crunchy shepherd's salad of diced tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions, or with eggplant in any of its many guises, you can sidestep the overwhelming task of narrowing down the list of appealing choices by ordering a combination meze (appetizer) platter. Two to four people could share the small platter (depending on how deeply they've gotten into the crunchy, meaty oil and bread). Larger or hungrier groups will want the combination platter, with double the number of choices. Either way, make sure your platter includes stuffed grape leaves, even if — or especially if — you routinely leave them by the side of your plate. These are sweet, savory, and fresh-tasting,

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refreshingly unlike the drab green cylinders that top diner Greek salads.

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The entrees — abundant portions mainly of chicken, lamb, or beef, alone or in combinations — are expertly grilled, flavorfully charred on the outside, still succulently moist on the inside. Even the grilled vegetables (one of several vegetarian choices) benefit from the same careful treatment.

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Turkoi Grille offers a weekday lunch special that, at \$10.95, is a genuine bargain. Sure, cheaper options abound, but this includes a civilized three courses: soup or salad, a cold appetizer, and a hot entrée. Also included in the price are soft drinks, warm, hospitable service, and — yes! — the excellent bread and oil. You'll come away well-treated and well-fed. You may even come away with leftovers.

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