

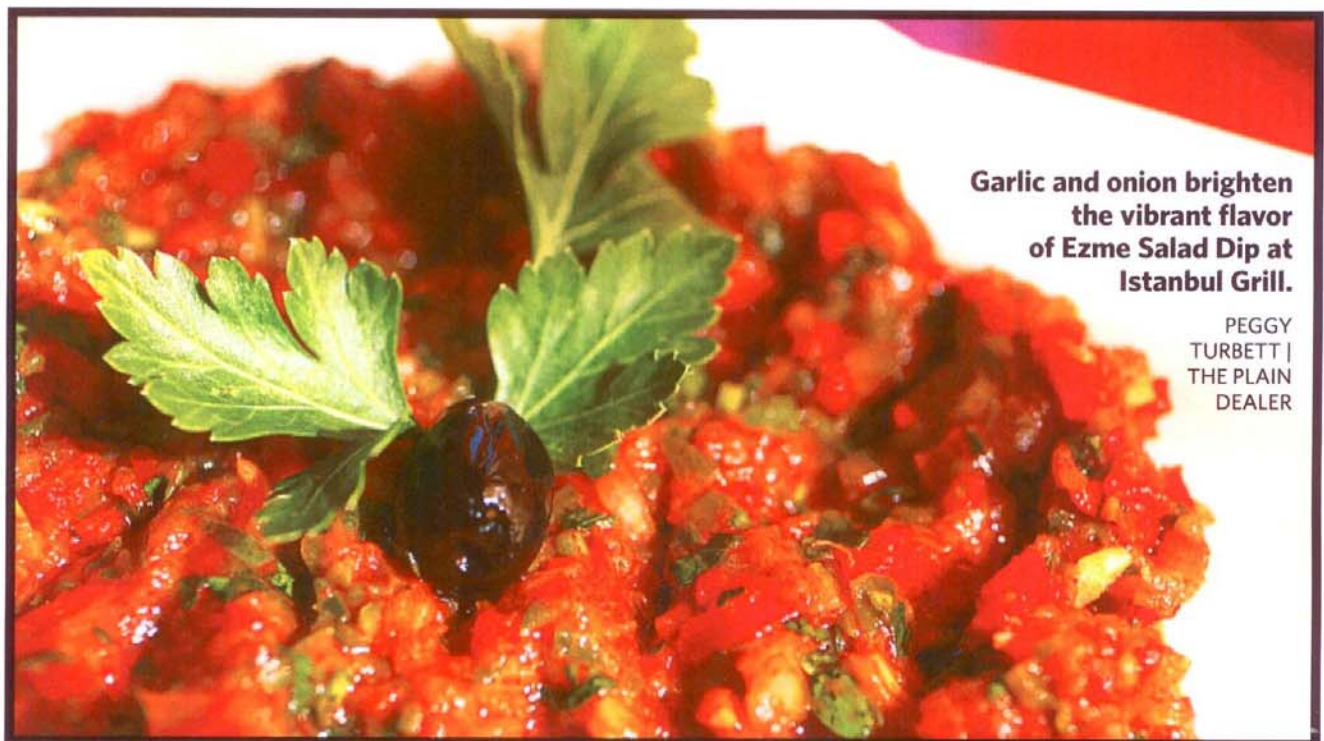
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Garlic and onion brighten the vibrant flavor of Ezme Salad Dip at Istanbul Grill.

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**A**dd Istanbul Grill to your must-try list in Tremont. This storefront delivers delicious food in cozy surroundings, and the good-natured staff is a definite plus. The superbly prepared and hearty dishes of chef Sonmez Bozkurt, 39, provide reasons to eat here. Bozkurt's food is very good — the grilled meats in particular. Try the Iskendar Kebab and Chicken Adana (each \$13). The kebab, in this case, is misnamed. It is not skewered ground meat but slices of spit-roasted lamb, like those in a gyro. Adana (a food-obsessed city in Turkey) consists of pressed pieces of skewered chicken. The highly seasoned eats in both dishes, which come with or without tart yogurt sauce, have a pleasing crustiness. And the stuffed eggplant with lamb is their equal. The restaurant's appetizers are nearly all meatless; two or three would make a meal. House-made desserts are worth the calories. \$\$, all major credit cards. (DF).

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