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New York's Best PB & J Dishes

In case you haven't noticed, we have a serious peanut butter obsession, so we're pretty excited to milk National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day for all its worth. This Monday, April 2nd, celebrates that iconic, brown bagged lunch most of us grew up on, but in New York, the humble sandwich has undergone a major makeover. Afterall, we've got bragging rights to the some of the most innovative chefs in the country. Take

April Bloomfield for example. In her hands, the classic PB & J gets stuffed with bananas, dunked in bourbon and deep fried at the Breslin. Then, there's killer PB&J doughnuts at the Doughnut Plant, peanut butter and jelly macarons at Bosie Tea Parlor to peanut butter & jelly pancakes at Lavo. Not to mention an entire restaurant exclusively devoted to peanut butter endeavors in the West Village Here's a few of our favorites...

Meatball Shop - PB & J Ice Cream Sandwich

84 Stanton St., btwn Allen St & Orchard Sts (212)982-8895

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The ice cream sandwiches are just as good as the meatballs at this rapidly grown empire of Meatball Shops. Start with any one of their meatball, like spicy pork, beef or even vegetable, but keep your eye on the ball, which in this case, is the dessert menu. The do-it-yourself-philosophy the menu (choosing your own sauce and meatballs) isn't



just limited to the savory side of things. Meatball Shop encourages customers to mix & match homemade cookiesflavors with any one of their ice cream, including your standard chocolate and vanilla, fresh mint, and caramel. In honor of P B & J day, we recommend the peanut butter cookies with strawberry ice cream.