

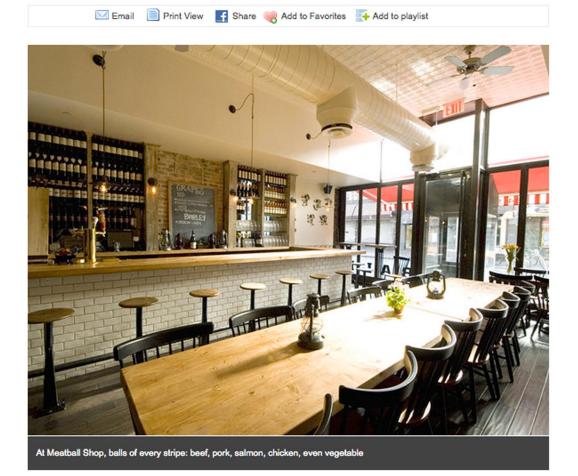
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The week's new openings: Bistro Vendome, Meatball Shop, Black Market, Bistro De La Gare, Gina La Fornarina

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Meatball Shop

What's the logical business plan for two restaurant guys who first became friends as delivery boys for a wegan restaurant? Open a shop that sells meatballs in all their varied forms, obviously. Co-owners Daniel Holzman and Michael Chernow have years of experience in the food business, at impressive spots like Le Bernardin and Frank respectively, but now they're turning their attention to serving up a panoply of meats in spherical form. Permutations are almost endless, with beef, pork, salmon, chicken and even vegetable ball varieties; sauces ranging from a classic tomato to a mushroom gravy; plus your choice of serving options including "naked," slider or hero. After you've mixed and matched your main dish you can choose a side like mashed potatoes and risotto, then grab a beer (or Barq's root beer) on tap. Just make sure you leave room for a scooped-to-order ice cream sandwich—another chance to mix and match from a range of homemade cookies and ice cream flavors. (84 Stanton St. between Allen and Orchard Sts., 212-982-8895)