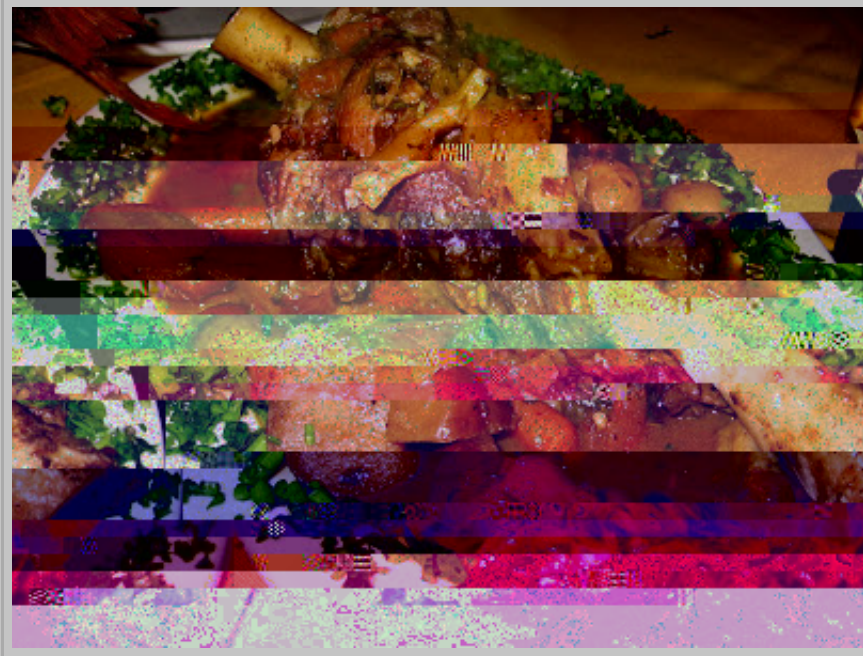
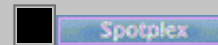
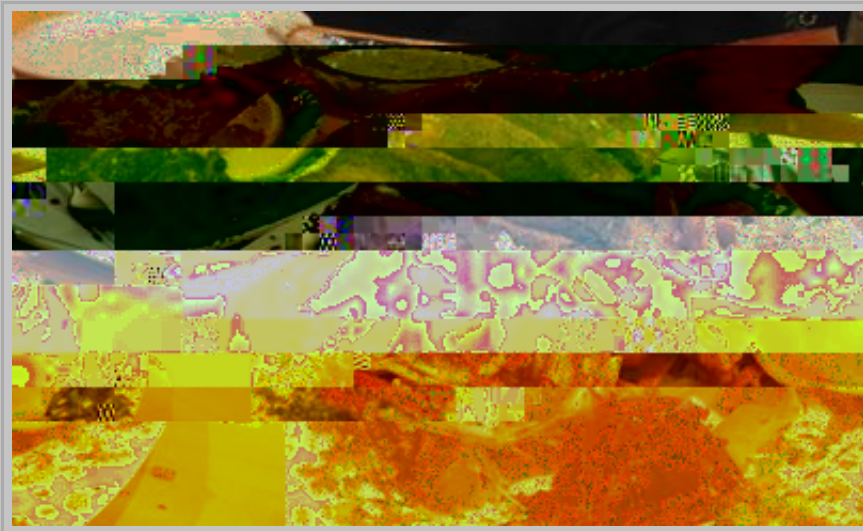


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A special of tiny whole-wheat dumplings with chicken was excellent, as were the kibbie and kafta. A side of tangy, lemony string beans was especially satisfying. The only real dud was a lackluster spinach stew with lamb chunks. A large, whole fried snapper, a day's special that the waiter had heartily recommended, was wonderfully seasoned, but it was a bit too dry from overcooking.



Among the deserts we tried the best was a semolina cake that was not as cloyingly sweet as the versions I've tried at other establishments.

Throughout the evening, Ms. Bishara took the occasional break from the kitchen to schmooze with the customers. The restaurant was pretty much full during our two and a half hours there on a midweek evening. Prices are reasonable, and reservations are accepted for parties of four or more. Because

we ordered so much, and had premium items like the whole fish and the lamb shank, our tab came to \$40 per person with tip (and no alcohol is served). I should think that for normal diners it would surely come out to less than \$30.

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