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Syrian Locations of Concern Report

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Syrian Locations of Concern Report

Overview:

The Demographics Unit examined the various Syrian communities within New York City in an effort to identify Syrian business districts and population centers. This examination further identified Locations of Concern. These locations give the Demographics Unit the maximum ability to gauge the general sentiment of this community. Further, these identified locations also allow the Demographics Unit the greatest insight into the general activity of this community.

Methodology:

The Demographics Unit reviewed census reports as well as federal, state and local law enforcement computer systems to locate geographic population concentrations of Pakistanis. Upon identification of these locations, field work was conducted to determine the major Pakistani Locations of Interest in New York City.

For the purposes of this report, a *Location of Concern* is defined as follows:

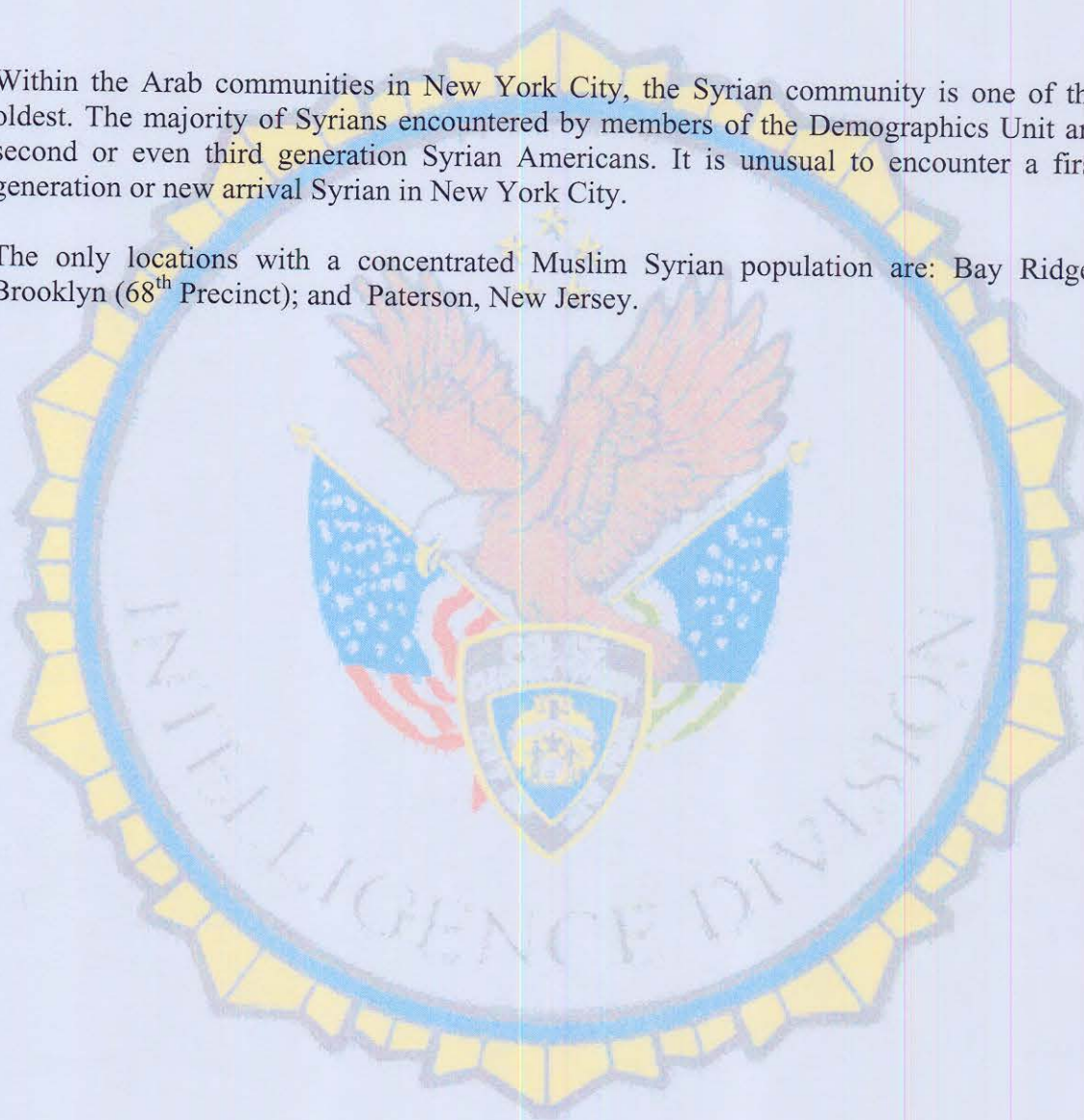
- Localized center of activity for a particular ethnic group.
- Location that persons of concern may be attracted to.
- Location that individuals may frequent to search for ethnic companionship.
- Location that individuals may find co-conspirators for illegal actions.
- Location that has demonstrated a significant pattern of illegal activities.
- Location that can be used as a listening post.
- Popular *hangout* or meeting location for a particular ethnic group that provides a forum for listening to neighborhood *gossip* or otherwise provide an overall *feel* for the community.

Summary:

The Demographics Unit found that the Syrian community in NYC is divided into two parts, a Jewish Syrian and a Muslim Syrian community with the Jewish community being the larger of the two. This report will focus on the smaller Muslim community.

Within the Arab communities in New York City, the Syrian community is one of the oldest. The majority of Syrians encountered by members of the Demographics Unit are second or even third generation Syrian Americans. It is unusual to encounter a first generation or new arrival Syrian in New York City.

The only locations with a concentrated Muslim Syrian population are: Bay Ridge, Brooklyn (68th Precinct); and Paterson, New Jersey.

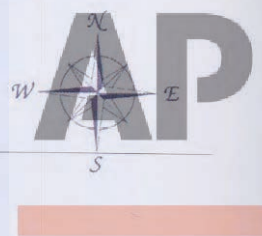
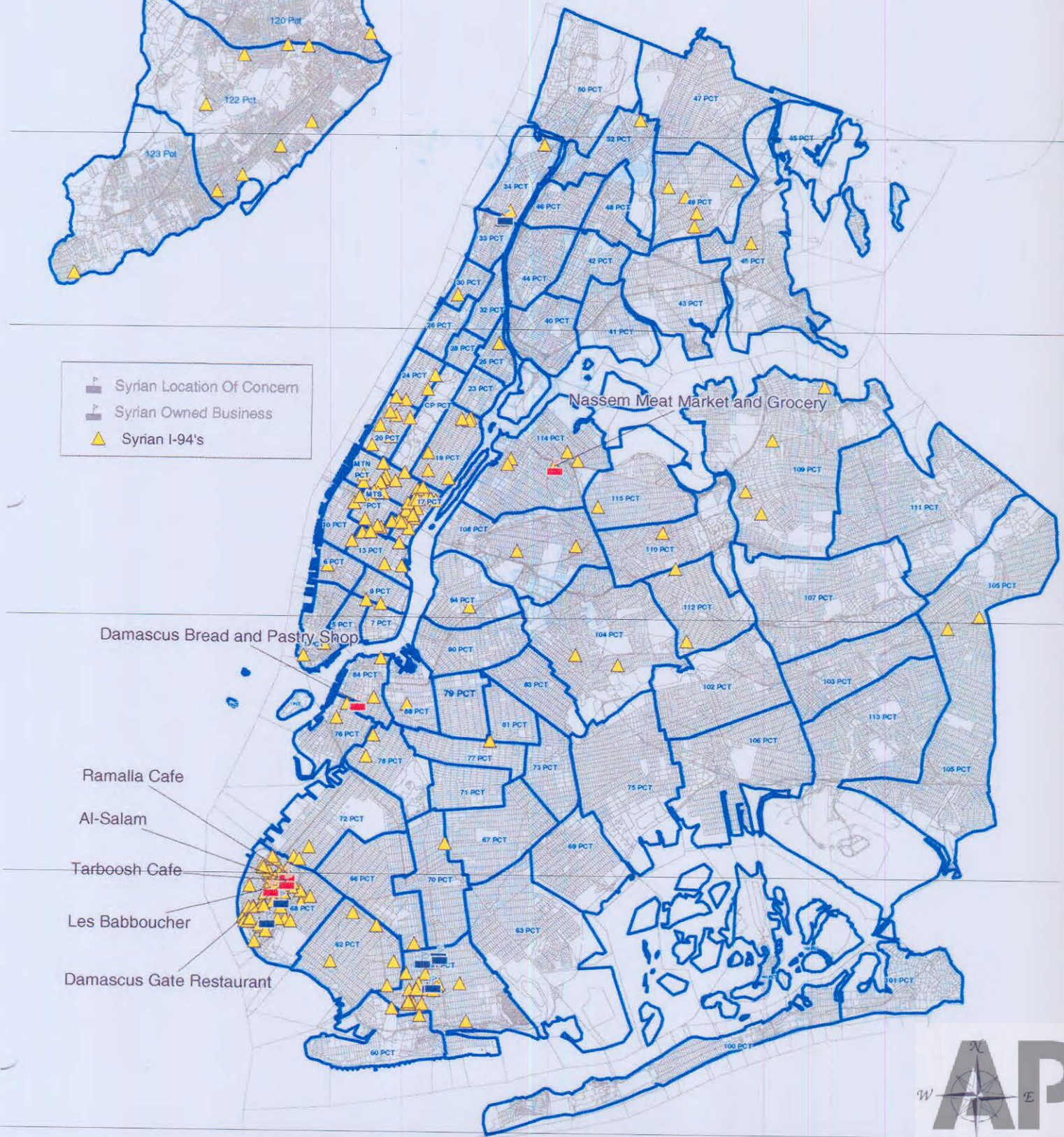




Secret Demographics Unit Syrian Locations Of Concern



- Syrian Location Of Concern
- Syrian Owned Business
- Syrian I-94's



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| Location Name: | Les Babboucher |
| Location Type: | Cafe |
| Ethnicity: | Moroccan |
| Address: | 7803 3 Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-833-1700 |
| Zip Code: | 11209 |
| Precinct: | 068 |



Information of Note:

Location is owned and operated by a Moroccan male.
 Location open late night and serves alcoholic beverages.

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| Location Name: | Ramalla Cafe |
| Location Type: | Cafe |
| Ethnicity: | Palestinian |
| Address: | 473 Bay Ridge Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-921-1373 |
| Zip Code: | 11220 |
| Precinct: | 068 |



Information of Note:

A medium sized Arab cafe owned by a Palestinian male named Mofeed.
 The cafe is in close proximity to the Mosque - Islamic Society of Bay Ridge located at 6807 5th Avenue and the NYC Subway Station for the R line located at Bay Ridge Avenue and 4th Avenue.
 The cafe consists of two floors. The lower floor has approximately eight tables and seats approximately 20 customers. The upper floor has approximately six tables and seats approximately 16 customers.

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| Location Name: | Damascus Bread and Pastry Shop |
| Location Type: | Bakery |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 195 Atlantic Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-625-7070 |
| Zip Code: | 11201 |
| Precinct: | 084 |



Information of Note:

Owned and operated by a family of Syrian descent called Halaby.
 This location mostly sells Middle Eastern pastries, nuts, foreign newspapers and magazines.

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| Location Name: | Tarboosh Cafe |
| Location Type: | Cafe |
| Ethnicity: | Lebanese |
| Address: | Tarboosh Cafe |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | |
| Zip Code: | 11209 |
| Precinct: | 068 |



Information of Note:

A medium sized Arab restaurant that serves Hookah and Middle Eastern sweets.
 Owned and operated by Lebanese named Abu Amad.
 The store is located within walking distance to the Islamic Society of Bay Ridge Center at 6807 5th Avenue and the NYC Subway Station for the R line located at 4th Avenue and Bay Ridge Avenue.

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| Location Name: | Al-Salam |
| Location Type: | Restaurant |
| Ethnicity: | Lebanese |
| Address: | 7206 5th Avenue Brooklyn NY 11209 |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | (718) 921-1076 |
| Zip Code: | 11209 |
| Precinct: | 068 |



Information of Note:

A medium sized Arab restaurant and food store.

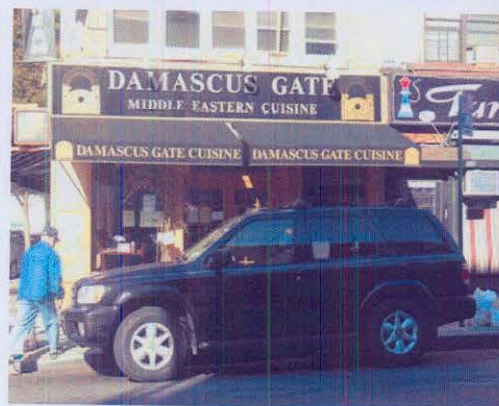
Owned and operated by two males of Lebanese Shiite descent.

The location is two blocks away from the Islamic Society of Bay Ridge Center at 6807 5th Avenue.

Located within walking distance from the NYC Subway Station for the R line located at 4th Avenue and Bay Ridge Avenue.

The store sells Mediterranean food, sandwiches, nuts and Halal meat.

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| Location Name: | Damascus Gate Restaurant |
| Location Type: | Restaurant |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 7224 5 Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-680-8844 |
| Zip Code: | 11209 |
| Precinct: | 068 |



Information of Note:

A Medium sized Arab restaurant owned by a male Syrian.

The restaurant has approximately 9 tables and seating capacity for approximately 50 customers.

The Restaurant is in close proximity to the Mosque - Islamic Society of Bay Ridge located at 6807 5th Avenue.

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| Location Name: | Nassem Meat Market and Grocery |
| Location Type: | Meat Market |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 25-65 Steinway Street |
| City: | QUEENS |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-777-7032 |
| Zip Code: | 11103 |
| Precinct: | 114 |



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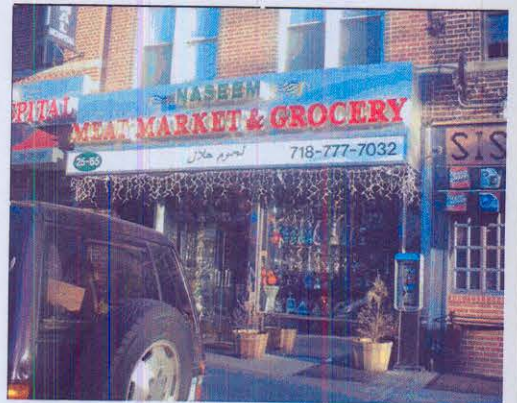
A large sized Halal meat store, owned and operated by a Syrian male.
 The location sells Mediterranean groceries in addition to Hookah Tobacco and video tapes and cds.

Syrian Owned Businesses

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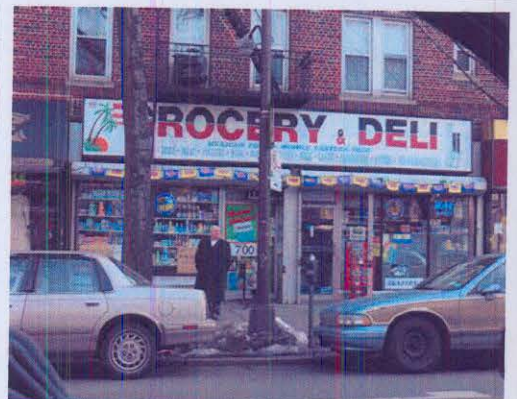
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Information of Note:

A large sized Halal meat store, owned and operated by a Syrian male.
 The location sells Mediterranean groceries in addition to Hookah Tobacco and video tapes and cds.

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| Location Name: | Nile Valley Grocery |
| Location Type: | Deli/Grocery |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 810 Kings Highway |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-336-6114 |
| Zip Code: | 11229 |
| Precinct: | 061 |



Information of Note:

Medium size grocery owned by a person of Syrian descent.

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| Location Name: | Borton's Sports Wear |
| Location Type: | Clothing Store |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 1213 Avenue U |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | |
| Zip Code: | 11223 |
| Precinct: | 061 |



Information of Note:

Location owned and operated by one male of Syrian descent.

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| Location Name: | Kings Row Men Clothing |
| Location Type: | Clothing Store |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 1105 Avenue U |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-382-5510 |
| Zip Code: | 11223 |
| Precinct: | 061 |



Information of Note:

Large store on two levels.
Owned by male of Syrian descent.

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| Location Name: | Jaffa Car and Limo Service |
| Location Type: | Car Service |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 1708 East 16 Street |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-376-6400 |
| Zip Code: | 11229 |
| Precinct: | 061 |



Information of Note:

Owned and operated by two males of Syrian descent.

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Location Name: | News Store |
| Location Type: | Newsstand |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 1520 Kings Highway |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | |
| Zip Code: | 11229 |
| Precinct: | 061 |



Information of Note:

Operated by the owner who is of Syrian descent.
A sign written in Arabic regarding Arabic newspapers observed at the location.

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| Location Name: | Beyer Farm Grocery |
| Location Type: | Deli/Grocery |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 8025 5 Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-492-3030 |
| Zip Code: | 11209 |
| Precinct: | 068 |



Information of Note:

Owned and operated by two males of Syrian descent.
This location sells mostly American products and fruit.

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| Location Name: | Verrazano Deli |
| Location Type: | Deli/Grocery |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 9130 4 Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-680-2819 |
| Zip Code: | 11209 |
| Precinct: | 068 |



Information of Note:

Grocery store owned and operated by a male of Syrian descent.
Location sells Arabic newspapers and music.

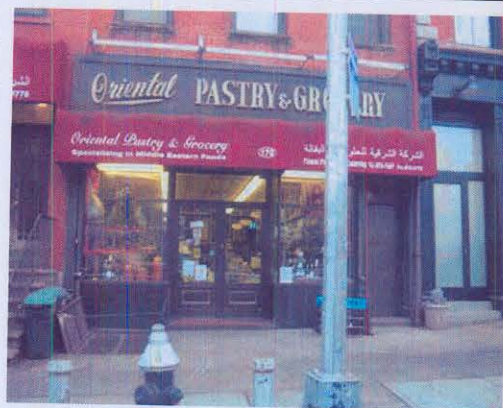
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| Location Name: | Fountain Cafe Restaurant |
| Location Type: | Cafe |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 183 Atlantic Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-624-6764 |
| Zip Code: | 11201 |
| Precinct: | 084 |



Information of Note:

Owned and operated by persons of Syrian descent.
This location sells Syrian and Middle Eastern food.

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| Location Name: | Oriental Pastry and Grocery |
| Location Type: | Pastry Shop |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 170 Atlantic Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-875-7687 |
| Zip Code: | 11201 |
| Precinct: | 084 |



Information of Note:

A medium sized Middle Eastern grocery and pastry shop.

The store is owned by a Syrian family.

The store also sells groceries, cold cuts, rice, Islamic books, video and audio tapes.

The store is in close proximity to NYC Atlantic Avenue Subway Station and the Brooklyn Queens Expressway.

The owner also owns a domestic and international travel agency called Oriental Travel which is located next door at 172 Atlantic Avenue.

The store is one block away from the Masjid Dawudi and Institute of Islam located at 143 State Street.

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| Location Name: | Oriental Travel Ltd. |
| Location Type: | Travel Agency |
| Ethnicity: | Syrian |
| Address: | 172 Atlantic Avenue |
| City: | BROOKLYN |
| State: | New York |
| Telephone: | 718-624-3001 |
| Zip Code: | 11201 |
| Precinct: | 084 |



Information of Note:

The office is located on the second floor; the owner also owns a pastry shop next door, located at 170 Atlantic Avenue. Observed a female named "Rasha" working in the travel agency, she recommended the "Royal Jordanian Airline."