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Hi, All,

Much has changed since Tamar Hayardeni took us on a tour of Kikar Hamusica a year or more ago. There is now a stage in the outdoor area, with a variety of musicians playing from noon-14:00 daily, then again at 19:00-23:00 nights excepting weekends. Today, the Israel Brothers played Kabbalat Shabbat music. There are klezmer, classical, pop, etc. Check kikar-hamusica.com for the schedule.

Piccolino, the lovely Italian restaurant managed by Nava Bibi (formerly the manager of Little Jerusalem at Bet Ticho), just started offering an upscale Friday all-you-can-eat buffet from 11:00-13:00. There is outdoor and indoor seating. Dishes include 6-8 different kinds of focaccia, straight from their tabun oven, 2 quiches (broccoli, spinach), ravioli with creamed mushrooms (my favorite), penne in tomato sauce, gravlax, muesli, fresh bread with 5 or 6 spreads (artichoke, sun-dried tomatoes, pesto, olive tapenade, etc.), and antipasti roasted vegetables. There are also a few kinds of cheese, cut fresh vegetables, guacamole, and unusual salads. Dessert is homemade cheesecake, apple tart, and cut seasonal fruits. Drinks include lemonade and orange juice. The food displays are palettes of color, and was very fresh and tasty. All for 80 ILS per adult (10 off with an eluna coupon) and 40 for kids.

What a pleasure to eat delicious food in a gorgeous reconstructed building where you can actually hear the people at your table. If you sit outside from noon on, you can enjoy the music.

Of course, Piccolino still serves their regular food throughout the week and Friday. Guides eat for free with their clients, and Nava was very solicitous of all of the guests. Their phone # is 02 624 4186.

Shabbat shalom,

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