

the winners

APPETIZER MENU**Apollo Grill**

85 W. Broad Street
Bethlehem
610.865.9000

ATMOSPHERE**Grille 3501**

3501 Broadway
Allentown
610.706.0100

BEER SELECTION**Allentown Brew Works**

812 W. Hamilton Street
Allentown
610.433.7777

&

Bethlehem Brew Works

569 Main Street
Bethlehem
610.882.1300

BEST OVERALL**Grille 3501**

3501 Broadway
Allentown
610.706.0100

BRUNCH**Vintage Restaurant & Bar**

100 Clubhouse Drive
Easton
610.923.8480

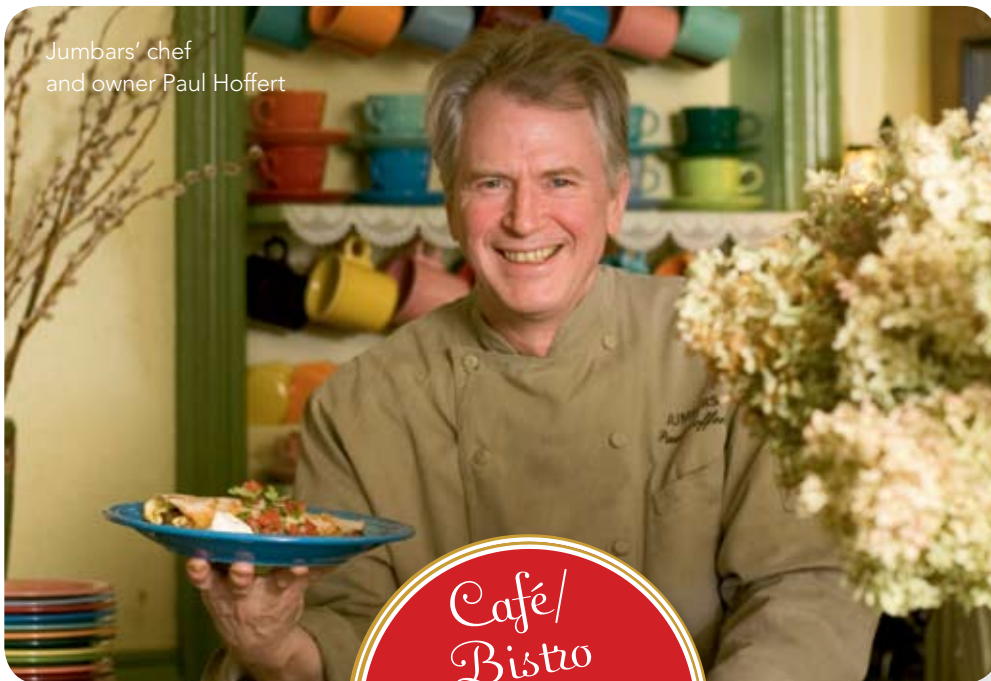
CAFÉ/BISTRO**Jumbars**

1342 Chelsea Avenue
Bethlehem
610.866.1660

CHINESE**Hunan Springs Asian Restaurant**

4939 Hamilton Blvd.
Allentown
610.366.8338

Jumbars' chef
and owner Paul Hoffert



Café/
Bistro
Jumbars

I'M A BORN SKEPTIC. When I walk into a deli in our Lehigh Valley, I don't expect an experience even remotely approximating the feel of New York's Katz's Delicatessen down on Houston Street (pronounced HOW-stun for the uninformed). So when I walked up to Jumbars' door, I was prepared for disappointment—café dining in an out-of-the-way neighborhood in Bethlehem? No way. Way.

On a recent early Sunday afternoon, I found Jumbars to be colorful and crowded, with fresh flowers on tables filled with multi-generational family groups, husbands and wives, and well turned out ladies in pairs and trios fresh from church. Light jazz played in the background. There was a happy buzz in the air, and so what if there wasn't a view of the Eiffel Tower in the background. Jumbars had a cozy, neighborhood feel that exemplifies a local bistro.

Only breakfast and lunch are served at Jumbars, only from Wednesday through Sunday. Breakfast is served all day. You can order eggs in all styles, including quiche and French toast utilizing the house-made baguette. There are banana walnut pancakes and peach-melba waffles, fruit and fruit juices

galore. Heartier fare included grilled or blackened salmon on beds of greens, specialty sandwiches, and yes, a burger—but a burger with spinach, Roma tomato, artichoke hearts, and provolone on house-made foccacia.

People who go to the chains for fast service should avoid Jumbars. "Speed is not what we do," says Mary Hoffert, a homesick native who convinced husband Paul to return to Bethlehem from New England to open Jumbars four years ago. "It's about quality of life for us." If it's about quality of life for you, join Mary, Paul, and their kids at Jumbars one day soon.



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