

# FINE WINE AND KOSHER, TOO!

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◆ Basil Pizza and Wine Bar—Corks and Kosher.

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Basil also opens early, serving freshly baked items to get your morning motor running, also made in accordance with Jewish dietary laws.

“I think we may well have the only kosher wine bar in America,” said Branover, “but our customers aren’t limited to kosher-keeping crowds.”

Even the executive editor of *Wine Spectator*, Tom Matthews, visited and Basil got a mention on the publication’s website. All sorts of customers—some Jewish, some not—are flocking to Basil because the food is great and the wine is delicious and it all just happens to be kosher! And what could be better than that?

*Basil Pizza and Wine Bar, 270 Kingston Avenue; Hours: Breakfast / Bakery 8:00am-1:30pm; Lunch / Dinner 11:30am-2:00am; Closed Fri –Sat for Shabbat; (718) 285-8777 or visit [www.basilny.com](http://www.basilny.com).*

If you think Manischewitz, Shapiro’s or Royal when you think of kosher wine, then you haven’t been to Basil Pizza and Wine Bar in **Crown Heights**, where the excellent vintage kosher wines compete head-to-head with the best wines of the world.

Owners Danny Branover and Izhak Alkaslasi didn’t want to sacrifice taste to keep kosher and they figured lots of other people felt the same way. That was the idea behind Basil, Brooklyn’s—and New York’s—first all-kosher wine bar.

Along with great wine, this Italian-style bistro serves artisanal wood oven pizzas, also kosher, loaded with yummy things like Sardinian anchovies, goat’s milk feta and fresh mozzarella made right on the premises. Hand-