

Bosnian Diaspora in Utica

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Password: Bosnia

Introduction

- Due to the Bosnian War in the 90s, many Muslim Bosnians fled Bosnia.
- Many settled in Utica, NY.
- Our research examines their resettlement in Utica and their impact on the city.

Methods

- Interviews with Utica residents
- Conducted surveys with the help of the BACA
- Fieldwork in Utica

Bosnian Cafe Menu

poached eggs with greek yogurt topped with a medley of flavorful spices and melted
with toasted homemade bread or gluten-free bread upon request. It comes with a
Turkish black tea for a delightful breakfast!

Menemen: \$13

derful heartwarming dish consisting of a mix of eggs, green peppers, tomatoes, m
cheese and other spices served with some toasted homemade bread.

Turkish Breakfast: \$16

gs cooked to your choice, served with a side of cucumbers, tomatoes, olives, feta
am, and a cup of Turkish black tea. Two slices of homemade bread are included.
gluten-free option available upon request.

Bosnian Breakfast: \$10

ces of fluffy & crispy Bosnian fried dough, served with cottage cheese and lusc
ter. Pair it with your choice of Bosnian Chamomile Tea or Bosnian Rose Hip T

Bosnian Meza Plate: \$22

Bosnian platter! This mighty dish comes with four pieces of fluffy & crispy Bo
smoked beef, beef sausage, Ajvar, Cheese, nutella and Eggs cooked to your c

Yummy Meza Plate: \$20

ble breakfast platter! Enjoy two homemade lean lamb and beef Bosnian sau

Bosnian Islamic Association



*West Bosnian Islamic
Center*



Ruznic Market

Findings

- Most Bosnians came to Utica as refugees with little English proficiency.
- Bosnians formed an informal support system to help them adjust to life in Utica.
- Bosnian Islamic associations and Bosnian businesses help keep their culture and traditions alive.
- Bosnian homes look American on the outside and feel Bosnian on the inside.

Conclusion

- Bosnian immigrants and their social and economic contributions revitalized Utica.
- Fusing American and Bosnian culture, their businesses thrived and became places where people built communities.

