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## OFF THE MENU

### Pekarna Opens, Featuring the Cuisine of Slovenia

Hot pot in the East Village, a new neighborhood spot in Prospect Heights, and more restaurant news.

#### Opening

##### **Merchants Cigar Bar**

Abraham Merchant has reopened his Havana midcentury-style cigar bar, in business since 1996 for legal smoking. But because of the pandemic, he has installed what he calls “state-of-the-art air purification technology” to monitor and disinfect the air, upgrading the system he had for cigar smokers. Cocktails and small plates are served along with the tobacco.

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