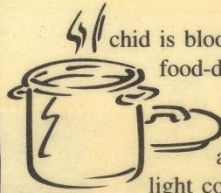


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Turkish delight: Hidden away in the back of the Courtyard Shops on Plymouth Road is a little Turkish restaurant that has gained a devoted following. Seating only about twenty-five, Ayse's Courtyard Cafe exudes an Old World dignity. On a late-winter Wednesday at lunchtime, fresh flowers are on the tables and a white or-



chid is blooming on top of the food-display case. Among the choices on the chalkboard menu are an amazingly light concoction of ground lamb, eggplant, and tomato and a subtle, comforting amalgam of macaroni, lamb, and hot peppers. A bowl of the delicately spiced lentil soup, one of the cafe's signature offerings, makes a terrific lunch. "It is all so simple" is Ayse's customary response to questions about her cooking. For dessert, half of a poached pear swims in a delicious nectar. "It's sugar-lemon syrup," Ayse tells us. "I just made them last night, and half were gone while they were still hot."