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A Slice of New York

A Slice of New York, in San Jose, is a Mecca for techies from the East Coast who are homesick for Big Apple-style pizza.

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A Slice of New York's Margherita pizza

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Native New Yorker Kirk Vartan, a former engineer, says he grew tired of what he saw as overly complicated West Coast pies, so he opened a pizzeria that primarily features the ingredients that are familiar on the other coast: high-quality tomato sauce, mozzarella and flour.

"I just want to give people the type of pizza shop I grew up with," he says.

Slice serves standards like cheese, pepperoni and mushroom, along with a few combinations. The portions are generous, making it difficult to save room for the cannoli and tiramisu, which are shipped from Long Island. Pizza is \$3 to \$5 a slice and comes with a free beverage with an order of two slices.

The plastic tables outside fill up quickly and there often is a line. But Jason Romanosky, a Cisco Systems Inc. manager who grew up in New Jersey and visits at least once a week, says the food is worth the wait. "It's the closest thing you can find to real pizza out here," he says.

A Slice of New York is located at 3443 Stevens Creek Blvd. in San Jose and opens at 11 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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