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Hosuton Hound in NYC: 2nd Ave Deli Report

I had the No.4 Decker sandwich (\$17), while my friend had the Instant Heart Attack (\$17).

Before the food arrived, we were served Jewish dill pickles (which weren't too sweet, but were just right and totally crisp) and a coleslaw-like pickled cabbage thing that had no milky dressing but was slightly sweet tasting.

The No.4 came, looking about six inches high, and my arteries trembled in fear as I gazed upon this tall monstrosity. In between the thin slices of Jewish deli rye bread, the "sandwich" had hot pastrami, corned beef and chicken salami in between. Somehow, I managed to actually eat the damned thing altogether without getting a locked jaw, but boy, it was good: pastrami was flavourful, and tender, and blended in with the corned beef and chicken salami to make a flavourful sandwich that was also extremely filling.

The Instant Heart Attack consisted of a "sandwich" made from fried potato pancakes instead of bread, with pastrami in between. It was, ironically, less filling than the No.4, and in my opinion, less likely to cause a heart attack than the No.4. It too, was flavourful and good.

Come to think of it, maybe they should rename the No.4 "Instant Asphyxiation".

All in all, it's definitely worth revisiting.

cheers
PJ

By **fatmonky** on May 19, 2004 02:59 AM

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Yeah, the combo sandwiches are great. They also make an ambrosial creamy cole slaw, but you have to pay for it. Great chopped liver too, and the motzah-ball soup is deservedly famous.

My favorite heart attack meal is braised turkey wing (don't knock it till you've tried it), with kasha varnishkas and egg barley, plus a tureen of gravy.

And a diet Dr. Brown's Celray Tonic :)

By **KRS** on May 19, 2004 10:27 AM

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re: KRS

I concur on the matzo ball soup and the chopped liver. I also enjoyed the gefilte fish. It was mild, light and just ever so slightly sweet. The serving was huge. Luckily, my friend and I

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had ordered one serving to split between us. The blintze were delicious, too.

 By [lizard acres](#) on May 20, 2004 07:59 AM

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