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My favorite: Nothing better than N.Y. pizza

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PIZZA TIME: The Cohen family, from left: Amy, Isabella, 2, and Alan, of Queen Creek, enjoys pizza by the slice at Venezia's New York Style Pizzeria in Mesa.

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My family and I have been living in Arizona since Aug. 11, 2001. I am from New York (Long Island and Queens), and there is nothing better than a New York pizza (and bagels). It is very hard to find anything that comes close to a New York pizza.

I would highly recommend Venezia's New York Style Pizzeria on Ellsworth Road in East Mesa. They are about 10 miles from us (we live in Queen Creek), but it is worth the drive.

The food is very good, and the people who work there are so pleasant. I was there recently with my 2-year-old daughter, and they came over and talked to us and offered us a piece of pizza for free while we waited.

I love the garlic and cheese pizza. My wife loves cheese, and I love the garlic.

They told us how their parents came from Italy and met in English class in New York, and they are very friendly people. I can sit there all day listening to their stories. It is very interesting, and the restaurant is cozy.

I can't say enough about the staff. When I am there, I feel I am back in New York. The pizza is great, and the staff is wonderful. You won't want to go anywhere else for a pizza. It's worth the trip. It really is.

I heard pizza is healthy for you. Maybe that's why I lost 50 pounds in the last year.

By *ALAN COHEN*

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If you go:

Venezia's New York Style Pizzeria

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