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Cooking school crops up on W. 17th

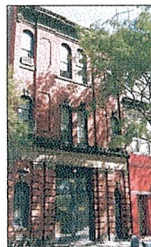
HAVEN'S KITCHEN, a new school focused on farm-to-table organic fare, recently signed a 10-year lease for 4,400 square feet at **109 W. 17th St.**

The asking rent was around \$90 a square foot for the 2,200-square-foot ground-floor space; the school also took 2,200 square feet on the second level.

The property, built as a carriage house, had been home to a Japanese furniture company. It has stood vacant for roughly a year. "There's a little bit of a premium [on the rent] because of the type of building it is," noted Matthew Lesser, the Leslie J. Garfield & Co. broker who represented landlord 109 W. 17th St. LLC.

He added that some potential tenants were put off by the amount they'd have to invest in renovations. The upside: the location's proximity to heavily trafficked Sixth Avenue and residential neighborhoods.

Haven's Kitchen is slated to open in November. Ron Teitelbaum, who runs his own real estate firm, represented the tenant.



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