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I get into a place to buy my favorite breakfast: Eggs on a roll with butter and couple slices of tomato (with a little salt & pepper).

I had some issue with this place before... But yet, when they work good... I am satisfied.

When I came in, I asked (to refresh my memory) How much it'll cost?! I did remember it was something under 3\$... And the man said it'll be 3.25\$. I asked wondering... if the price went up... and the man said seriously... "it will be".

While they were making it... I asked to pay... and while the man said it's 3.25\$ again... he open the menu (I guess to show me the price)... and we both saw that a Roll with Eggs = 2.65\$ + 30 cents for the tomato, is 2.95\$! "plus tax" the man said "it'll be 3.25".

I ask for a receipt from the register (in hope to see the calculations), But the man said it doesn't work... and started to write for a handwritten receipt (see on the right).

$2.95 + .30$ is a truly 3.25 dollars... BUT, that means, the tax is like more than 10%!?!?

The tax on "Food and beverages sold by restaurants and caterers" in NYC (like most purchases of Goods and Services) should be only 8.375 percent.

That means the tax charged for this sandwich be only 24.7 cents... and is they would have charge a quarter (25 cents)... I wouldn't make a big deal.

See also: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sales_taxes_in_the_United_States & http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/business/business_tax_nys_sales.shtml#rates

The guy was kinda upset... and gave me back (with an attitude) more change than needed...

I said "Thank You", and left.

The sandwich was good ☺

The image shows a handwritten receipt from 'BAGELS & PLUS'. At the top left, there is a 'Kosher' seal with the Hebrew text 'שומר שבת' (Shomer Shabbat) and a star. The receipt number '208169' is printed in red at the top right. Below the seal, the text 'חלב ישראל' (Cholov Yisroel) and 'פת ישראל' (Pata Yisroel) is visible. The receipt has fields for 'NAME' and 'ADDRESS', which are mostly blank. The main body of the receipt is a grid with handwritten entries. The total amount is written as '\$3.25'. The receipt is marked 'CUSTOMER COPY' at the bottom right. At the bottom, there are fields for 'RECEIPT NO.', 'DATE', 'COMPANY', 'TOTAL', and 'AMOUNT'. The receipt number '208169' is also printed in red at the bottom left.