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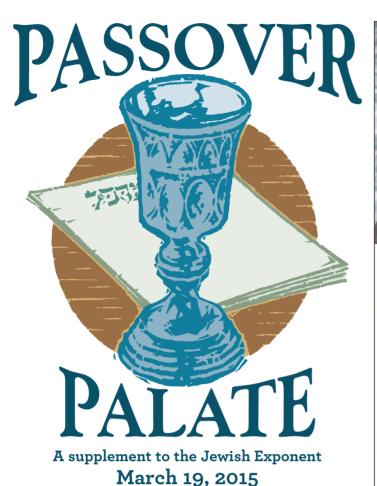
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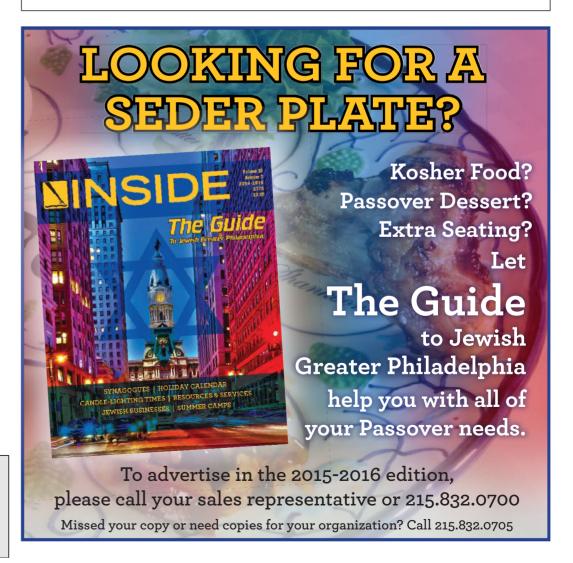
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# Saving the Sounds of Sarajevo

An upcoming book will shed light on a World War II freedom fighters' Haggadah.

### By Ilan Ben Zion

toting, Ladino-speaking, Jewish Communist partisans in Bosnia are not the first thing that usually comes to mind when talking about the Holocaust. A book soon to be published in English, however, may change that perception as it sheds light on a lesser-known story about Jews during the Second World War.

The Partisan Haggadah is a bawdy, grotesque parody of the Passover tale composed by a Jewish guerilla fighter, which Sarajevo's Jewish community continued to recite each year at the end of the seder for decades after the war. Through frank vulgarity and disjointed association of the sacred and the mundane, the comedic account of partisans fighting (and fleeing from) the Nazis distills the essence of the Bosnian Jewish

Bosnians, especially the Jews that have called Saraievo home since the 16th century, are "hard working at being funny," explained Professor Eliezer Papo, author of Fighting, Laughing and Surviving, which examines the unique riff on the Passover

Told in a blend of Ladino Serbo-Croatian corresponding with Aramaic lines from the Passover seder, the Partisan Haggadah provides a glimpse of the brutal reality of guerilla warfare against the Nazis, stripped of the glory commonly accorded to the fallen. Refrains of davenu — "enough!" — recount the anti-Fascist partisans' advances and retreats; fatigued fighters bemoan how unrelenting rains left the ragtag troops "soaked like rats, like monkeys — dear God — from great fear we wet our pants.'

Humor is "a cultural imperative" in the multiethnic Balkans, explained Papo as we sat in his south Jerusalem apartment bedecked with paraphernalia from back home swords and flintlock pistols, paintings of Bašaršija, old Saraievo's iconic main pigeon-filled square and miniature model

weighed down with innumera-

ture at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev by profession, with a knack for storytelling, he said comedy was the ideal instrument for a religious group to vent frustration.

Papo grew up as an active member of the Sarajevo Jewish community before moving to Israel in the 1990s after the outbreak of civil war in Yugoslavia. While Jewish comedy is typically associated with Yiddishkeit, he pointed out that Sephardic Jews for centuries had a rich tradition of parody — typically playing off the familiar material found in the Hagga-

dah. The *Partisan Haggadah* is battalion. Altogether, 691 Jews just one piece of a larger mosaic of Ladino parodies that date back at least to 1789, and were popular among Sephardim the war. from Suriname to Istanbul.

Before World War II, Sarajevo was 20 percent Jewish, home to eight synagogues and overwhelmingly Sephardic. The city fell to the Fascist Ustase regime in 1941 after Yugoslavia was invaded, occupied and divided between the Axis powers. Over the course of the war, 10,000 of the country's 14,000 Bosnian Jews were killed.

Many Yugoslav Jews fled to the Italian-controlled sectors along the coast, where Italian authorities interred them in concentration camps, but didn't engage in systemic mass murder of Jews like the Ustase or Nazis.

Šalom "Šani" Altarac was one of the several thousand Jews who were interned at the Rab concentration camp off the coast of modern-day Croatia.

gust 1943, Altarac and 244 other with his humor to stir within ble tomes on Jewish literature. young, untrained Jewish men us a type of hope in some bet-An expert in Sephardic litera- and women formed a Jewish ter tomorrow that is about to



fought in Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito's 7th Partisan Division; 100 died before the end of

"When the partisans arrived from Crikvenica on the Island of Rab, whoever wanted to join the partisans could join them," recounted fellow camp survivor Elvira Kohn years later. "A group of young Jewish boys registered and was sent to Korski Kotar. Most of them didn't know how to use weapons many of them lost their lives soon after they were liberated from Rab.'

Altarac, 29 years old when the camp was liberated, was a talented wordsmith and musician. Scion of a prominent Sarajevo Jewish family, he had received an extensive Jewish education. Isak Levi, a fellow camp prisoner and, later, a partisan, recalled in an interview with Papo that "in the most difficult times of World War II, in the times of the persecution of

Altarac became an education officer and following spring performed a sort of stand-up routine for the Jewish partisan troops hiding in the thickly wooded mountains of the Yugoslavian hinterland. It was a parody of the familiar Passover Haggadah, sung to a traditional Sephardic tune and accompanied by guitar, and it reframed Holocaust life in the mold of an ageless story of redemption.

familiar The lines opening of the Passover story as recited at

the beginning of the seder are rendered at the opening of the Partisan remix thusly:

"This is the bread of affliction — what a severe situation;

That our ancestors ate woe unto us;

In the land of Egypt — choking and drowning am I.

Let all who are hungry come and eat — miserable suffering and great pain.

Let all who are in need come celebrate Pesach — planes and great fear.

Now we are here — lice and fleas as a gift.

In the land of Israel as free men — until Comrade Stalin rescues us."

The irreverently told story is peppered with colorful characters such as a "well-hung fellow," "the fat whore" and Jakica Abinun, who "said that Levi Miša taught him to say [to the British] that he constantly pisses."

As a young man growing up in Sarajevo in the 1970s and '80s, Papo would hear the elders

irty jokes told by gun- mosques, his bookshelves With Italy's surrender in Au- the Jews, [Altarac] succeeded reciting snippets of Altarac's parody from memory after the famed ex-partisan songwriter died in 1975. Intrigued by the story he only partly understood. Papo asked his friend. who happened to be Altarac's grandson, whether there was a hard copy of the Partisan Haggadah anywhere. Altarac, who went blind in 1963, had apparently never written his routine down, but had taken pains to record himself singing it to musical accompaniment.

> Papo made a copy of the tape recording in 1989 and brought it with him to Israel in 1991. During the ensuing Yugoslav civil war, when Sarajevo came under a brutal two-and-a-halfvear siege, the original was destroyed. (Only years later, after presenting a paper on the subject, did he find an alternative, cleaned-up version that Alterac wrote down for a friend.)

> In his book, which was first published in Hebrew in 2012. Papo renders the original text into English. While some of the nuance — let alone the rhyme scheme — is lost, Altarac's blend of satire and anguish is universal.

> "How is this night different," a stanza opens with one of the familiar four questions in Hebrew — "This whole deal is worthless," comes the response in Serbo-Croatian.

"From all other nights? — Hitler is the beast of beasts.

On all other nights — [Ustase leader Ante] Paveli is an idiot,

We eat — and they drive a nail into us.

And tonight it's all matzah and we ate only corn mush."

While Bosnian Jews have always had a unique connection with Passover (the Sarajevo Haggadah, a magnificent 14thcentury Spanish manuscript that survived two Inquisitions. the Holocaust and the civil war, is the community's most revered artifact), under communism it became the central holiday for Yugoslav Jews, and was rebranded as an ethnic rather than religious festival.

The survivors of the war,

Papo said, "picked Pesach as a holiday that is basically a communist holiday — slaves rising up against exploitation" — and, crucially, one that was tolerated by Yugoslav authorities. With only about 2,000 community members, so few of whom were versed in the seder ritual, Sarajevo's Jews began celebrating the Passover meal together at the largest of the city's remaining synagogues.

But the demi-deification of Holocaust victims, whose faces and names adorned the very hall in which the seder was

"Now we are here —
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The PartisanHaggadah

held, conflicted with the survivors' desire to preserve a human memory of the friends and relatives slain in the war.

The Jews of Sarajevo "wanted to put a human face on the Holocaust," Papo said, and the *Partisan Haggadah* "totally humanizes" the mythologized heroes of the war — "farting and fucking, wanting to survive and eating."

Today, the Jewish community in Bosnia and Herzegovina is dwindling and, as elsewhere in the Sephardi world, Ladino is gradually dying out. While the Sarajevo Jewish community still holds a large communal seder each year, the *Partisan Haggadah*, like the rest of its genre, is no longer in vogue.

Despite the waning of Alterac's comedy and the generation who enjoyed it, a quintessentially partisan-flavored quotation from the Haggadah still decorates the hall at the Sarajevo's Jewish community center year round — "We were slaves."

Ilan Ben Zion is the chief Israel correspondent for Inside magazine and the Special Sections of the Jewish Exponent.



# Modern Recipes for Success

A new kosher cookbook serves up a perfect Passover meal.

Photos by Joseph Kemp

can cuisine, certainly she can teach the rest of us how to prepare inventive, delicious HALIBUT CHOWDER kosher-for-Passover meals.

That's not just hyperbole: Fein, a Connecticut-based cookbook author, instructor and food journalist, made her bones by writing two cookbooks for the Complete Idiot's Guide series. The Complete Idiot's Guide to Cooking Basics and The Complete Idiot's Guide to American Cooking.

Her latest effort, the recently released The Modern Kosher Kitchen, features more than 125 recipes designed to bring ease to the kitchen and joy to the table.

herself graciously Fein agreed to select a number of recipes to create a kosher meal during the holiday.

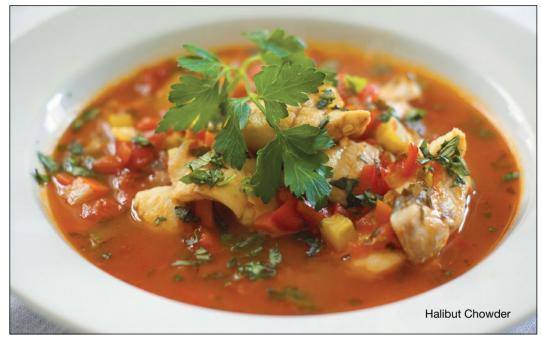
All recipes are from and cour-

f Ronnie Fein can teach idiots tesy of The Modern Kosher how to cook classic Ameri- Kitchen, published by Fair Winds Press.

When I don't feel like fussing with a main course, sometimes soup is supper. This chowder is filling enough for that.

Yield: Makes 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- medium onion, chopped
- red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- small chile pepper, deseeded and minced
- large garlic clove, finely chopped
- tablespoons tomato paste
- 28-ounce can tomatoes. coarsely chopped, including iuices
- cups vegetable or fish stock
- cup white wine
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh



basil

- tablespoons chopped fresh
- 3 medium carrots, diced (about

1/4-inch)

- 1 medium zucchini, diced (about 1/4-inch)
- 1½ pounds halibut, cut into

chunks

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

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Heat the olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add the onion, bell pepper, and chile pepper and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until softened slightly. Add the garlic and cook briefly. Stir in the tomato paste. Add the tomatoes, stock, white wine, basil and parsley. Bring to a simmer, cover the pan partially, and cook for 20 minutes.

Add the carrots and zucchini, cover the pan partially, and cook for another 10 minutes. Add the halibut. Season with salt and pepper to taste. cover the pan, and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until the fish is cooked through.

### HAROSET WITH PISTACHIOS AND PEPPER

Haroset is one of the symbolic foods on the seder plate, but in our family, we eat it as a relish with the meal. I've made dozens of versions over the years. This one is spicy, and my kids didn't like it at first. Now I double the recipe because it's everyone's favorite; we couldn't think of having a seder without it. Make this a day before serving to allow the flavors to blend and mellow. It may be made up to three days ahead. Store in the refrigerator, but remove from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving. Serve at room temperature.

Parve

Yield: Makes 6 cups

- 1 cup chopped dried apricots
- cup chopped dates
- ½ cup golden raisins
- tart apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- cup shelled pistachio nuts
- cup chopped almonds
- cup sweet red Passover wine
- cup apple cider vinegar
- teaspoons grated fresh orange peel

- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh ginger
- teaspoon ground cinnamon
- teaspoon cavenne pepper
- cup orange marmalade

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl. Mix together and let rest on the countertop at least 4 hours before serving. Mix the ingredients occasionally during that time.

Serving suggestions and variations: The peppery heat

gives this haroset real vitality. but if you don't like spicy food, you can leave out the cayenne pepper.

### **BRAISED LAMB SHOULDER ROAST WITH CHOCOLATE**

The chocolate adds a beautiful, rich, dark sheen to the gravy.

Meat

Yield: Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- shoulder of lamb roast, 31/2 to 4 pounds

- medium onions, chopped
- carrots, chopped
- 11/4 cups white wine
- 11/4 cups chicken stock
  - cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- bay leaf
- teaspoon ground cinnamon
- strips of orange peel, each about
- inches long
- ounce unsweetened chocolate Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat the oven to 300°F. Heat the olive oil in a deep heatproof casserole. Add the roast and cook over medium heat. turning it occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove the meat and set aside. Add the onions and carrots to the pan and cook for 3 to 4 minutes or until they have softened. Pour in the wine, stock and tomato sauce and mix the ingredients together. Add the parsley, thyme, bay leaf, cinnamon, orange peel, choco-

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- Tender Roast Breast of Turkey
- . Homemade Gefilte Fish w/ Horseradish
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late, salt, and pepper. Stir the ingredients until the chocolate has melted. Return the roast to the pan. Cover the pan. Bake for about 2½ to 3 hours, turning the meat occasionally, or until the meat is tender. Discard the bay leaf and orange peel. Remove the meat and let it rest for several minutes before carving. Skim the fat from the top of the pan juices.

Serve the pan juices and vegetables with the meat. Alternatively, you can boil the pan juices (with the vegetables) for a few minutes, if desired, for a thicker gravy.

Serving suggestions and variations: You can also make this dish using 4 meaty lamb shanks or leg of lamb instead of shoulder.

Did you know? It was an ancient custom to sacrifice a lamb before Passover and then eat it to begin the festival. That custom ended with the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E. Since that time, out of respect, fresh fruit, and it is particularly



we don't eat roasted lamb dur- refreshing after a big or heavy meal. ing Passover. Some people will Consider this dessert at Passover! not eat roasted meat of any kind. But lamb itself is not forbidden if it is braised with liquid as in this recipe.

### **ORANGE ALASKAS**

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Parve Yield: Makes 6 to 12 servings

- 6 navel oranges
- strawberries, halved or quartered
- 24 seedless red grapes, halved
- cup plus 6 tablespoons sugar, divided
- cup orange-flavored liqueur, brandy, or orange juice
- large egg whites

Cut the oranges in half. Carve out the flesh and cut into bite-size pieces. Place the flesh

berries, grapes, 6 tablespoons sugar and liqueur. Toss the fruit and let macerate for at least 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 425°. Cut a tiny slice from the bottom of each orange half so that they will sit upright on a plate. Spoon the fruit and accumulated juices back into the reserved orange halves. Set aside. Beat the egg whites until foamy. Gradually add the remaining ½ cup sugar, beating constantly until the whites stand in stiff. glossy peaks. Spread the meringue over the top of the orange halves, mounding it in the center and making sure to seal the edges to the fruit. Place the filled oranges on a cookie sheet. Bake for about 6 minutes or until the meringue is lightly browned. Let cool slightly and serve.

in a bowl and add the straw-

Serving suggestions and variations: You can add or substitute any fresh, colorful fruit such as kiwi, blueberries or raspberries.

Tip: Cut and carve the oranges ahead by a day and refrigerate; use all the juices that may accumulate in addition to the liqueur.

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And anyone else you want to invite to a flourless Passover dinner to remember, courtesy of a new Pesach-friendly gluten-free cookbook.



or people who avoid gluten, wither because of celiac disease or out of dietary concerns, there is no better holiday than Passover. The proscription against leavened bread means that wheat products — the main source of gluten in diets, although rye and barley are also major sources in Ashkenazic diets — are almost nonexistent during Passover, outside of the omnipresent matzah offerings.

That is what makes Aviva Kanoff's latest cookbook. Gluten Free Around the World, so handy at this time of year. While the inventive interpretations of recipes inspired by locales ranging from the American Southwest to Morocco to Vietnam to France are meant to be prepared throughout the year. there are a number of options from Kanoff — the author of the awardwinning *No-Potato Passover* — that are ideally suited to the Passover table, like the ones featured below.

All recipes are excerpted from Gluten Free Around the World by Aviva Kanoff. Reprinted here courtesy of the author and Brio Publishina.

### Spinach & Quinoa Fritters

Parve or dairy Yield: 4 servings

- cup quinoa, rinsed
- large white onion, diced
- Tbsps. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for frying
- cups diced fresh mushrooms
- cups chopped spinach salt, freshly ground black pepper, and garlic powder to taste
- large eggs
- cup gluten-free panko crumbs like Jeff Nathan brand
- Tbsps. shredded cheddar cheese (optional)
- 1. Prepare quinoa according to the directions on the package.
- 2. In a large frying pan, sauté onion in 2 Tbsps. oil over medium-

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high heat until translucent, about 5 minutes.

- 3. Add mushrooms and spinach and sauté for 3 minutes or until fully cooked.
- 4. Remove pan from heat. Add quinoa to spinach, mushrooms, and onion mixture and mix ingredients.
- 5. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder.
- 6. Transfer to a large mixing bowl and combine with eggs, panko and cheese, if using.
- 7. Heat oil in a frying pan. Once oil is sizzling, cooking 4 pieces at a time, spoon 1 Tbsp. of mixture into the frying pan. Cook until golden, about 3 minutes on each side. Remove from pan and drain on paper

### Sage & Onion Spaghetti Squash Soufflé

Dairy Yield: 6 servings

½ cup butter

- 2 large white onions, diced salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups cooked, shredded spaghetti squash (noted below)
- Tbsps. chopped fresh sage
- large eggs
- garlic cloves, chopped
- 1. Preheat oven to 400° and grease a 9-inch pie dish.
- 2. In a very large skillet, melt butter over low heat. Add

onions and a generous pinch of salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft and golden, about 30 minutes. Let onions cool com-

pletely.

3. In a bowl, mix together spaghetti squash, cooked onions, sage, eggs, garlic, salt and pepper, and pour into the prepared pie dish. Bake until crust is golden and crispy, about 45 minutes. If soufflé is watery, carefully pour off excess liquid and bake off some of the moisture for about 5-10 minutes.

### How to cook a spaghetti squash:

- 1. Score the whole squash with a knife 8-10 times to help vent out steam. This will prevent your squash from exploding within the microwave.
- 2. Place the squash on a microwave-safe dish and add a little water to the bottom, to help from having the squash dry out.
- 3. Microwave your squash in 5 minute increments until it is fork tender. Depending on the strength of your microwave, this could take anywhere from 5-25 minutes
- 4. Once cooked, allow to cool for 10 minutes. Then, cut in half lengthwise and using a spoon, scoop out the seeds and discard.
- 5. Using a fork, scrape the flesh against the grain to create your spaghetti squash "noodle" strands.

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### **Grilled Chicken** with Spicy Mango Salsa

Meat Yield: 2 servings

### Chicken:

- 2 Thsps. honey
- tsp. chopped fresh rosemary or 34 tsp. crushed dried rose-
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1½ tsp. paprika
- tsp. garlic powder 1/8
- tsp. onion powder salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 2 Tbsps. olive oil

### Spicy Mango Salsa:

- 3 ripe but firm mangos, peeled and diced (if closer to green that's OK, too)
- 1/4 cup lime juice

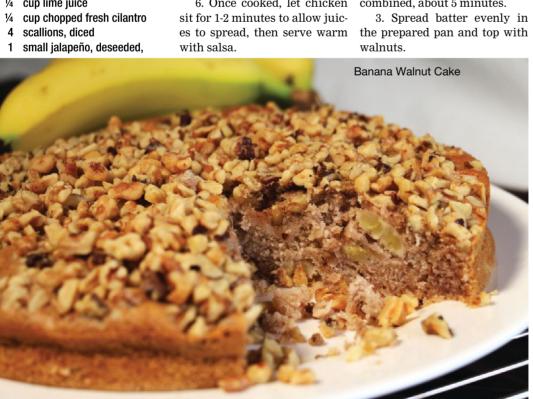
stemmed, and minced

- tsp. ground cumin
- ½ tsp. garlic powder Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1. In a large bowl, combine honey and all seasonings for the chicken.
- 2. Coat chicken strips lightly in oil. Rub spice mixture onto both sides of chicken strips and return chicken to bowl.
- 3. Refrigerate chicken for at least 30 minutes to absorb flavors.
- 4. While chicken is marinating, prepare the salsa by mixing all ingredients in a bowl.
- 5. To cook the chicken, you high heat for about 15 minutes, flipping frequently, or pan-fry them over medium heat for about 5 minutes per side.
- 6. Once cooked, let chicken

### Banana Walnut Cake

Parve or dairy Yield: 12 servings

- 1 (15 oz.) box gluten-free Passover yellow cake mix
- cup milk or almond milk
- large eggs
- cup vegetable oil
- 2-3 ripe bananas, roughly cut into pieces
  - tsp. ground cinnamon
  - tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups walnuts, chopped
- 1. Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 10-inch round baking
- 2. Empty cake mix into a can either grill the strips over large mixing bowl. Add milk or almond milk, eggs, oil, bananas, cinnamon, and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed, until evenly combined, about 5 minutes.





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4. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Let cool for 15 minutes before serving.

### **Chocolate Mousse Pie**

Dairy Yield: 6 servings

- 12-14 Passover gluten-free chocolate chip cookies, crushed
- 2 Tbsps. unsalted butter, melted
- cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- cup Passover semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup fully whipped cream, plus more for garnish
- cup chocolate, shaved

- 1. In a medium bowl, combine cookies and butter. Using your hands, press the mixture into a 9-inch pie dish.
- 2. Using an electric mixer, whip sugar and eggs until thick, fluffy and fully blended.
- 3. Place chocolate chips in a microwave safe bowl and microwave in 30-second increments until fully melted.
- 4. Using a spatula, fold melted chocolate into the bowl with the sugar and eggs. Gently fold whipped cream into the mixture and pour the mixture into the pie crust.
- 5. Refrigerate overnight and decorate with additional whipped cream and shaved





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Yield: 12-16 servings

- 2 packages Passover instant gluten-free vanilla pudding mix like Lieber's, Gefen or Osem
- cup packaged sweetened shredded coconut, plus more for garnish
- 4 cups macaroons or other Passover gluten-free cookies fully whipped cream fresh fruit (optional)
- 1. In a bowl, prepare pud-

ding according to the directions on the package. Once pudding has set, mix in coconut.

- 2. In a separate bowl, crumble macaroons or whichever cookie vou are using. Using dessert containers of choice, alternate layers of crumbled macaroons and pudding to create layers as you would with a lasagna or a trifle.
- 3. Top with additional coconut, whipped cream and fresh fruit if desired.

Tip: A 4-ounce Mason jar makes a nice and trendy single serving!



## The Replacements

This year's new Pesach foods are good enough to eat.

### By Greg Salisbury

week abstaining from all things leavened? No hummus, no peanut butter, no fried rice?

When faced with the kind of privation (in an admittedly minor interpretation of the word) that keeping Passover requires, the creative cooking juices - kitniyot-free juices, to be sure — start flowing. There are shelves of cookbooks, chat rooms and even index cards dedicated to making Passover foods so delicious that we don't even miss what we have been proscribed from eating.

Home cooks aren't the only ones who try to come up with new ways to make the holiday taste good; companies specializing in Jewish comestibles create new kosher-for-Passover items every year. What follows is just a sampling of the latest entries clamoring for your attention in 5775:

A word about availability: Due to this being the inaugural year that these items are being offered, the supply chain is not as established as it would be for, say, gefilte fish and egg-onion matzah. If your supermarket has run out or isn't offering an item you're interested in, you can order them off of sites like amazon.com and aviglatt.com.

### **No Capsicum Lately**

Why limit yourself to enjoying pepperoncini only when



you get a Greek salad? Now that carbohydrates than the regular Gefen is offering jars of these snappy little oblong peppers, with their dual spicy-but-nottoo-spicy and vinegary impact, vou can throw them into any type of salad you're composing, or simply have them out as part of a relish or condiment tray.

### You're Never Fully **Dressed Without a Smile**

Or, v'know, dressing. A new alternative to standard oil-andvinegar salad dressing this year is the cups

Sundried Creamy **Tomato** Ranch version offered by Blanchard & Blanchard. The

all-natural Passover-friendly alternative to Hidden Valley comes in an eight-ounce size, which will

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### On the Ball

If you've ever wondered what a gluten-free matzah ball would taste like, your prayers have been answered by Manischewitz. As part of the company's launch of a new line



of gluten-free products, they are now offering a matzo ball mix made with tapioca starch, potato starch and potatoes to replace the traditional wheat flour matzo meal. For those looking to lead the reducedcarb lifestyle, the gluten-free mix has only one gram fewer version.

### **Grape Expectations**

As part of its ongoing com-

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Grape Juice

mitment to offer more organic and products, Kedem is debuting an organic grape juice this year. This unadulterated beverage fills a niche for families looking to fill their voung with something non-alcoholic and all-natural For the adults looking for an excuse to drink this

instead of a sub-par wine, just mention how high it is in antioxidants!

### No Bones to Pick Here

For those of us who enjoy sardines year-'round, making sure to pick up the tins specially marked for Passover is a must in order to avoid eating fish that has been packed in soybean oil. This year, Season is making sure we get our



Omega-3's in a nice, spicy package with their new Hot Sauce holiday-friendly sardines. Made with the same sustainably harvested fish as at other times of the year, these boneless, skinless wonders should be among the more popular canned fish items this year, and would make a great topping for matzah or matzah-style crackers, depending on your allergies and dietary focus.

### **Getting the Crumbs Rush**

Tapioca starch and potato starch are definitely having





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a moment this year. They are also the star ingredients in the **Cajun gluten-free panko flakes** from Jeff Nathan. Nathan, one of kosher cuisine's most celebrated chefs/cook-



book authors/television cooking show hosts, has created a Passover-friendly version of the shatteringly crispy Japanese bread crumbs that have become increasingly popular in recent years. Using panko instead of traditional matzah meal will result in everything from latkes to schnitzel staying crispier longer.

### It's Got Style

Gluten-free finally comes to the most iconic of Passover staples, courtesy of Manischewitz. As with their gluten-free matzah ball mix, the company has eschewed wheat flour in fa-



vor of a combination of tapioca starch, potato starch and potatoes for its **gluten-free matzostyle squares**. In addition to plain, the squares come in a garlic-rosemary iteration.

### A New Leaf

If this isn't your "Next year in Jerusalem," then you can make it a little bit of the next best thing to being there by pouring a cuppa made from Is-



rael's top teamaker. Wissotzky, originally founded in Russia in 1849 and now one of the oldest tea companies in the world, makes a **kosher-for-Passover mint tea** that will suffuse any room it is sipped in with an herbaceous scent.

### **Tree's Company**

Matzah brie without syrup is like a day without sunshine. But short of making your own simple syrups or using Passover-friend-

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ly fruit spreads, there were precious few alternatives to the corn syrupdominated offerings out there. This vear. Gefen has come up with a simple solution. By simple, we

of ingredients. Their **maple syr-**

mean in terms

up is, basically, an all-natural reduction of Vermont maple sap. All. Natural. Passover.Syrup. You're welcome.

### **Bakin' Bits**

Although there is nothing wrong with noshing on dates, oranges, macaroons or matzah with butter and honey, there is also nothing wrong with indulging your sweet tooth with new dessert options, is there? If you answered "no," then be sure to

check out the lineup from the gluten-free bakery Rebecca & Rose, whose tagline is the charmingly inaccurate "Just Like Grandma's." It's a safe

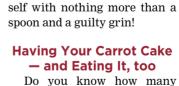


bet that there aren't too many grandmas out there who made gluten-free Passover desserts like the airy blondie crunch; chocolate-covered donuts that would look right at home in John Belushi's training bowl; and chocolate cookies with a gloriously crispy bite to them. If you do have a grandma who bakes like that, please invite us over for dinner. Or left-

### Losing Our Marbles Over This Passover Cake

overs; we're not picky.

If you're not going to make a Passover cake from scratch or from a mix, you may as well pick up one that was made at the source. Yehuda, the Israeli food company, now offers its made-in-Israel gluten-free cakes, including vanilla, chocolate and marble



different types of macaroons are made by the good folks at Manischewitz? Neither did we, until we had to write this article. Turns out that there are 15 distinct varieties out there, including red velvet, Rocky Road, cookies-n-cream and pistachio-orange to go with almond and coconut.

The newest flavor to join the expanding family — and our expanding waistlines — is car-

varieties, here in the United States. Continuing the theme of substituting wheat flour for tapioca starch and potato starch, these cakes are a welcome alternative to having to come up with yet another dessert option during the holiday.

### Leaving a Sour Taste in Your Mouth? Sweet!

Preserved **sour cherries** are such a versatile, delicious utility item to have in the Pass-



that they haven't been made

more widely available before.

Muddled into pre-dinner cock-

tails, drizzled over matzah brie,

swirled into flourless chocolate

cake, spooned over homemade

ice cream, garnishing a post-

prandial holiday beverage, add-

ing zing to seltzer for the kids

— and that's assuming that you

don't just finish the jar by your-

rot cake. Made with walnuts, carrots and brown sugar, these gluten-free morsels are also dairy-free — unless you decide you just can't resist topping them off with a little cream cheese frosting. Not that that's what we're planning on doing or anything.

### **Incredible Spreadables**

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Greg Salisbury loves his Passover-friendly sweets.



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