

Kosher Affairs

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And for a post-Passover treat: Ali's Cookies has expanded and added gourmet cupcakes as well as special order cakes, along with a completely parve kitchen. Advance notice is required for parve cookies and cakes.

NEW NEW NEW!

SODASTREAM IS BUBBLING. Many of you "old timers" remember when seltzer was delivered right to your door, perhaps in the New York area or here in Atlanta by our own Harry Baron. Well, you can once again have the convenience of carbonated drinks at home, easily and economically, with the simple-to-use home soda system from SodaStream. The SodaStream machine carbonates fresh water in reusable, BPA-free plastic bottles, without the use of batteries or electricity. The delicious syrups have no corn syrup, and the diet versions are aspartame-free. And you can control the amount of carbonation.

Simply fill a bottle with tap water, secure the bottle onto machine, press the carbonation button, and you're all done. Add one of the 30 soda mix flavors (OU kosher certified) and shake. And yes, soda lovers, they taste authentic and delicious!

The average cost is about 25 cents per 12-ounce serving. And, if you are simply a



fan of seltzer (or should we say sparkling water), the cost is about 25 cents per liter. By the way, the plain seltzer is kosher for Passover.

In the opinion of many rabbinical authorities, the SodaStream system may be used on Shabbos—but, to be sure, consult with your rabbi.

The system is available at Cook's Warehouse (cookwarehouse.com), which has stores in Ansley Mall, Decatur, and Brookhaven. By the way, if you haven't visited Cook's Warehouse, be advised that it is a wonderland of kitchen gadgets, appliances, and cookware. For more information or to order online, visit sodastreamusa.com.

KOLATIN IS GELLING. Finally, a kosher gelatin product that really, truly gels—and

yes, it is kosher for Passover. Now, for the first time, Kolatin Real Kosher Gelatin is available in consumer-sized packages for use in home cooking and baking. Most gelatin is derived from the collagen in animals' skin and bones; manufacturers of kosher



gelatin use substitutes such as fish-bone or seaweed-based products. Kolatin is the only kosher gelatin in the world that is of 100% glatt origin and is certified OU kosher, parve, and kosher for Passover by the Orthodox Union. It is a useful and essential ingredient in the preparation of mousses, custard gels, chiffons, and soufflés. If you don't see Kolatin in your supermarket, ask for it, or order at www.kosher.com.

BOOKS FOR COOKS

It is rare that I find a "must-have" Passover cookbook, since my Passover menu seems to be somewhat repetitive each year, with many family favorites. So, why is this year different? I have had the pleasure of reading and re-reading Pam Reiss's new book *Passover, A Kosher Collection*, and I absolutely recommend it. There are so many creative, unique, recipes including some that I can't wait to try, such

as Miami ribs and pineapple turkey meatballs. Read more about the book at kosher-eye.com or at Pamreiss.com.

The Kitchen Dance is the little cookbook that could—a homey, friendly offering by husband-and-wife team (and cooking mavens) Elana Milstein and Rob Yunich, packed with simple-to-make, easy-to-follow recipes, doable in even the smallest of kitchens. The book offers tips for stocking the kitchen, shopping, and entertaining in tight quarters. There are several excellent kosher-for-Passover recipes as well. For more information or to order, visit theKitchenDance.com.

KOSHER AFFAIRS ON THE ROAD. On a recent trip to Naples, Florida, we were delighted to meet Shalom Dahan of Kosher on Wheels (Kosheronwheelsflorida.com). This entrepreneurial grocer drives his "mobile market" to central Florida cities, making kosher foods available to those who can't buy them locally. Shalom, a native Israeli, has been doing this for three years and makes regular stops in Tampa, Sarasota, and Orlando; recently, he made his first stop in Savannah, Georgia. He offers groceries, meats, and poultry, and he has a complete Passover selection. The service is quite successful and appreciated by his loyal customers. It certainly meets with the approval of Rabbi Fishel Zapli of Naples, who welcomed the trailer to the

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