

ANDREY MOISENKOV'S FAVORITE RECIPE

- 14.1 ounces semisweet chocolate
- 7-ounces butter
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 and ¼ cups grounded almonds
- 1 container of heavy whipping cream
- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Oil a cake pan or cover with baking sheet.
- 3. In a bowl scramble the eggs.
- In a mixing bowl combine the butter with 7 ounces of melted chocolate and melt in the microwave. Once melted, mix in with the grounded almonds, scrambled eggs and sugar.
- 5. Mix well until a smooth mixture is created and pour into the cake pan.
- 6. Bake for 35 minutes.
- While cake is baking, in a microwave safe bowl mix the rest of the chocolate with the heavy whipping cream and let sit in the microwave. Once in a while take the bowl out and mix until a shiny ganache is created.
- 8. Take the cake out of the oven and pour the ganache on top of the hot cake and chill in the fridge until time to serve.

ANDREY MOISENKOV

Son of Ella and Alexander, Andrey was born in Russia on the 8th of Kislev, November 25, 1990. He had an older half-sister – Nadia.

Andrey, his mom and his sister made Aliya to Israel on May of 1995, when he was four and a half years old. Later they moved to Ashkelon where Andrey was raised.



Andrey went to "Neveh Dkalim" primary school and to "Mekif Irony Alef" for high school. He majored in environmental sciences and computer sciences, and was noted as a good student, modest and always smiling. He was very loved by his classmates. He finished high school in 2009.

In August of 2009 Andrey was drafted to the army and was placed in the Israeli air force. After basic training he finished with honor his Aviation wire course and served in the base in Hatzor. Andrey was an exemplary soldier, hard working and committed to the task.

During his service, Andrey received a sergeant rank and was promoted to a head of staff role and was preparing to go to officer school. His family shares how he loved his army service and saw it as a mission.

Andrey passed while on duty on January 30, 2012 and was 21 when he died. He is buried in the Ashkelon military cemetery. He left behind two parents and his half-sister.

On his grave, his family wrote in Russian "so much you've taken of us with you, so much was left of you with us."

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ELAD BEN-DAVID'S FAVORITE RECIPE

TÚRÓGOMBÓC-HUNGARIAN CHEESE DUMPLINGS

Serves 15-20 dumplings

10.5 ounces farmer cheese2/3 cup semolina2 large eggs1.5 full tablespoons of sugar

For the icing: 2 tablespoons butter ¾ cup of breadcrumbs Sugar to taste

- Using a wooden spoon, press the farmers cheese through a medium sieve into a large bowl. Then add the rest of the ingredients for the dumplings and mix well until a cohesive mixture is created. It's important to mix well so the cheese is part of the mixture and is not left in lumps. Then cover with saran wrap and put in the fridge for an hour (it can cool from an hour to a day, depending on preference).
- 2. Bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil over high heat.
- 3. Create balls out of the mixture and place in boiling water.
- 4. Cook the dumplings in the water until they float and then let them cook for an extra 7-8 minutes. It's important to not touch the dumplings while they are cooking because they tend to dissolve.
- 5. In a frying pan, melt the butter and add the breadcrumbs and sugar. Cook for 3-5 minutes and put on a wide plate.
- 6. When the dumplings are cooked, take out with a slotted spoon to the place with the icing and roll until evenly coated.
- 7. Serve with sour cream, jam or plain, but make sure to serve them HOT!

ELAD BEN-DAVID

Son of Naomi and Arye, Elad was born on the 19th of Tevet, December 28, 1969 in Ashkelon.

Ever since he was a young boy, in kindergarten, it was noted that Elad was very smart with many talents. Elad went to primary school in Ilanot and then for high school he went to Tagar majoring in biology. He loved nature and had a high emotional intelligence and awareness of others. He was very active in school clubs and in the Israeli scouts since he was eight years old.

Elad was always there to help a friend in need and was even the head of the student council in his school. He was also elected to represent the Ashkelon scout "Shevet" on a delegation to the U.S. Jewish community. He finished high school with honors and even won a prize for his achievements.

Elad was drafted in September of 1987 and was in the Nachal brigade for a year and a half. Then he went on to officer school as a paratrooper and finished with honors, gaining the honor of having Yitzhak Rabin himself (then the IDF chief of staff) reveal his ranks. In 1992 he received an IDF chief of staff award and represented Israel in LA as part of that year's Independence



Day celebrations. In 1993 he planned on retiring from the army to pursue his passion in medicine but decided to hold off after he got his appointment as commander of an elite paratrooper unit.

Elad was killed in a battle in south Lebanon while doing an operational tour on April 13, 1993 and was buried in the Ashkelon military cemetery. He left behind two parents and two brothers.

A condolence letter written by Yitzchak Rabin was sent to his parents noting Elad as the intelligence and gifted officer he was and how he commanded his troops with example. He was ranked a major after his death.

In his memory a website was created: אלעד בן דוד - אתר הנצחה - Elad Bendavid where photos, letters, news snippets and a song written in his memory can be found.

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ELAD VALENSTEIN'S FAVORITE RECIPE

3 cups of flour
3 eggs
2 cups of milk
4 teaspoons of sugar
7 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
½ teaspoon of salt
2 cups baking soda
Butter to grease the frying pan.



- 1. In a mixing bowl, place the flour and create a small hole in the middle. Place the eggs, milk, sugar, butter, vanilla extract and salt in the hole. Mix (preferably in a mixer) until a smooth liquid is created. It's important to make sure there are no lumps at all in the mixture.
- 2. Right before you start frying, add to the mixture the baking soda. Make sure the mixture is in a liquidy consistency.
- 3. Heat a medium size frying pan and when hot, melt ¼ teaspoon of butter so it coats the pan evenly.
- 4. With a small ladle, pour the mixture onto the pan and shake lightly so the mixture coats the pan evenly.
- 5. Fry on medium heat for 1-2 minutes until bottom is golden, flip and do the same to the other side.
- 6. Once ready, transfer onto a plate.
- 7. Keep frying the rest, adding butter to the pan each time to make sure the mixture doesn't stick until no more mixture is left in the bowl.
- 8. Fill the blintz with any filling you'd like- chocolate, jam, sweet cheese etc., roll and serve. For an extra spark, add powdered sugar on top.

ELAD VALENSTEIN

Elad was born in Ashkelon on a Sunday, 8 in the month of Sivan, May 30, 1982 and was killed on November 13, 2000 in a bus shooting on his way back from a settlement security assignment.

He was 18 1/2 when he died.

Elad, the son of Edna and Uzi and brother of Tomer and Dvir, grew up in a loving home and was educated



on the values of loving the land and a love of the sea and of nature. Since he was a young boy, he and his family loved traveling across Israel and he used to love asking questions and researching different things in the field of geography, physics and philosophy.

He finished primary school in Beit-Yechezkel and moved to Mekif Irony Alef for high school. There he majored in physics, biology and math and was an honor student. Elad was part of the Israeli scouts as a participant and later became a counselor and head counselor. He put a lot of hours into the Shevet in Ashkelon.

In the 10th grade, Elad met his girlfriend Yael who became a family member in their house and together they dreamed of a future and how after the army they planned to fly to Scotland following the Die Hard movie.

Elad was drafted to the Israeli Navy and was in a course to be an electronic warfare technician on a missile ship. Elad was happy to be elected to serve such a significant service that would allow him to display his talent.

On Sunday, November 13, 2000, at 4:00 p.m. the bus Elad and other soldiers in his unit were on was shot at by a terrorist ambush and Elad was killed on the spot.

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All of Elad's dreams were gone and ever since the family has been in mourning.

Let's hope for better days.





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KEREN ROTSHTEIN'S FAVORITE RECIPE

FRENCH ONION SOUP

Number of servings: around 4 cups Cooking time: 60 minutes

- 1.7 ounces of butter
- 1.7 pounds of finely chopped onions
- 2 teaspoons of flour
- 4 cups of vegetable soup
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 a Baggett
- 1.7 ounces of shredded cheese

- 1. Melt the butter in a pot and add the chopped onions.
- 2. Lower the fire and cook the onions slowly for 20-30 minutes. Make sure to not burn the onion.
- Once the onion is evenly cooked and has a glistening brown color, add the flour, stir and cook for an additional 5 minutes.
- 4. Add the vegetable soup, the salt and pepper. Bring to boil and continue cooking on low heat for 15-20 more minutes.
- 5. Close to the serving time, toast the baguette in the oven. Flip and cover with cheese, cook until cheese is golden.
- 6. Taste the soup and fix seasoning if needed and pour the soup into bowls.
- 7. Place the grilled cheesy baguette on top.

KEREN ROTSHTEIN

Keren Rotshtein was born to Aviva and Avi Rotshtein on 16 of Tamuz, July 18, 1981 in Jerusalem. Keren has a twin sister named Idit and another sister named Chen. Keren grew up in Ashkelon and went to "Beit Yechezkel" elementary and Ort Henry Ronson high school.

Keren was an asset when it came to social innovations and her values. She stood out with her work in the school student council and the city student council. She wrote to the school newspaper, produced her class yearbook, was a counselor in many different organizations and youth movements, putting an emphasis on her teaching, the love of the land and the heritage of the State of Israel. When she was a senior, she was awarded a certificate of appreciation and an award of "excellence for an active youth in the community" from the mayor of Ashkelon.

On October 1999, Keren was drafted to the IDF and began her service as an educational NCO. She later went on to become an officer, going through officer school and when finished she became an educational officer in Pikud Darom (in charge of the southern part of Israel) in the city of Be'er Sheva. Her commanders and her soldiers loved her and appreciate her a lot as a person and as a professional authority. She



even got the nickname "mom" for her sensitivity and the personability she showed each one of her soldiers.

Two months after she received her Lieutenant rank, she was brutally killed on Sunday, February 2, 2002 by a terrorist shooting next to her base in Be'er Sheva. With her fell Private Aya Malachi.

Keren was 21 when killed, eight months before she was supposed to finish her army service and start her life. She was buried in the military cemetery in Ashkelon.

Why this recipe was chosen: When Keren received her first paycheck as an officer, she invited her mom to eat out in a restaurant.

Keren insisted on paying the bill and did not allow her mom to pay. Ever since this story, the taste of onion soup leaves a sweet taste of memory and filles Keren's mom with longing for her daughter.

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ROI MOSHE ZADA'S FAVORITE RECIPE

CHOCOLATE CAKE

Serving size: 2 English cake pans

4 eggs

- 1 cup sugar
- Cup of hot chocolate mix
- 1 tablespoon of cocoa powder
- 1.5 cups of self-rising flour
- 1 cup of oil
- ¹/₂ cup water
- 1/2 container of heavy whipping cream
- 1 bar of semisweet chocolate

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. In a mixing bowl scramble the eggs and add the rest of the ingredients- sugar, chocolate mix, cocoa powder, flour, water and oil.
- 3. Once the mixture is smooth, pour into two English cake pans that were lightly oiled to prevent the cake from sticking or use baking sheets.
- 4. Bake the cake until solid. Use a toothpick and poke the middle of the cake- if it comes out wet, it needs more time. If it comes out dry, it's ready!
- 5. While cake is in the oven, in a microwave safe bowl place the heavy whipping cream with the chocolate (broken into pieces). Heat in the microwave and take out once in to mix. Once the chocolate is melted and combined with the cream, the mixture is ready.
- 6. Take the cake out of the oven, poke small holes throughout the cake and pour the chocolate ganache on top.
- 7. If you'd like, you can decorate the cake with different toppings such as sprinkles.

ROI MOSHE ZADA

Son of Ruti and Yehoshua, Roi was born on the 3rd of Elul, August 22, 1982 in Ashkelon. He is the younger brother of Dikla and the older brother of Eliran and Yossi. He went to "Rotem" primary school and to Henry Ronson high school, but when he saw that school was interfering with his soccer



practices, he moved to Ort Adibi, a professional-oriented school where he finished with honors as a technician major.

Roi practiced soccer since he was eight and it was the love of his life and his passion. He used to play every chance he had and was part of soccer teams such as "Hapoel Ashkelon" and "Irony Ashkelon" when he got older, together with teams he created in the neighborhood he grew up in.

On March 2001, Roi was drafted and was a soldier in the Logistics Corp, serving in Be'er Sheva. Roi was an exemplary soldier and represented his base in a promotional video. He was an exemplary friend, a loving and caring brother and always had a smile on his face. In the last two years of his life, Roi had a girlfriend, Moran.

One day, while playing soccer he collapsed and was rushed to a hospital in Be'er Sheva.

After a week, on February 2, 2003, Roi passed away. Roi was 20 when he passed. He is buried in the military cemetery in Ashkelon, leaving behind his parents, sister and two brothers.





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SHAHAF NISANI'S FAVORITE RECIPE

- 1 chopped onion
- 1sliced jalapeno (optional)
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1 tablespoon spicy paprika
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon chicken soup powder
- 4 tablespoons tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons of boiling water
- 2 tablespoons sweet chilly
- 1 pack of uncooked pasta of choice

- 1. On high heat, fry (with your choice of oil) in a pot or large pan the onion and jalapeno until golden.
- 2. Lower the fire and add the garlic, spices and tomato paste and mix for about 5 minutes.
- 3. Add the boiling water and let it all come to boil.
- 4. When the sauce is oiling, add the sweet chilly and uncooked pasta to the pot.
- 5. Cover with a lid and let cook for 15-20 minutes.
- 6. When done cooking, turn off heat and let sit with the lid on for another 10 minutes to let the pasta absorb the sauce.
- 7. Serve and enjoy.

SHAHAF NISANI

Sgt Shahaf Nisani Z"l, was born and raised in Ashkelon. She served for two years as an observer in the Border Protection Corps, Eagle Battalion 414, at the Nahal Oz base.

Shahaf chose to be an observer in Nahal Oz, knowing how

close it is to the Gaza boarder and saw this role as her mission to protect the people of Israel with dedication, responsibility, and great love.

Shahaf was one of 16 observers murdered in the Nahal Oz on October 7th. She was 20 years old when murdered and was supposed to be released from duty that week.

Shahaf loved food and in her army base always cooked for her friends and was known for her talent. At home, she only needed to ask, and her mom Ilana would immediately go into the kitchen and cook for her.

This pasta was one that her sister would always make for her when she would come home from the base. And of course it will always be hot and ready for when she arrived home.

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KESHET ZOHAR'S FAVORITE RECIPE

- 1.5 cups self-rising flower
- 1 full tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee powder
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup oil
- 3 eggs

For decoration: walnuts or sliced almonds

- 1. Preheat oven to 340°F.
- 2. In a bowl, add the eggs and start mixing.
- 3. Mix in the oil and sugar.
- 4. Mix in the maple syrup.
- 5. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.
- 6. In a baking pan, pour the mixture.
- 7. Bake the mixture in the oven for 25-30 minutes.
- 8. Decorate and enjoy the cake.

KESHET ZOHAR

Keshet Zohar was murdered on Saturday October 7 with her parents and her younger sister in their home in Kibbutz Nahal Oz.

Keshet was 20 years old, was very friendly, curious in nature,

loved learning about things and was known for her smile. She also loved animals and raised a dog named "Habibi" who was also brutally murdered.

Keshet was a third year student in the "Megama Le'Atid" program in Ashkelon, earning her cooking certificate with a specialty in hotels.

This past Sukkot, a few days prior to her murder, she shared with her class this Maple syrup cake.

On Keshet's birthday (Feb. 22) her friends commemorated her memory making her favorite recipes, creating, and sharing videos of her and singing in her honor. They even created aprons with her photo. At the end of that day, they released balloons with the clear saying "We remember you Keshet".

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YEHOSHUA HATAB'S FAVORITE RECIPE

- ½ cup (3.5 oz) raw walnuts
 ½ cup (3.5 oz) raw pistachios
 ½ cup (3.5 oz) raw pecans
 1¼ cup (3.5 oz) sugar
 1 cup water
 Juice of ½ lemon
 1 package of phyllo dough
 Oil for brushing
- 1. Grind the walnuts, pistachios, and pecans together into thick chunks.
- 2. Mix the ground nuts with ¼ cup sugar and the lemon juice.
- 3. Take 3 sheets of phyllo dough and lightly brush oil between each layer.
- 4. Spread a strip of the nut mixture along the edge of the dough (lengthwise) and roll it tightly into a log.
- 5. Repeat the process until all the filling is used.
- 6. Arrange the rolls in a baking dish, brush the tops with oil, and cut them into diamond shapes.
- 7. Bake in a preheated oven at 350°F for about 20 minutes, or until golden brown.

For the Syrup:

- 1. In a saucepan, bring 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water to a boil. Add a little lemon juice.
- 2. Once the sugar has dissolved, pour the syrup over the baklava as soon as it comes out of the oven.

YEHOSHUA HATAB

Yehoshua went out on the morning of Simchat Torah, October 7th, 2023, for prayer despite his concerns. He had never been afraid of military escalations, but this time he understood that it was different.



In his own way, he reassured his family and promised that he would go to a synagogue with a safe room.

Around 10:00 AM, synagogues in the neighborhood began to evacuate. A few minutes later, the family heard a massive explosion! they realized that a rocket had landed very close to their home. Everyone returned from the synagogue—except for Yehoshua.

Unfortunately, the injured person was Yehoshua. Due to the severity of his injuries, it was difficult to recognize it was him, even by those treating him who knew him well.

Only after the ambulance crossed the gates of the hospital did he lose consciousness. For four days, Yehoshua was hospitalized in critical condition, and on Wednesday morning, October 11, 2023, he passed away.

A little about Yehoshua:

Yehoshua was born and raised in Moshav Berekhya, near Ashkelon.

He served in the armored corps during his regular military service and later served in the Air Force as a career soldier.

Yehoshua loved helping everyone; he was a man of kindness.

He had a saying that truly defined him: "You don't need Good Deeds Day to do good."

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