

Making a case for baskets

In the pre-holiday rush, sometimes it's best to let someone else get the gifts together

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Many people struggle to think of appropriate gifts to buy their family and friends for the holidays. Gourmet gift baskets make wonderful presents any time of the year, but they are especially welcome around the holidays. Almost everyone loves and appreciates the gift of food, and if you don't know what to give someone or you are short on time, a gift basket is a quick and convenient way to show someone they are appreciated.

Here are some (kosher) options to consider this season.

Boutique pastry shop Sweet Sins (Hataim Metukim) in Tel Aviv's Neveh Tzedek neighborhood has wonderful gift baskets and boxes featuring some of its best products. Customize your own package by choosing from artisan chocolates, pralines, cookies, other sweets and tasty gourmet treats. Rehov Shabazi 67, Tel Aviv. (03) 516-2708.



Roy Gershon, owner of **Roy Chocolates**, has created a brilliant assortment of creative and reasonably priced gifts for Rosh Hashana. Choose from a variety of smooth truffles, pralines and milk or dark chocolate in seasonal flavors. www.roychocolate.co.il or 077-559-4779.



The premier place for buying gourmet foods, **Bellina** pastry shop at Tel Aviv's Sea & Sun compound has a wonderful selection of gift baskets and assortments. Only the very best delicacies are used. Offered in a range of prices from NIS 99 to NIS 299, these delectable gifts are appropriate for everyone. (03) 699-6088.



Specializing in gourmet olive oil products, the concept store **liveO** in Tel Aviv has some delectable gift baskets for anyone who enjoys cooking. Choose from a variety of extra-virgin olive oils, green or black olive tapenade, sun-dried tomatoes, pesto spread and much more. NIS 120 for a package of three spreads and a bottle of olive oil. Sderot Rothschild 21, Tel Aviv. (03) 560-9999.

For the chocoholics, the on-line shop **ChocoLove** has a brilliant collection of sweet and personal gifts made by the country's top chocolatiers. Pick a gift of handmade quality chocolate

according to your preferred chocolatier, or make your own combination of chocolates, and ChocoLove will send your order chilled and beautifully wrapped anywhere in the country. www.chocolove.co.il or 1-700-50-50-39.



Pastry chef **Miki Shemo** offers a wonderful assortment of gift baskets to fit any budget. His assortment includes lots of delicacies made of high-quality products, such as ginger honey cake, apple strudel, homemade sweet halla and individual pastries. Prices range from NIS 69 to NIS 129. www.shemo.co.il or (03) 744-8070.

