

Rachael Ray every day

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A GREAT
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168 ways to
celebrate the season



IF YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT RACH'S HUSBAND ON STAGE, catch him online! John's band, The Cringe, was recently part of Mötley Crüe the Final Tour, and the YouTube clips are awesome. "Touring with two rock legends, Mötley Crüe and Alice Cooper, has been a dream," John says. "They bring the rock night after night. And despite their hard-partying reputation, the backstage is populated with wives, dogs and kids."

Thanks a latke, General Tso!

Chinese food on Christmas? Yup, it's a thing for American Jews, as Chinese restaurants are among the few open that day. And now, chefs are taking the tradition to the next level with cool cultural mashups. **BY LEAH KOENIG**

Manhattan Iconic smoked-fish outpost Russ & Daughters Cafe is teaming up with hot spot Mission Chinese Food. Though the menu has yet to be revealed, last year's sold-out debut included kung pao pastrami and congee topped with trout roe and scallions, plus fortune cookies stuffed with pearls of Yiddish wisdom. russanddaughterscafe.com

Boston area Inspired by the Chinese Christmas dinners of his youth, chef Michael

Leviton of Lumière is serving up the likes of chow fun and chicken consommé with ginger and ginseng. For good measure, he's also offering latkes topped with house-smoked bluefish. lumiererestaurant.com

Philadelphia Israel native and chef Michael Solomonov serves up dinner and a movie on Christmas at Philly fave Zahav. On the screen? Still a secret! On the plate? Thai treats. zahavrestaurant.com

New Orleans Chef Alon Shaya is bringing a new tradition to New Orleans. He's slinging 5-spice barbecue brisket with pickled cabbage and tahini at his modern Israeli restaurant, Shaya. shayarrestaurant.com

San Francisco A lineup of corned beef challah bao, potato-scallion latkes and sweet-and-sour schmaltz-glazed chicken wings may well make Christmas the busiest day of the year at San Francisco's Wise Sons Jewish Delicatessen. wisesonsdeli.com

New York City The über-hip delicatessen Mile End is celebrating with Chinese dishes both expected (Peking duck, egg drop soup) and remixed (smoked-meat fried rice). mileenddeli.com



FACTOIDS YULE LOVE!



According to Google, ham takes 30 out of 50 states in the category of most-searched holiday entrée. A notable outlier? New Mexico, where brisket reigns supreme.



The elderflower-flavored St-Germain cocktail is the most-searched holiday drink. But Tennesseans go their own way... with the Slippery Nipple.



Gingerbread and no-bake cookies are tied for most-searched cookies. South Dakota, however, would rather have Oreo Cookie Balls—and Massachusetts, Italian cookies.

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