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always taught me, "There are no coincidences," and, accordingly, Vicky showed up in my life exactly when I was ready for her. In 2006, I was faced with the daunting task of figuring out how to provide a gluten-free diet for my sixteen-year-old daughter, who was less than thrilled by this prospect. Vicky was able to guide me through the world of nutritional therapy, and she changed my daughter's life.

The very thought of elimination diets and supplements was overwhelming, but Vicky guided me though slowly and carefully, making sure I was never lost along the way. The attention that I received so lovingly is embodied in the following pages.

With this cookbook, it is no longer difficult to navigate the waters of eating in a healthy, delicious, allergy-free way. This is an invaluable resource for anyone who suffers from food allergies or sensitivities.

I cannot begin to say how grateful I am to have Vicky in my life. She is an upbeat, wonderful teacher, and she works tirelessly to educate the world about holistic living.

I have seen the difference that an allergy (or sensitivity) free diet can make, and my life is better for it. It is no coincidence that Vicky and her incredible cookbook have shown up in your life.

Dr. Aimee Levin Weiner, Aud

Mini, medium, or large, this rugelach recipe received the "gold medal award."

# Rugelach

# Ingredients

2 CUPS	POTATO	STARCH

1½ CUPS TAPIOCA FLOUR

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> CUPS SWEET RICE FLOUR

1 CUP BROWN RICE FLOUR

5 TSP XANTHAN GUM

4 TSP BAKING POWDER

2 LARGE EGGS

2 CUPS TRANS-FAT-FREE

MARGARINE, room

temperature (4 sticks)

1/2 CUP RICE, ALMOND, OR SOY MILK

½ CUP AGAVE OR

GRANULATED SUGAR

• CONFECTIONERS' SUGAR, for brushing

# Chocolate Filling

1/2 CUP CONFECTIONERS'
SUGAR

½ CUP XYLITOL OR
GRANULATED SUGAR

1/4 CUP COCOA POWDER, sifted

1/4 TSP CINNAMON

# Cinnamon Filling

1/4 CUP CINNAMON

1/4 CUP CONFECTIONERS'
SUGAR

1 CUP XYLITOL OR
GRANULATED SUGAR

# Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- 2 In a bowl, mix together starch, flours, xanthan gum, and baking powder; set aside.
- In the bowl of an electric mixer, mix together eggs, margarine, milk, and agave for 2 minutes.
- 4 Add dry ingredients slowly to bowl, mixing well to form a dough, about 5 minutes, adding an additional ¼ cup potato starch if dough is too sticky.

# Version I

Divide dough in half. Roll out each half until ¼ inch thick. Invert a dinner plate onto dough; using a small sharp knife, cut around perimeter of dinner plate to create a circle of dough. Remove plate.

Rugelach come in many different forms, sizes, shapes, and flavors. Tender and soft, flaky and slight crispy, rolled up, sliced, large or miniature. These rugelach, based on an original recipe that contained coffee creamer, fall more into the flaky camp. The agave and milk helps keep them soft, so I've coined a new phrase, "tender flaky rugelach," in their honor. Rugelach will freeze well with or without the sugar.



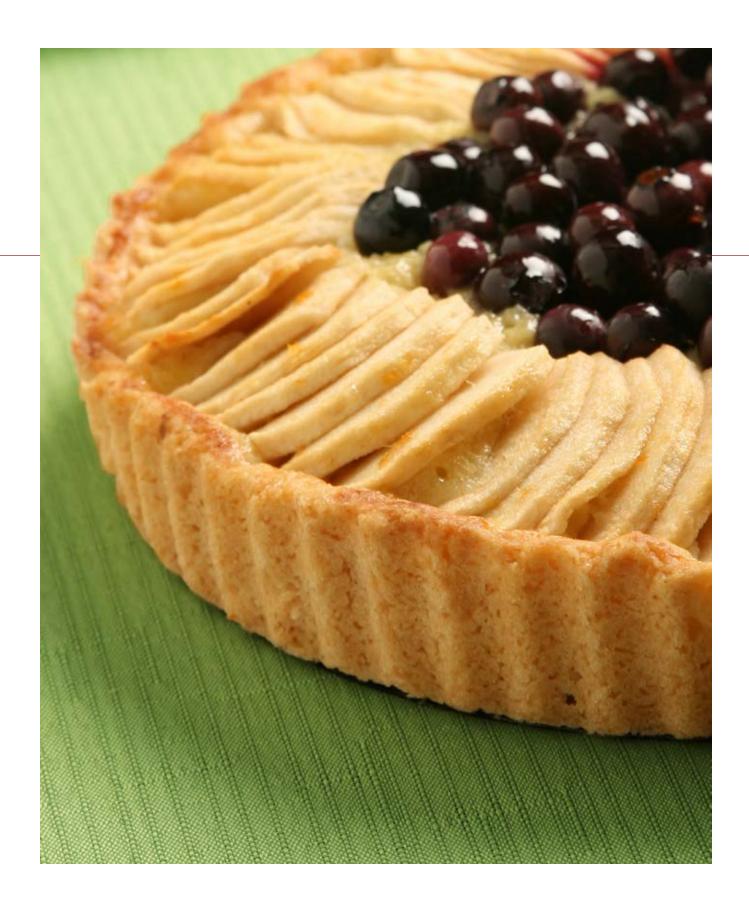
- 2 Place ½ of chosen filling into center of dough. Using the back of a spoon, spread the filling in a circular motion up to ½ inch from ends.
- 3 Using a knife or pizza wheel, cut dough into 8 wedges, then into 16 wedges and finally into 32. Roll each wedge from the wider ends to the center, jelly-roll style. Transfer rugelach to parchment-paper-lined baking sheet, placing fairly closely together.
- 4 Bake for 20 to 22 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove pan

to rack to cool completely, then sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

# Version II

- Divide dough into 8 equal-sized pieces. Roll out each piece until 1/8 inch thick. Cut a 7-inch circle out of each piece of dough. (I use a small Corelle soup bowl as a guide.)
- 2 Place ¼ of chosen filling into center of dough. Using the back of a spoon, spread the filling in circular motion up to ¼ inch from ends.
- $\beta$  For a total of 128 rugelach, cut

- dough into 8 wedges, then again into 16.
- 4 For a total of 256 rugelach, cut dough once more into 32 wedges. This mini version might be a little difficult to work with.
- 5 Roll each wedge from the wider ends to the center, jelly-roll style. Transfer rugelach to parchment-paper-lined baking sheet, placing fairly closely together.
- Bake for 16 to 18 minutes or until lightly golden. Allow rugelach to cool, then sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.





It's this simple to serve a nu-

# Two-Tone Vegetable Kugel

tritious gourmet side dish. The orange of the sweet potato layer contrasts beautifully with the deep green of the broccoli layer.

# Incredients

2 LARGE SWEET POTATOES

1½ LB FROZEN BROCCOLI FLORETS

2 LARGE EGGS

2–3 TBSP (heaping)
MAYONNAISE, divided

2 TBSP POTATO STARCH, divided

2 TSP KOSHER SALT, divided

1/8 TSP GARLIC POWDER

1/8 TSP ONION POWDER

# Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease or line a 9-inch round or square baking pan or dish.
- 2 Peel and cut sweet potato into large chunks. Place chunks in a large pot filled with water set over high heat. Bring to boil. Add a pinch of salt. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Drain potatoes; return to pot and mash with a potato masher. Stir in 1 of the eggs, 1 Tbsp of the mayonnaise, 1 Tbsp of the potato starch, and half of the salt, mixing well.
- In a separate large pot, bring water to a rolling boil. Add a pinch of salt. Add broccoli and cook over high heat, uncovered, for 10 minutes.
- 4 Drain broccoli; return to the pot and mash with a potato

- masher. Stir in remaining egg, 1 to 2 heaping table-spoons of mayonnaise, remaining potato starch and salt, and garlic and onion powders, mixing well.
- Spoon broccoli mixture evenly into bottom of prepared pan, smoothing surface. Top with sweet potato mixture, spreading evenly.
- 6 Bake in center of preheated oven for 1 hour or until the top is golden.

Freezes well for up to 3 months.

TO create a third tier, boil 1½ lb of chopped cauliflower (fresh or frozen) in lightly salted boiling water. Mash and add 1 egg, 1 heaping Tbsp mayonnaise, a pinch of salt, and onion and garlic powders. Spread on top of broccoli layer. Bake as directed.



# Yield 8 to 10 servings

# Pasta Sal

A bright and tasty salad that is high in fiber to boot!

# Ingredients

- 1 BAG (16 oz) TRI-COLORED BROWN RICE SPIRAL PASTA
  - RED ONION, diced
  - RED PEPPER, diced
  - 1 YELLOW PEPPER, diced
  - 1 CARROT, diced
  - STALKS CELERY, diced

# Dressing

½ CUP AGAVE, XYLITOL, OR GRANULATED SUGAR

1/3 CUP VINEGAR

½ CUP OIL

KOSHER SALT

½ TSP FRESHLY GROUND BLACK PEPPER

# Directions

- Bring a large pot of water set over high heat to just under a boil, just to the point where small bubbles form. Sprinkle in some salt. Add pasta to pot. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, for 12 minutes. Drain pasta well; rinse under cold water to stop the cooking process.
- 2 Place pasta in a large bowl. Add vegetables and mix well.
- 3 In a small bowl, mix together dressing ingredients. Pour dressing over pasta and vegetables, tossing gently until well coated.
- For best results, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 3 hours. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Wherever they are arranged on the rainbow, peppers contain high levels of carotene, antioxidants including vitamins C and E, and lutein, and are a great source of B6 and folate. The brighter the color, the richer the source of nutrients.



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