

# Chocolate Brigadeiro

Yields 20 balls

These Brazilian treats are like a cross between chocolate fudge and chocolate truffles. They're easy to make and can be topped with anything — chocolate sprinkles, nuts, espresso, cocoa powder, peppermint, sanding sugar, or shaved coconut!



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## Ingredients

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for hands  
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk  
½ cup cocoa powder  
Pinch Kosher salt  
3 ounces chocolate sprinkles (see chef's note)

## Chef's Note:

For sprinkles, try to find chocolate vermicelli by Guittard or Callebaut (real chocolate instead of waxy, shortening-based sprinkles). If you can't find any, try finely chopping or grating some chocolate.

## Directions

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat, then stir in sweetened condensed milk, cocoa powder and salt.

Cook mixture, stirring, until very smooth and slightly thickened, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and chill about 30 minutes.

With greased hands, roll 20 tablespoon-sized balls, then roll each ball into toppings. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

# Brazilian Banana Milkshakes

## (Leche con Plátano)

Yields 2

### Ingredients

2¼ cups milk (2-3% fat)  
2 scoops vanilla ice cream  
4 bananas, chopped  
100 ml whipping cream, whipped (or plain old whipped cream)  
Pinch cinnamon  
Dried banana chips  
Fresh cherries

### Directions

Blend the milk, ice cream and bananas in a blender until smooth. Pour into a tall glass.

Top with whipped cream and garnish with a pinch of cinnamon, banana chips and a cherry. Serve immediately with a fun straw.

### Jews in Brazil

Samba is a popular form of dance created by African people in Brazil; they brought their music and dance culture with them when they arrived in Latin America. Today, there are many kinds of samba — solo, partner and group dances. Every year during Carnival (a festival that celebrates Brazil's melting pot culture), Brazilians dance in samba parades.

Brazil is home to about 120,000 Jews, many of whom live in Sao Paolo. During Carnival, Jews can also be found dancing Samba, which is reminiscent of Israeli dancing. Two Ashkenazi Jews (Ronny Potolski and Jairo Rozen) are songwriters and composers for a samba school.

