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# Isaac Mizrahi

The fashion designer (at Good and Plenty to Go in New York) even cooks for his dog, Harry. "He loves it when I make him rice and chicken," Mizrahi says. His talk show, *Isaac*, is now in its second season on the Style Network.

## We hear you enjoy cooking.

There's nothing I like better. In my 20s, I was all about French food and Julia Child. I had *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, volumes one and two, and everything I made would come out of those two books. I've moved on to Italian. I'm cooking my way through Lidia Bastianich's books.

## How did you get started?

By doing. When I was nine or ten, on Saturday mornings I would sauté things like ground beef or broccoli. Mostly I would burn them—that's how I started.

## What three things are always in your refrigerator?

Half and half, Polaroid film, and romaine. I have half and half in my coffee, and I have an ice cream maker—a [Simac] Lello—so I use it to make the custard. I've been making so much ice cream: butter pecan, bananas Foster, and a delicious mint chip.

## What did you eat growing up in Brooklyn?

My mother made kosher food, and we ate American stuff, too, like mac and cheese and spaghetti and meatballs.

## Have a favorite New York restaurant?

Babbo is my favorite, surely. It just gets better and better.

## If you could invite any three people to dinner, who would they be?

Cary Grant, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Stephen Hawking. We'd probably talk about black holes. I'd serve *confit de canard* and some wildly delicious baked Alaska. And I'd wear a smoking jacket with gray flannel trousers and hard, fancy slippers.

Oh, of course. We should have asked about the dress code. ■