Easy Espresso Semifreddo Serves 4-6

The term "semifreddo" means "half-cold" in Italian. Though not overly common, it's an easy-to-make dessert genre that deserves more attention. This particular semifreddo features a vanilla and espresso flavor, and is served as creamy slices of deliciousness! Refreshing on a warm summer day, this no-churn treat makes a very sweet ending to any meal.

Ingredients:

8 oz. (about 1 cup) very cold crème fraîche
1/4 cup powdered sugar
8 oz. very cold heavy cream
1 tablespoon espresso powder
1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste (or extract)
Shaved chocolate and fresh berries for garnishing

Directions:

- 1. Line a standard loaf pan with plastic wrap, leaving a generous overhang on all sides.
- 2. Using an electric mixer, or even a high-powered blender, whisk the crème fraiche until soft peaks are formed. Add the sugar, while continuing to whip. Add the cream, and beat until stiff peaks are formed.
- 3. Fold in the espresso powder, and mix until well combined.
- 4. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan. Fold the plastic wrap over the top of the pan. Freeze for at least for 4 hours.
- 5. Unwrap the semifreddo, and Invert the frozen semifreddo onto a cold serving plate. Top with fresh berries and shaved chocolate. To serve, cut the semifreddo into slices and place on prechilled dessert plates. Add a little extra garnish of berries and shaved chocolate if desired. Enjoy!