- 2 tbsp butter
- 4 shallots, sliced
- 1/2 Spanish onion, diced
- 8 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 5 small russet potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 box baby spinach (11oz)
- 1/2 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1/2 cup cream (5%, 10%, 18% or 35% —optional)
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Method

- 1. Melt butter in a large pot. Add shallots and onion, sauté until translucent, but not browned.
  - 2. Add stock and potatoes. Simmer 20 minutes.
- 3. Add spinach and nutmeg. Simmer 10 minutes.
- 4. Let soup cool slightly, then puree till smooth with an immersion blender.
  - 5. Add cream. Salt and pepper to taste.

Cook's note: if you are using, 5%, 10%, 18% cream in the soup, do not heat the soup to boiling after adding, or the cream will split. If you wish to reheat to boiling, use 35% cream and you will not have this problem. Also note, the cream is optional, you can choose to leave it out.

## What's Cookin': An introduction to dim sum eating

It's time to go out for dim sum! Dim sum is a type of Chinese food, small bites of food, often steamed or fried, and served in bamboo steamers or on small plates. Most fun of all, in many dim sum restaurants, the servers load up carts and drive the little carts around the restaurant, from table to table, calling out what is on their cart. It's completely charming. You can decide to take the item or not, once you have seen it. If you take it, then the server simply adds that food item to your bill.

This is a winter tradition for my family. We head out once or twice each winter to one of our favorite dim sum restaurants for a feast!

The first time you go for dim sum, it is helpful, though not mandatory to go with someone who has been there before and can guide you through the choices. Many of the staff I have encountered over the years speak limited English—so you have to be able to spot the items you want. You also have to be willing to try a couple of duds to end up with some real

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winners. Each dim sum plate has only one food item on it, but there may be 2-4 pieces of the same item. You can order a la carte as well, even if the restaurant is serving with the cart format.

If you choose one of the cart-style dim sum restaurants, you must go when they are very busy, so that the carts are continuously loaded with fresh hot food. Nothing worse than cold, congealing dumplings!

In case you decide to go on your own, and you're not sure what to order, here are a few of my favourites, that I highly recommend:

Ha gaau (pronounced har gow) this is a delicate shrimp dumpling in a translucent wrapper, served steamed.

Char siu baau (pronounced chess sue bow) — fantastic fluffly white bun filled with steaming barbeque pork in a sweet sauce. My absolute favorite!

Shaomai (pronounced shu my) – wonton wrappers jam packed with flavourful pork and shrimp then steamed. Often topped with crab roe.

Lo mai gai (have no idea how to pronounce it, I only know what it looks like) — this is sticky rice with some meat tidbits wrapped in a lotus leaf and steamed. You'll recognize the green lotus leaf package when you see it. You do not eat the leaf and the rice inside is rich, don't order too much!

Those are four of the most popular ones, so you shouldn't have trouble finding them at any dim sum restaurants. By the way, we eat dim sum exclusively in Toronto. Although we've tried a couple in Mississauga before, nobody does it like Chinatown in my opinion (although I've never tried north or east, so who knows)!

Have fun and keep cooking! Send questions and comments to Lori and Gerry at whatscooking@theifp.ca

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#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

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