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ALMOST CHOPPED!

Hadassah Greater Atlanta's IncredIBLE Cooking Competition

Help combat ALS, Parkinson's, MS and Alzheimer's. Proceeds will benefit Hadassah's Neurological research.

ATLANTA 12-15-17 – Almost Chopped will take place on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, from 2-5 p.m. at Spring Hall, 7130 Buford Highway, Atlanta, GA 30340. Four teams of two home chefs, our chef-testants*, will compete in 2 rounds of cooking. The challenge is for our chef-testants to take the baskets filled with mystery ingredients, along with the tools provided, to create something that will wow our judges. General Admission of \$36 includes appetizers from High Roller Sushi and desserts from Seasons 52, beer, wine, beverages, and raffles for gift certificates from restaurants, supermarkets and for cooking classes.

From Holly Strelzik, event co-chair: ***"We're all very excited to be hosting the first of its kind Almost Chopped, Hadassah's incredible Cooking Competition! What a fabulous and fun way to raise money for neurological research!"***

Attend, cheer on your favorite chef-testants and become a Sponsor to give your support to help those who suffer with these diseases.

For **Sponsorship** and to **purchase tickets**, go to: <http://www.hadassah.org/events/atlaalmostchopped>

Celebrity Chef Judges are from among Atlanta's finest restaurants:

(To see celebrity chef bios, please go to the links provided).

- **Chef Pano Karatassos, Kyma** - [Bio](#)
- **Chef Suzanne Vizethann, Buttermilk Kitchen** - [Bio](#)
- **Chef Mimmo Alboumeh, Red Pepper Taquería** - [Bio](#)
- **Chef Vince Scafiti, The Farmhouse at Persimmon Creek**- [Bio](#)

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The following four teams of chef-testants will be battling for a win, but the real winner will be those suffering with neurological diseases. Please access the [team fundraising pages](#) and SUPPORT the team or disease focus of your choice. (To see team bios, please go to the links provided).

- Team “Hash Slingers” – Glen Caruso, chef-testant, and Andy Stenmark, sous chef - [Bio](#)
- Team “Jersey Tomatoes” – Barbara Flexner, chef-testant and Michele Vernon, sous chef - [Bio](#)
- Team “Samantha is my Neighbor” – Samantha Ellis, chef-testant, and Rebecca Carey, sous chef- [Bio](#)
- Team “Sugar and Spice” - Kathy Sheehan, Chef-testant, and Pam Leinmiller, Sous Chef - [Bio](#)

Michelle Venter, broadcast journalist and food enthusiast, will serve as our master of ceremonies. [Bio](#)

* Non-professional chef to cook and compete in Hadassah’s Incr”EDIBLE” Cooking competition

About Hadassah:



Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, founded in 1912, is one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world. Over 330,000 Members, Associates, and supporters strong, Hadassah is now in its second century and is committed to innovative and life-changing medical care and research, women's empowerment, education, advocacy, philanthropy and building Jewish identity – in Israel, America and around the world. Hadassah enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem.

Researchers at Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) in Israel are collaborating with teams from around the world to find a cure for Parkinson’s disease. Regenerative therapy, using stem cells, targets the production of new dopamine. While more research needs to be done to ensure the success of regenerative therapy for Parkinson’s disease, stem cells hold great promise for the transformation from treating symptoms to restoring health. Stem cell treatments offer hope in eradicating Alzheimer's, ALS, autoimmune conditions, cancers, diabetes, joint/bone diseases, leukemia, lymphoma, macular degeneration, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injuries, strokes, traumatic brain injuries and more. For more information, visit www.hadassah.org.

Hadassah Greater Atlanta chapter, founded in 1916, has celebrated 101 years of serving the Atlanta community. The chapter comprises 3,600+ Members and Associates who come together to raise funds in support of Hadassah's projects in Israel and the United States; to promote issues of women's health and family well-being; to study; to educate; and to have fun. To learn more about the work and mission of Hadassah, contact the Hadassah Greater Atlanta office at 470.482.6778 or visit the web site at www.hadassah.org/atlanta

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