



Team “Jersey Tomatoes”

looks forward to competing in **ALMOST CHOPPED!**
Hadassah's IncrEDIBLE Cooking Competition and
raising funds for Hadassah's Neurological research to help combat **ALS**,
amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

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Barbara Flexner, Chef-testant

Barbara Flexner was born on Staten Island, New York. During her formative years her family lived near San Juan, Puerto Rico. A graduate of the New School for Social Research in New York with a degree in Fine Arts and Social Sciences, she and her family have lived in seven states, currently, Georgia. Barbara studied Architecture at Kent State University. All this traveling for living has been supplemented by a passion for travel to locales near and far. Eating and tasting have been part of her life for as long as she can remember.



While working as an architect cooking for her family and friends became a creative outlet. Arranging a meal became the one project that she could control from conception to completion and not have to worry about storing when it was finished. She taught her children and family friends about world cultures through meals and dishes. Maintaining kashrut in remote locales forced her to learn to cook and bake many foods that one would normally find in the supermarket, like bread!

Since coming to Atlanta, Barbara has enjoyed immersion into a new community and loves to bring unusual dishes to potlucks, share foodie ideas at Limmud and explore Buford Highway and beyond for grocery resources and restaurant adventures.

Barbara and her husband Paul are members of Or Hadash Congregation. They have two grown daughters, who also are great cooks, and two grandchildren. She is past president of Dunwoody Fine Art Association and Peach State Stitchers of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework.

Barbara has taught painting, textile surface design, weaving, and spinning. She is very proud of the fact that her critically acclaimed and award-winning works have been exhibited in galleries throughout the country. Her website is www.barbaraflexner.com.

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Michele Vernon, Sous Chef

Whether it's preparing meals for holidays, every day gatherings, or cooking side by side with friends, food and people have always been that perfect combination in **Michele Vernon's** life. She has taught the art of making challah at summer camps and in

other smaller groups. She has personally catered friends' special events, and lunch in the Sukkah for her husband's entire congregation for the past 13 years. The planning, creating, and seeing people relish the experience at the family table or in the community all make cooking and baking most rewarding.

Michele not only feels fulfilled by creating and providing good food for others, she also is committed to guiding and positively impacting the lives of others. Whether through early pre-career work as a religious school teacher and youth advisor, or as a Master's degree graduate of Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work, she has worked with the Jewish focus of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. She was the founder of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Cleveland, the Joe Levitt Family Parenting Center of Houston, served as the Director of Camp Wise in Cleveland, Southwest Regional Director of United Synagogue, Assistant Executive Director of three Jewish Community Centers, and Director of Tel Yehudah, the national teen camp of Young Judaea. More recently she was the founding Camp Director of Sunrise Day Camp Long Island, for children with cancer and their siblings. She currently is the SVP for Camping Services of the Sunrise Association, working closely with their current 7, soon to be 8 camps in the US and Israel known as Sunrise Day Camp and Horizon Day Camp. In the summer of 2018 the Association's newest camp for children with cancer, Aurora Day Camp, will open in Atlanta. www.sunriseassociation.org.



Michele currently lives in West Hempstead, New York, is married to Rabbi Art Vernon, has 4 adult children, and 12 grandchildren. She is a member of the West Hempstead Rotary Club, and is the Rebbitzin of Congregation Sha'aray Shalom where her husband is the Rabbi.

Judi Schnitzer, Runner

Walk into Judi Schnitzer's Sandy Springs home and prepare for an innovation. Judi absolutely loves to try out new recipes and combinations of recipes on her guests. An inveterate reader of cookbooks and recipes from newspapers and magazines, this wife, mother of two and grandmother of five loves to combine flavors and textures for presentations that delight both palette and eye.

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