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From the Kitchen of Executive Chef Jessica VanRoo

## Roasted Carrot & Chicken/Tofu Skewer with Lemon Yogurt Sauce

### Makes about 36

### For the Chicken / Tofu

- 2 ¼ pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 ½ -inch cubes OR Tofu
- 1 pinch saffron threads (about 10 threads) or ¼ teaspoon of ground saffron
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 1 large garlic clove, crushed or minced
- Juice from 1 large lemon

- ⅓ cup Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée
- ½ teaspoon turmeric
- Salt and pepper
- Finely chopped parsley for garnish

### For the Carrots

- 36 baby carrots
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cumin

- ½ teaspoon coriander
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

### Instructions

- 1. Bloom saffron: Pound or grind the saffron, and add 1 tbsp of hot, not boiling water. Allow to "bloom" for 2 minutes.
- 2. Combine with onion, garlic, lemon, yogurt, oil, tomatoes, and turmeric. Add the chicken or tofu and marinate for at least 12 hours.
- 3. Cook chicken or tofu on the grill or oven until cooked through. Set aside.
- 4. For carrots, combine all the ingredients and roast in a 425-degree oven for 18-20 minutes until tender but not soft.
- 5. Skewer one chicken or tofu piece with one carrot piece to serve.

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### **Lemon Yogurt Sauce**

- 2/3 cup Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon grapeseed oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon zest
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1. Combine all the ingredients, season to taste, and add more lemon juice as needed.

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