

ChicaGourmets! and Chef-Partner Yashar Demir  
of

## Cousin's

2833 N. Broadway, Chicago

Welcome You to

### *Dinner with a Turkish Flair!*

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

6:30 P.M. Wine and Passed Appetizers

7:00 P.M. Dinner

Yashar Demir, whose family was featured in the documentary, "Hidden Turkey", stars as chef-partner of one of Chicago's culinary hidden treasures: Cousin's Restaurant. In 2005, our own food historian, Bruce Kraig, and his wife, director Jan Thompson, took notebook and camera to Turkey, the only country to straddle two continents, and filmed a documentary on Turkey's culture - including food - which bridges exotic Asian and contemporary European cuisines. But we don't have to travel to Turkey to experience authentic and mouthwatering Turkish fare as prepared by this gifted chef. In this ample sample of his country's rich cooking, served family style, Chef Demir offers some familiar dishes, such as hummus and spinach-stuffed filo triangles, but a great many more gustatory discoveries. A few examples of the feast that awaits *ChicaGourmets!*: All breads are homemade, manti (Turkish stuffed tortellini), pide (housemade bread stuffed with ground lamb and beef and seasoned with Turkish spices), and ezme (a slightly spicy combination of roasted sweet red peppers with fresh tomatoes, and roasted walnuts). Drink Turkish wine, and toast a new discovery!

## Menu

Paired with Turkish Wines

Yakut (red)

Çankaya (white)

### *Appetizers*

Hummus

Ezme

*Chopped spicy combination of roasted bell and banana peppers, fresh tomatoes, garlic and parsley with a roasted walnut sauce*

Patlican Salata

*Char-broiled eggplant mixed with chopped tomatoes, onions, peppers and parsley, touch of olive oil and red wine vinegar*

Böreg

*Filo triangles stuffed with fresh spinach, feta cheese, onion, served with garlic yogurt sauce*

Shepherd Salad

*Diced tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, onions and parsley in a light vinaigrette*

### *Entrées*

Manti

*Turkish-style tortellini stuffed with mushroom and onion with marinara and garlic yogurt sauce*

Adana Kebab

*Skewers of hand-chopped lamb spiced with roasted red bell peppers and fresh herbs, served with bulgur and garlic yogurt sauce*

Chicken Kebab

*Lemon and herb-marinated chicken breast served with rice and garlic-basil tomato sauce*

Kiymali Pide

*Ground lamb and beef with onion, tomato, parsley and Turkish spices*

### *Dessert*

Baklava

Turkish Tea

Turkish Coffee

*ChicaGourmets!* Hosts:

John Ryan, Don Newcomb and Bruce Kraig

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**Prepaid reservations must be received by 09/19/07; no refunds after that date.**

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