Carrot Soup with Ginger and Lemon

Serves 4

- 55 g butter
- 225 g chopped onion
- 1 T finely chopped peeled fresh ginger
- 1½ tsp minced garlic
- 560 g carrots, peeled, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, seeded, chopped (optional)
- 1½ tsp grated lemon peel
- 700 ml (or more) chicken or vegetable stock
- 2 T fresh lemon juice

Garnish

- 4 T Greek yogurt
- 1 small carrot, peeled, grated
- 1. Melt butter in heavy large pot over medium-high heat.
- 2. Add onion; sauté 4 minutes.
- 3. Add ginger and garlic; sauté 2 minutes.
- 4. Add chopped carrots, tomatoes and lemon peel; sauté 1 minute.
- 5. Add **stock** and bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover partially and **simmer** until carrots are very tender, **about 20 minutes**. Cool slightly.
- 6. Purée soup in batches in blender. Return soup to pot.
- 7. Mix in **lemon juice**. Season with **salt** and **pepper**. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Cover and chill.)
- 8. Bring soup to simmer, thinning with more stock, if desired. Ladle into bowls. Top each with sour cream and grated carrot.

