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To Whom it may Concern

I write to express my admiration and thanks for the wonderful food that Chef Kfir Ben-Ari has made for us on many occasions. Chef Kfir has cooked for us in Manhattan and the Hamptons.

He not only produces wonderful food, but is meticulous and thoughtful in the preparation. He spends as long as he deems necessary to achieve his goals. For example, at one recent dinner, we had to use a kosher turkey instead of the one he preferred. He knew that the koshering process added significant salt so he soaked the bird for days to remove the excess. As a result of his efforts, which no chef has ever done for us before, the turkey was on a par with any that we have had. Moreover instead of a simple roasted turkey, he created a ballotine with the white meat and cooked the legs separately. It was a fabulous meal for us and our 15 guests.

All of his food is excellent restaurant quality, which is not surprising as he was encouraged to come to this Country by Daniel Boloud, for whom he worked. He has always been able to accommodate our request for particular dishes and is not fazed by cooking for large dinner parties. He also suggests wine pairings for each course.

I cannot recommend him highly enough. He is not only a wonderful chef, but he is also easy to work with and completely responsive and trustworthy. I envy anyone who is able to engage him on a full time basis, as he will be an asset to their household.

Sincerely,

Sharyn Mann