## Beef and Bean Chili

Servings: 8 @ 6 Points Preparation Time: 28 min Cooking Time: 40 min

2 tsp olive oil

1 medium onion(s), chopped

2 medium stalk(s) celery, chopped

2 medium garlic clove(s), minced

1 small jalapeno pepper(s), seeded and minced\*\*

1 pound(s) lean ground sirloin

2 Tbsp chili powder

2 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp dried oregano

2 piece(s) bay leaf

1/2 tsp table salt

1/2 tsp red pepper flakes, or more to taste

28 oz canned crushed tomatoes

1 cup(s) canned beef broth, reduced-sodium

8 oz canned tomato sauce

30 oz canned kidney beans, rinsed and drained

1/2 cup(s) shallot(s), chopped

## Instructions

Heat oil in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Add onion, celery, garlic and jalapeño; sauté until tender, about 4 minutes. Add beef and sauté until browned and cooked through, breaking up meat as it cooks, about 5 minutes; drain mixture through a colander to remove excess fat.

Return beef mixture to pan (set over medium-high heat) and add chili powder, cumin, oregano, bay leaves, salt and red pepper flakes; stir to coat vegetables and beef with spices. Add tomatoes, broth, tomato sauce and beans, and bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, for 30 minutes.

To serve, discard bay leaves, ladle chili into bowls and top with chopped shallots. Yields about 1 heaping cup per serving.