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## “Options For Mom’s Day” By Jenny Turknnett May 4, 2011

A good meal is always a good gift.

Plenty of buffet, tea and supper choices available.

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Did Mother’s Day sneak up on you? It’s time to think about reservations for Sunday. If the mom in your life is anything like me, she wants to celebrate this holiday (and every holiday) with a good meal. In fact, I’ve been celebrating Mother’s Day with brunch since my 20s when I was a new mother to a furry, four-legged little one named Nutmeg.

### Buffet

If you are looking for a brunch buffet, consider these options:

● **Aqua Blue:** Treat mom to bottomless mimosas (\$15 per person) and a buffet with items such as carved strip steak and roasted pork tenderloin. An omelet station and a selection of pastries and desserts will be available. 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$29.95, adults; \$9.95, kids; under 4, free. 1564 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell. 770-643-8886.

● **Livingston Bar & Grill:** Livingston, in the historic Georgian Terrace hotel, will celebrate with an elaborate brunch buffet. In addition to standard breakfast fare, Livingston will serve Southern Sunday foods such as smoked brisket and collard greens. Moms can also enjoy a cold bar with salads and smoked fish, a carving station and a dessert station. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. \$35, adults; \$15, kids 6-12; 5 and



JCT Kitchen & Bar is offering a family-style Sunday Supper on Mother’s Day. After a salad, guests can pick one meat and three side dishes to enjoy as a table. And diners should be sure to save room for dessert. Staff 2008 photo

under, free. 659 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta. 404-897-5000.

● **The Shed at Glenwood:** Serving a brunch buffet with many breakfast and lunch specialties, the Shed at Glenwood will feature items such as cedar plank salmon, white truffle chicken salad sliders and roasted beet salad with local goat cheese and white balsamic. Mom may also enjoy the bottomless mimosas. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$25, adults; \$12, kids 6-12. 475 Bill Kennedy Way, Atlanta. 404-

835-4363.

### Tea time

Maybe mom wants to try something a little different this year. Take her to tea.

● **Roswell Tea House:** Guests will choose a soup to accompany the assorted tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, pastries and scones with lemon curd. A bottomless pot of tea is included and mimosas or champagne may be added. Noon-4 p.m. \$24 for tea, \$29 with mimosa, \$32 with cham-

pagne. 108 Magnolia St., Roswell. 770-643-5813.

### Live music

Mom may be in the mood for a little live music with her meal.

● **The Pecan:** Have mom sit back and relax with a Southern-style brunch at the Pecan while she grooves to the live jazz. \$55; \$45, seniors; \$25, kids 5-9. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 3725 Main St., College Park. 404-762-8444.

### Something for kids

We know it’s Mother’s Day, but if the kids are happy, mom is more likely to enjoy her meal.

● **Atlanta Grill:** The restaurant at the Ritz-Carlton Atlanta offers a lavish spread for kids and adults. In addition to the many hot and cold stations available for adults, the Atlanta Grill’s children’s buffet is set up at their height and has kid-friendly foods. They will be able to create a bouquet from the spring flower cart for mom while she eats her meal and listens to the live music. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$65, adults; \$35, kids 5-12. 181 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta. 404-659-0400.

● **Briza:** For a little hands-on fun, kids can make

breakfast for mom at Briza at the Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel. Their Pancake Playdate allows kids into the kitchen to don a chef’s hat and make buttermilk and red velvet heart-shaped pancakes. A three-course brunch menu is also included with the pancakes. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$45, adults; \$25, kids 13 and under. 866 W. Peachtree St. N.W., Atlanta. 678-412-2402.

### Sunday supper

Maybe Mom isn’t a brunch person. Maybe she wants to do something a little more low-key.

● **JCT Kitchen & Bar:** Try the family-style Sunday Supper at JCT. Guests can start with warm biscuits, house-made jams, deviled eggs and country ham. After a farm stand salad, guests can choose one meat and three side dishes to enjoy as a table. Georgia strawberry cake will end the meal on a sweet note. 5-9 p.m. \$36. 1198 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta. 404-255-2252.

### Eat at home

If mom would prefer to stay in, you can prepare a gourmet meal at home. Or make her think you did.

● **New York Butcher Shoppe:** If you are in charge of a meal for mom at home, stock up on provisions at the New York Butcher Shoppe. If you need a little help but don’t want mom to know it, the store will even fill your dishes with their products. See the website (nybutcher.com) for locations in Alpharetta, Sandy Springs and Dunwoody.

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