# **Optimal Food Choices**

#### **Best Protein:**

Organic, Hormone-Free, Free-Range/Wild Caught

Bison Chicken
Cod Eggs
Halibut Lamb

Ostrich Pork tenderloin

Salmon Sardines
Scallops Shrimp
Turkey Fresh Tuna

## **Best Veggies:**

Fresh, Raw, Steamed, Juiced or Roasted

Arugula Asparagus Avocado Bamboo shoots Beet greens Bell peppers Broccoli Bok choy **Brussels sprouts** Cabbage Cauliflower Celery Collard greens Cucumber Green beans **Jicama** Kale Lettuce Mustard greens Onions Snap peas Snow peas Spinach Squash

Swiss chard

### **Best Beans:**

Black beans Chick peas
Kidney beans Lentils
Lima beans Mung beans
Pinto beans White beans

Yellow beans

### **Best Fruits:**

Apples Blackberries
Blueberries Boysenberries
Cherries Cranberries
Pears Plums
Pomegranates Raspberries

Strawberries

#### **Best Gluten-Free Grains or Flour:**

Amaranth Millet
Rice (Brown, Wild or Quinoa
Basmati) Buckwheat

#### **Best Nuts and Seeds:**

Unsalted, Raw, Dry Roasted or Butter

Almonds Hazelnuts
Pecans Pistachios
Sesame Walnuts

### **Best Condiments:**

Use Oils that are Cold Expeller Pressed and Non-Hydrogenated

Assorted olives Ghee - clarified butter

Capers Coconut oil

Extra virgin olive oil Fresh herbs and spices
Grapeseed oil Grated horseradish

Roasted red peppers Sea salt

Sesame oil Stone ground mustard

#### **Best Sweeteners:**

Stevia Truvia<sup>®</sup> Xylitol

## **Snack Suggestions:**

1 small apple (sliced) and 1 tbs. nut butter

Hard boiled egg

Cucumber slices with lemon juice or salsa

1 tbs. nut butter on a celery stick

10-15 unsalted cashews, almonds, or pecans

¼ cup hummus on a celery stick or ½ red pepper sliced

¼ cup walnuts and ½ cup strawberries

4 – 8 rice crackers w/3 tbs. hummus

½ avocado, ½ tomato sliced, sprinkle of sea salt and drizzle of olive oil

1 piece of fruit and 10 to 12 raw nuts

1 ounce of meat

½ cup 2% cottage cheese with ½ cup fruit

Whey protein shake (low carb, low fat) \*See Protein Shake Recipes Small can albacore tuna with 1 small jar baby food (fruit or veggie)

### **Foods to Avoid:**

Read labels

Alcohol Processed/packaged

Caffeine foods

Chocolate Soda & soft drinks
Dairy (if allergic) Soy, tofu & tempeh
Fast foods and fried Sugar (white or brown

Foods refined)
Gluten (wheat,rye,barley, spelt,kamut,oats) Fructose
Hydrogenated oils Honey
Margarine Maple syrup
Peanuts High fructose corn

Peanut butter syrup

## **Artificial Sweetners:**

Sucralose Maltodextrin Saccharin Aspartame Sweet'n'Low Splenda Equal

## **Additional Resources and Links:**

<u>www.organicglutenfreeclub.com</u> –for gluten-free items <u>www.grasslandbeef.com</u> – US Wellness Meats

www.csaceliacs.org/gluten grains.php - for a complete list of gluten-free grains