Miso Ginger Vegetable Soup

4 servings

2" piece wakame or dulse seaweed (optional) 6 cups filtered water

- 1 organic cold pressed sesame oil or olive oil
- 2 shallots thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic thinly sliced
- 8 oz shitake mushrooms or porto bello mushrooms, sliced
- 1 carrot cut into half moons
- 2 Tb freshly grated or minced ginger
- 2 cups broccoli florets, cut into bite size pieces
- 2 cups kale, stems removed, chopped into bite size pieces
- 4 Tb yellow or red miso (I like yellow in summer and red in winter)
- 1 tsp dark sesame oil

Wheat free tamari to taste

- 2 scallions, green part only thinly sliced
 - If using the seaweed (optional). Rinse the seaweed, soak in the 6 cups of water for 5 minutes. Drain, reserve the water, coarsely chop the seaweed. Set aside.
 - In large soup pot heat oil on medium-low heat
 - Add shallots and garlic.
 - Sauté on medium-low heat for 3-4 minutes.
 - Add mushrooms and sauté for another 3 minutes.
 - Add reserved water and ginger. Bring to a boil and simmer for 5 minutes until the mushrooms are almost tender.
 - Add carrot, broccoli and kale simmer 2-3 minutes until vegetables are tender
 - Turn heat off add seaweed if using.
 - Take out ½ cup of water add miso mashing with a fork to dissolve the miso.
 - Pour miso mix back into the pot. Don't boil the soup once you add the miso. Add the dark sesame oil.
 - Stir, taste, add wheat free tamari if desired.
 - Return the lid to the pot and let stand for 5 minutes.
 - Serve garnished with sliced scallions

A few more things...

> Add in some kelp noodles or soba noodles for a heartier dish