SPICY AFRICAN PEANUT SLOW-COOKER SOUP

14 ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1 large sweet potato, peeled and cubed (1 cup)

½ to ¾ teaspoon garam masala

1 ½ teaspoon curry powder

1 teaspoon cumin

1 tablespoon minced ginger

1-2 cloves garlic, minced

Dash of cinnamon

14 ounce can organic fire-roasted tomatoes, in juice (I used home canned)

14 ounce can of light coconut milk

2 cups vegetable stock (I used chicken)

2 tablespoons natural peanut butter

½ cup red lentils, drained and rinsed

Combine all ingredients in a slow-cooker and cook on high for about ½ hour, then on low for 3-4 hours—or simmer for about 30 minutes on top of the stove. Makes 4 large bowls. Garnish with chopped cilantro, chopped peanuts, sour cream or yogurt.