Reduce Your Stress

Once the festivities are over, the return to reality can cause anxiety. Oz Garcia (212-362-5569), a Manhattan-based nutritional consultant with a top-secret Alist client roster, offers these simple methods for keeping your cool and achieving relaxation:

• Substitute caffeine-free green tea for coffee. It contains theanine, an amino acid known to calm and help remedy sleeplessness. If you don't like tea, try a theanine supplement (from health-food stores).

If you can, spend 15 to 20 minutes in a steam bath or sauna two or three times a week. "Twenty minutes of either releases the same amount of endorphins as a 20-minute run."
If you're having trouble sleeping, try NutriCology ZenMind supplement (nutricology.com). "It's a natural combination of GABA, an

ing your melatonin production."

amino acid that helps you fall asleep, and theanine, and it reduces the effect of stress hormones," explains Garcia. He also advises not sleeping with the television on: "Your body secretes melatonin at night to induce sleep; light

turns off that secretion, so by keeping the TV on, you're reduc-

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