BRYANNA'S NEW MOIST AND VERY CHOCOLATE-Y LOW-FAT OAT BROWNIES

(It also happens to be gluten-free if you use GF oatmeal.) Makes 18 brownies

This is the latest (and maybe the last!) recipe in my long quest for a really delicious vegan, low-fat, low-glycemic brownie. It's easy to make and, dare I say it, even healthful, despite being a luscious dessert item.

NOTE: I make oat flour by grinding oatmeal flakes in my Vitamix-- just make sure the container is absolutely dry!

DRY MIX:

1 1/2 cups oat flour

1/2 cup +1 Tbsp dark cocoa powder

2 Tbsp. chickpea flour (also called besan) (or other bean flour)

3/4 tsp. salt

3/4 tsp. baking soda

WET MIX:

3/4 cup Prune Puree *(see end of recipe)* OR babyfood pureed prunes in a jar 1/2 cup brown sugar or coconut sugar

2 Tbsp. ground flax seed *mixed with* 5 tbsp. hot water *(soaked for 10 minutes and stirred)*

2 Tbsp. maple syrup or agave nectar

11/2 Tbsp. oil

2 tsp. vanilla extract

OPTIONAL (I always add these):

1/2 cup semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chips (can be mini-chips) 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

INSTRUCTIONS:

Turn the oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare a 7×11 " baking pan by lining with baking parchment.

Or, as I do, grease the bottom and sides with my <u>HOMEMADE PALM-OIL-FREE</u>, <u>NON-HYDROGENATED "CAKE RELEASE" (PAN COATING OR PROFESSIONAL</u> BAKER'S GREASE) WITH GF OPTION

Whisk the Dry Mix ingredients together in a small bowl and set aside.

In a larger bowl, whisk together the Wet Mix ingredients until smooth. Add the Dry Mix into the bowl and stir until smooth. Add the Optional chocolate chips and/or nuts and stir just to distribute evenly.

Scoop the batter into the prepared pan (using a silicone spatula to get as much as possible) and then spread it evenly into the pan with wet fingers.

Bake for 18 minutes and cool thoroughly on a rack before cutting into 18 pieces.