These creamy, rich, decadent desserts are full of heathy fats, protein & low in sugar. They are delicious plain or wonderful with the topping of your choice. I chose Peanut Butter & Raspberry Jam, cuz any chance to have PB&J...

Cashew Cheesecakes

YIELD - 12 Portions PREP TIME - 40 minutes *5-6 hours including setting time

INGREDIENTS

Crust:

1 cup pitted, no sugar added organic dates 1/2 cup walnuts

1/2 cup shredded coconut

Filling:

11/2 cups Organic, Central Roast raw cashews

*soaked in hot filtered water with a pinch of himalayan pink salt for 30 minutes

1/3 cup Organic Lemon Juice

1/3 cup Organic Coconut Oilcoconut oil, melted

3/4 cup Coconut Cream (I like Earth's Choice)

2 Tbls Maple Syrup

1 Tbls Vanilla Bean Paste or 1 whole Vanilla Bean

Pinch himalayan pink salt

Topping:

5 Tbls Organic Peanut Butter

2 Tbls Organic Coconut Oil

METHOD

- 1. Add dates, walnuts & shredded coconut to a food processor and blend until its only small bits remain and you can pinch it together. Remove and set aside.
- 2. Lightly grease a standard, 12 slot muffin tin with coconut oil.
- 3. Scoop in heaping 1 Tbsp amounts of crust and press with fingers. Set in freezer for 10 minutes to firm up.
- 4. While crust is setting in the freezer, add all filling ingredients to a blender and mix until very smooth.
- 5. Add more Lemon Juice or Coconut Oil if you need to loosen mixture.
- 6. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed.
- 7. Divide filling evenly among the muffin tins. Tap a few times to release any air bubbles, then cover with plastic wrap and freeze until hard about 4-6 hours.
- 8. After your Cheesecakes have had at least 20 minutes in the freezer, start working on your topping.
- 9. Combine Peanut Butter & Organic Coconut Oil in small saucepan over a medium heat and whisk until combined.
- 10. Spoon the Peanut Butter mixture over each Cheesecakes, allowing to spread to the edges and return to the freezer.
- 11. Spoon 1 tsp of Raspberry (or Strawberry or Blueberry) Jam on top of the Peanut Butter topping & return to the freezer.
- 12. Optional: You can set them out for 10 minutes before serving to soften, but I liked them frozen as well.
- * You can enjoy with just Peanut Butter or just Jam or with a drizzle or Dark Chocolate, think of all the ways you've enjoyed Cheesecake and have fun with this. I'm thinking of trying Dulce de Leche next:)
- *Adapted from <u>The Minimalist Baker</u>. She's brilliant, easy to follow and my go to, most of the time. Check her out, I know you'll love her as much as I do.