Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

CAKE INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups flour—3/4C Almond and 3/4C Garbanzo bean flour
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 Eggs
- 1/2 cup butter, softened to room temp.
- 1/4 cup unsweetened apple sauce
- 1/2 cup milk of choice
- 3/4 cup low glycemic sweetener of choice equal to 3/4C sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup unsweetened crushed pineapple, well drained
- 2 cups carrots, grated
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped. (Plus a few extra for garnish on top.)

* "Fold" defined:

Folding is a technique to 'blend'. You don't stir. To fold you take part of the mixture and bring up and over, thus folding. Continue this until mixed well.

CAKE DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees (325 degrees if using glass baking dish).
- 2. Sift together into a mixing bowl the first five cake ingredients and set aside.
- 3. Use an electric mixer to beat the eggs.
- 4. Mix in the remaining five middle ingredients.
- 5. Fold the flour mixture into the egg mixture.
- 6. Add the final 3 ingredients.
- 7. Line a 9 x 13 baking dish with parchment paper, or "grease" with butter (do NOT use Crisco)
- 8. Pour in mixture and bake for 30-35minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted.
- 9. Refrigerate to cool before frosting. Garnish and decorate top with chopped nuts.
- 10. Cut into 3"x3" squares and serve. (Any leftover cake should be kept refrigerated.)

FROSTING

Blend together the below frosting ingredients and refrigerate while baking cake.

- 8 oz. <u>Cream Cheese</u>, softened (Do NOT use "fat-free.")
- 1/4 Stick **Butter**, softened to room temperature. (Ideally grass fed.)
- 8 oz. Vanilla Greek Yogurt (FAGE brand or your favorite THICK texture yogurt.)
- 1/3 cup low glycemic sweetener of choice equivalent to 3/4C sugar

