Sunflower Seed Bread



You won't find any whole wheat flour in this yummy homemade sunflower seed bread recipe. With a special ingredient, caraway seed, this flax and sunflower seed bread recipe has become a favorite in our household, showing once again, that a raw food bread recipe can be a delicious alternative to flour-based products.

Sunflower Seed Bread Recipe:

Equipment Needed: Dehydrator, Food Processor, and High-Speed Blender

Yield: 18 slices, or more or less based on slice size desired

Ingredients:

- 2 medium red onions, sliced or diced
- 2 cups hot or warm tap water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Onion marinade:

- 1/4 cup tamari or coconut aminos (wheat-free, gluten free tamari is available)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons date paste
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, pureed or micro planed
- 1 teaspoon Himalayan salt
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon thyme seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
- Optional: 3/4 tablespoon caraway seeds, ground
- 2 cups sunflower seeds, soaked for 2-4 hours and drained
- 1 apple, peeled, seeded, and rough chopped
- 2 cups golden flax seeds, ground

Preparation Steps:

- 1. Onions: soak the sliced onions in warm water with lemon juice for 30 minutes or longer. Drain, pat dry and mince. Set onions aside.
- 2. Using a high-speed blender, blend all ingredients for marinade until smooth and pour over drained onions. Massage the onions with the marinade, and set aside to marinade for 2-6 hours. Drain the onions and reserve marinade juice for future use as desired (can be used in a dressing).
- 3. Process the sunflower seeds and apple in a food processor, using an S blade. Put the mixture in a large bowl and mix in the drained marinated onions. Put half the mixture back into food processor and process/pulse so onions are well combined with small visible pieces. Remove the half that is processed and repeat with other half of mixture.
- 4. Place both halves in large mixing bowl and mix in ground flax seeds.
- 5. Spread 3 cups of the batter evenly over 14×14 teflex sheet, about 1/4 thickness OR slightly over 2.5 cups batter if using a 14×12 teflex sheet.
- 6. Dehydrate at 125 degrees Fahrenheit for 2 hours. Reduce temperature to 110 degrees until you can flip over and remove teflex sheet. Continue dehydrating until dry but still flexible.
- 7. Store in glass container in refrigerator. Bread will keep for approximately 30 days in refrigerator.

