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CINNAMON SUGAR COFFEE CAKE

- 2 Packages Yeast
- 1/4 Cup Lukewarm Water
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 3/4 Cup Milk, Scalded
- 2 Eggs, Beaten
- 1 Teaspoon Grated Lemon Rind
- 4 Cups Sifted Flour
- 1/2 Teaspoon Mace or Cardamom
- 1/2 Cup Butter, Melted

FILLING

- 2/3 Cup Light Brown Sugar, Packed
- 1/4 Cup Flour
- 2 Teaspoons Cinnamon
- Dash Salt
- 1/4 Cup Soft Butter
- 2/3 Cup Chopped Pecans

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Soften yeast in lukewarm water with 1/2 teaspoon sugar.
- 2. Let stand 10 minutes. Add remaining sugar and salt to hot milk, stir and cool to lukewarm.
- 3. Combine softened yeast with the cooled milk mixture and stir well.
- 4. Add eggs, lemon rind and half the flour sifted with spice, and beat until smooth.
- 5. Beat in the cooled butter then add remaining flour and stir thoroughly.
- 6. Turn onto a lightly floured board.
- 7. Cover the dough and let it rest for 10 minutes.
- 8. Knead until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes.
- 9. Round up into a smooth ball, place in a clean, greased bowl, turning to coat.
- 10. Cover with waxed paper and a clean towel and let rise for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.
- 11. Divide dough in two, then roll to 7x11 inch rectangles.
- 12. Fit into greased pans, cover and let rise 1 hour.
- 13. Mix sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt together thoroughly.
- 14. Work in the soft butter to produce a coarse crumbly texture.
- 15. Stir in the nuts. Sprinkle over unbaked cake.
- 16. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 15 minutes.
- 17. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 15 to 20 minutes longer.

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