## Plant-based Picnic Fare

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Sandwiches - Chick Pea Salad & Tofu Egg Salad Veggie Sticks with Easy Ranch Dressing Brazil Sliced Cheez on Multi-grain Crackers Almond Honey Cookies

## **Easy Ranch Dressing**

| 1 cup<br>1 Tbsp | Vegenaise or tofu mayonnaise dried parsley | Tofu Mayonnaise (optional) 1 pkg Mori-Nu Silken Tofu, firm (12.3 oz) |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 1 tsp           | dried dill weed                            | 3 Tbsp raw cashews, soaked and drained                               |  |
| 1 tsp           | granulated onion                           | 3 Tbsp lemon juice ½ tsp honey                                       |  |
| 1 tsp           | granulated garlic                          | % tsp salt   |  |
| 1 tsp           | lemon juice                                | Blend everything in a blender until smooth and creamy.               |  |
| ¼ cup           | water                                      |  |  |

- 1. Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Add more water as necessary.
- 2. Serve as vegetable dip or salad dressing.

Yield: 1 ½ cups

|                           | Chick Pea Salad                   |  | Tofu Egg Salad                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 15-oz can               | chick peas, rinsed and drained    | 1 pkg                                  | firm tofu, water-packed (14oz) |
| ½ cup                     | easy ranch dressing               | ½ cup                                  | Vegenaise                      |
| ½ cup                     | cucumber or celery, diced         | ½ cup                                  | celery, diced small            |
| 1 tsp                     | dried dill                        | 1 Tbsp                                 | veggie chik seasoning          |
| 1 tsp                     | lemon juice                       |  | (McKay's or other)             |
| ½ tsp                     | honey                             | 2 tsp                                  | granulated onion               |
| ½ tsp                     | salt                              | 1 tsp                                  | granulated garlic              |
|                           |                                   | 1 tsp                                  | dried parsley                  |
| <ol> <li>Pulse</li> </ol> | chick peas in food processor a    | ½ tsp                                  | salt                           |
| few ti                    | mes until coarsely processed.     | ¼ tsp                                  | turmeric (for color)           |
| You w                     | ant chunks to remain.             |  |                                |
| 2. Mix in                 | the rest of the ingredients until | 1. Rinse tofu and remove excess water. |                                |

Yield: 2 cups

well combined.

3. Serve in sandwiches or on crackers.

- 2. Crumble tofu into a mixing bowl.
- 3. Add remaining ingredients and combine well.
- 4. Serve in sandwiches or on crackers or on a bed of lettuce!

Yield: 2 cups

## **Brazil Sliced Cheez**

2 ¼ cup water

2 Tbsp agar agar powder

1 cup Brazil nuts, soaked and drained

1 clove garlic

¼ cup lemon juice3 Tbs sesame seeds

2 tsp salt

¼ tsp granulated onion

- 1. Mix water and agar powder in a small saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil stirring constantly for about 5 minutes. Mixture should slightly thicken.
- 2. Allow to cool for a minute, then add to blender with rest of ingredients.
- 3. Blend well for 2-3 minutes until smooth and creamy. Pour into a dish of choice to form a mold for the cheese.
- 4. Cover and chill for about 6 hours.
- 5. This cheese can be sliced or shredded and is great on crackers, salads, or to enjoy on its own!

Yield: 4 cups

## **Almond Honey Cookies**

2 cups almonds, slivered, unsalted

1 cup rolled oats
1/3 cup honey
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp salt

- 1. Place almonds, oats, and salt in food processor and process until flour-like consistency.
- 2. Add honey and vanilla and pulse until dry and wet ingredients combine into dough-like consistency. Dough will be sticky.
- 3. Transfer to mixing bowl and with wet hands work dough until evenly combined. Keep your hands wet to keep dough from sticking.
- 4. Form into approximately 2-inch cookies, flatten, and shape on parchment-lined cookie sheet.
- 5. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes. Watch as they can burn easily!

Yield: 20 cookies

\*\*\*Variation: Can substitute almonds for raw peanuts to make peanut cookies.