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spice bars lebkuchen 2¹/₂ cups sugar 2 cups butter or margarine 2 eggs 4 cups unsifted flour 1 egg white, beaten wot too shiffly Sugar Cinnamon Pecan halves

Cream sugar and butter. Beat in 2 eggs. Gradually blend in flour. Chill dough overnight.

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Roll as thin as possible on well-floured board/ Work with ¼ of dough at a time. Keep remaining dough chilled. Cut into diamonds with a knife. Place on greased cookie sheets. Brush each cookie with beaten egg white. Sprinkle with sugar and a pinch of cinnamon. Place a pecan half in center of each cookie. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 8 to 10 minutes, until edges are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheets 1 minute, then remove to wire racks.

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1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 teaspoon ground allspice 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 1/2 teaspoon salt 21/4 cups unsifted flour 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 cup ground almonds 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind 2 eggs 3/4 cup sugar 3/4 cup honey 1/2 cup milk

almond glaze 1 cup confectioners' sugar ½ teaspoon almond extract 1 teaspoon rum 1 to 2 tablespoons water

Sift together the spices, salt, flour, and baking powder. Stir in the almonds and lemon rind.

In a separate bowl beat the eggs and sugar until a ribbon is formed when the beater is removed. Stir in the honey and milk. Gardually stir in the flour mixture; beat until smooth.

Spread the batter in an 11 x 17-inch jelly-roll pan that is well-greased and floured. Bake at 400° F for 12 to 15 minutes, until the cake is done. While still warm, turn the cake out onto a rack.

To make the almond glaze, mix the confectioners' sugar, almond extract, rum, and 1 to 2 tablespoons water. Beat until glaze is smooth and of the right consistency. Add more water, if necessary, to thin.

Spread the warm cake with almond glaze. Cut cake into 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bars while still warm. Use $p_1 \neq 2a_{cu} \neq e_{L}$

Spice bars keep 6 to 8 weeks in a sealed container if not glazed. Makes 4 dozen.