January Breakfast Cake

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What You'll Need:

1 cup (227 grams) water

1 cup (270 grams) "natural" peanut butter (I used Skippy; I haven't tried the recipe with freshly ground nut butter)

1/4 cup (78 grams) real maple syrup (or honey or agave)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil (or any neutral flavored oil)

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 cup (46 grams) oat flour

1 1/2 cups (134 grams) old-fashioned rolled oats

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1 egg *

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 ripe banana, mashed

1 cup (170 grams) semisweet chocolate chips (or to taste)

What You'll Do:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2. Grease an 8 x 8-inch pan.

^{*}Veganize with a flax egg: whisk together 3 tablespoons flax seed and 1/4 cup water. Let sit for 10 minutes in the fridge to thicken up.

- 3. In a medium size pot bring 1 cup of water to a boil. Turn the heat off and whisk in the peanut butter, maple syrup, oil, kosher salt and cinnamon until smooth.
- 4. Stir in the oat flour, oatmeal, baking powder and baking soda until blended.
- 5. Mix in the egg and vanilla until incorporated.
- 6. Fold in the banana and chocolate chips and pour the mixture into the prepared pan. Smooth the batter to the edges and bake for 20 to 30 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean and the center bounces back if touched with finger.
- 7. Let cool.