## **Best Banana Bread**

This is especially good toasted. Use all whole-wheat flour or all barley or spelt flour, if you choose. If you do not have heart disease, add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped walnuts or  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup raisins and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped walnuts.

## Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups whole-wheat flour
- ½ cup barley or spelt flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 small ripe bananas (or 2 large)
- 1 jar baby-food prunes or ½ cup applesauce
- ½ cup (or less) maple syrup, honey, or sugar
- Egg replacer for 1 egg (1 tbsp ground flaxseed meal mixed with 3 tbsp water OR 1 ½ tsp Ener-G egg replacer mixed with 2 tbsp water)
- ½ cup raisins
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ cup oat, almond, or nonfat soy milk
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- (Optional) 1/4 to 1/2 cup of Lily's Dark Chocolate Chips

## Instructions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C).
- 2. Mix the first five dry ingredients in a large bowl.
- 3. Mash bananas in a medium bowl and mix in the remaining wet ingredients.
- 4. Add the wet mixture to the dry ingredients and mix gently.
- 5. Pour into a 9x5-inch loaf pan and bake for 70 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean.