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ingredients

Pancake Batter:

- 3 cups lukewarm water
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup fine semolina flour

- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ tblsp baking powder
 - 2 tblsp granulated sugar
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
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Walnut Filling:

- 2 cups chopped walnuts
 - 1 tblsp granulated sugar
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp ground cinnamon
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Cheese Filling:

- 2 cups Akkawi cheese, crumbled
 - 1 tblsp granulated sugar
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon
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Syrup:

- 2 cups granulated sugar
 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water
 - 1 tblsp lemon juice
 - 8 tblsp melted butter
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1. In a bowl of a food processor, blend the water, semolina flour, all-purpose flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt until a batter-like consistency forms, about 3 minutes. Let stand for 30 minutes.
2. Prepare the walnut filling by combining the chopped walnuts, sugar, and cinnamon, mix well. Do the same with the cheese filling.
3. In a dry, large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat, heat the pan for 5 minutes. Once hot, add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of the batter. Cook until bubbles form on top (if bubbles do not appear within the first 5 to 10 seconds, the pan is not hot enough) and the batter is no longer wet, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer the pancake to a tray and cover with a clean towel to keep it from drying. Repeat with the remaining batter.
4. Place 2 to 3 tblsp of the filling in the middle of a pancake. Fold the pancake in half, pinching the seam firmly to seal. Place on a baking sheet and cover with a clean kitchen towel. Repeat until the fillings are used up.

5. To make sugar syrup, combine sugar and water in a small pot over medium heat, whisk constantly until the sugar dissolves and bubbles, about 14 minutes. Add the lemon juice and set aside to cool down.
6. Preheat the oven to 375 F.
7. Brush both sides of each pancake with the melted butter. Bake in the preheated oven until golden, flipping halfway, about 20 minutes total.
8. Drizzle with sugar syrup and serve immediately.



