Braised Leeks & Carrots in Olive Oil

Ingredients

- ½ tbsp olive oil
- 3 onion, chopped
- 6 cloves garlic chopped
- 4 medium leeks
- 3 large carrots
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup or ½ tsp brown sugar
- 1 cup water
- juice of ½ lemon
- ½ tsp ground coriander
- ½ tsp dried thyme
- ½ tsp dried mint
- ½ tsp ground allspice
- ½ tsp kosher salt

Instructions

- 1. Trim and peel off the outer layer of the leeks. Then cut them in ¼ inch rounds. Soak in water for about 5 minutes and rinse well.
- 2. Peel the carrots and slice into $\frac{1}{4}$ inch circles.
- 3. Pour olive oil into a large sauté pan add onions, garlic, carrots and leeks and cook for about 10 minutes. Mixing several times.
- 4. Sprinkle with salt and spices, pour in 1 ½ cup of filtered water and lemon juice over mixture.

- 5. Cover and simmer on low heat for about 15 minutes or until slightly caramelized with some liquid remaining. Vegetables should be tender, not mushy.
- 6. Drizzle with the 3 tablespoons of olive oil. May be eaten at room temperature or cold.