Crostini With Herb-Whipped Ricotta (serves 16-20)

8 oz fresh, whole milk ricotta
1 T heavy cream
Zest of 1 lemon
1-2 T chopped herbs (any type, such as thyme, parsley, rosemary)
Kosher salt and freshly ground coarse black pepper, to taste
1/4 cup honey or 3 T olive oil, for serving
1 baguette, thinly sliced and toasted or grilled

In a food processor or blender, combine the ricotta, cream, lemon zest and herbs. Whip until smooth and fluffy (1-2 minutes). Add salt and pepper to taste, then pulse briefly to incorporate. Place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes for flavors to meld. Serve on toasted or grilled bread with a drizzle of honey or olive oil. Sprinkle it with salt and pepper to granish.

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