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The Brooklyn Food Coalition Helps Bring Food to Brooklynites in Need

By Diane Aronson

According to current U.S. Census Bureau statistics, the number of Americans at or below the poverty rate has risen to 46.2 million. A recent *New York Times* article reports the number as “the highest in the 52 years the bureau has been publishing figures on it.”

The poor economic times have made their effect felt in New York City. In 2010, according to the *Times*, 20.1% of New Yorkers were “living below the official poverty line.”

This means that one in five of our neighbors are in need. In Brooklyn, the numbers are even higher. According to City-Data.com’s 2009 figures, Brooklyn has a 24.2% poverty rate. Nowhere is poverty more pronounced than in food. According to the Hunger Action Network of New York State, “40% of New York City residents are having difficulty affording food, a 64% increase since 2003,” and “nearly half of NYC households with children had difficulty affording food in 2009.”

These statistics underscore the magnitude and challenges of food poverty. Helping all Brooklynites achieve food security while eating healthfully is a major goal of the Brooklyn Food Coalition, cofounded by long-time Park Slope Food Coop member Nancy Romer.



PHOTO BY WILLIAM FARRINGTON

Veteran social activist Nancy Romer in Coop aisle.

The Problems Are Many

For Romer, problems of the food system include: the system is controlled more and more by large corporations that put profit above the quality of food; the lack of fair distribution; the low wages and poor working conditions of most food workers; and the impact of food growth, processing and transportation. Change needs to come through systemic shifts, she says.

As Romer sums it up, there needs to be “healthy, affordable food for all—healthy food is a right; sustainable food systems—the environmental impact of food is horrendous in the present food industry; and

rights for food workers—two billion people on the planet are food workers, and they are among the poorest people.” In addition to food growers, food laborers include food processing and food retail and restaurant workers, a segment of workers that is starting to bounce back after employment drops in 2009, but who still suffer from chronically low wages, and many of whom are among our neighbors.

As Romer sums it up, there needs to be “healthy, affordable food for all.”

A veteran social justice organizer, who, when her children were small, “always had a leaflet in my baby bag,” Romer traveled extensively in Bolivia in the past decade, and it was there she was struck by “the power of efforts to take back natural resources from corporations that control them.”

This admiration of communities drawing from grassroots to make change made Romer a natural as a driving force behind the Brooklyn Food Coalition and the 2009 conference that launched it. The 2009 conference planted seeds that are improving food access for all Brooklynites.

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Union Street Memories

Coop, Dixon’s Bicycle Shop Are Only Survivors from Park Slope’s More Industrial Period

By Willow Lawson

One of David Dixon’s first memories of the Park Slope Food Coop isn’t actually about the Coop at all, but the red brick building where the Coop was born. It was the mid-1970s. Although it was a commercial space, the building was the home of a man named Warren, who adorned the place with hammocks and pot smoke. He also parked his VW in the center of the room, roughly where the egg case is today.

David’s dad ran Dixon’s Bicycle Shop, which at the time was located at the corner of 6th Avenue and Union

Street, in the same space now occupied by Boing Boing, the baby-goods shop. The Dixon family lived next door and took over the shop when the previous owner retired.

David, 40, remembers riding his tricycle in front of the old shop. “It was the worst neighborhood in all of Brooklyn,” he said recently, drinking coffee in the store. Park Slope was “redlined,” which meant that home buyers found it nearly impossible to get a bank mortgage to buy a home in the area. Older districts in the center of many

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Next General Meeting on November 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. *The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda will be available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop on Tuesday, November 8. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

* Exceptions will be posted.

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Coop Event Highlights

- Thu, Nov 3 • Food Class:**
Gluten-Free Vegan Masterpieces 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Nov 4 • Film Night:**
Battle for Brooklyn 7:00 p.m.
- Sun, Nov 6 • Slowing Down the DEC on the**
Fast Track to Frack NY State 12–2 p.m.
- Tue, Nov 8 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:**
Eating Alaska 7:00 p.m.

Look for additional information about these and other events in this issue.

Brooklyn Food

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Spreading the Word in Only Two Years

Initially organized at the conference, the Food Coop Alliance-NYC plays a pivotal role in helping fledgling food coops become established. In two short years, the Alliance is having an effect. The Bushwick Coop has had a buying club since 2009. The Greene Hill Food Co-op, which serves the Fort Greene, Bed-Stuy, Crown Heights, and Prospect Heights neighborhoods, moved into its Putnam Avenue storefront a few months ago organized as a buying club and is renovating its space now. It is due to open in mid-November with shopping hours. The Bay Ridge Food Coop has also established a buying club and is searching for a proper space for their new store.

The idea of making food distribution more community-based has caught the attention of New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn. Nancy Romer teamed with another organization to write a grant proposal to Speaker Quinn to foster food coops. As a result, Quinn added \$50,000 to the 2011 NYC budget to support coops. Although not a huge sum, the money, which is earmarked for technical and business advice to be provided by the consulting firm Seedco, could be a great help

to a start-up. The Brooklyn Food Coalition has succeeded in doing extensive neighborhood organizing, school food organizing, mapping, research and policy work. BFC has continued to help educate and mobilize Brooklynites. With the 2009 BFC conference making its positive effects felt, plans are already in the works for a second conference in May 2012.

Expanding the Agenda For the 2012 Conference

Urban farming, which has taken root in Brooklyn and other areas, will “absolutely” be part of the 2012 Brooklyn Food Coalition Conference, according to Romer. This agriculture movement is described as “a very, very big deal” by Romer, and she thinks “we need to expand it.” Areas where Romer would love to see more urban farming include Bed-Stuy, Bushwick, East New York and Brownsville—neighborhoods in great need of affordable fresh food.

Observes Romer, “There is so much land around. Brownsville, for example, has the highest concentration of public housing in the country. They are loaded with these little patches of grass that presently have very little use or effect. These could be growing food.” Some areas already have urban farming—East New York Farms is an outstanding example, and there are backyards that

could be planted, too. Romer’s hope is that during the 2012 conference there will be workshops and exhibits highlighting this locally grown crop movement—with participation by children and cooking demonstrations.

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Romer is also a big proponent of community-supported agriculture (CSAs) and farmers’ markets as a way for neighborhoods to exercise their buying power while supporting local farmers and their steady flow of fresh produce. Expanding CSAs and farmers’ markets in Brooklyn will definitely be on the 2012 BFC conference’s agenda, with a stress on connecting upstate farmers with downstate organizations that support the poor. “We’re looking at a bunch of creative models to figure out how we can link healthy food (at a decent price to farmers) with low-income Brooklynites, [providing] direct access to healthy food at relatively low cost,” observes Romer.

The conference also plans to sow the seeds of an upstate-downstate food alliance that can create

shared advocacy for strengthening our local food system while protecting our state’s land from hydrofracking, oil pipelines and other environmental threats to our water and farmland.

Food poverty is a frightening fact. The planned 2012 Brooklyn Food Coalition conference is way for communities to pull together, mining the resources and caring that all Brooklynites can bring to the table, helping our neigh-

bors eat more healthfully and sustainably—in all senses of the word. But Romer insists that the conference and the movement have to be inspiring and fun: “We have a food system to change, and we need to figure out a way to do it with joy, community and lots of good food.” ■

If you are interested in helping the coalition, please e-mail conference@brooklynfoodcoalition.org or call (347) 329-5093.

Sudoku

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 16.

Thanksgiving Day Shopping Hours

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE IS CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

Food and Photos: Recipes for a Good Life

Paola Ferrario's book melds cooking and art

By Liz Welch

When Paola Ferrario saw a photo, taken in the 1950s, of a young girl with corkscrew curls holding a can of worms, she had an epiphany: "I thought of macaroni and cheese," the 47-year-old Italian born photographer explains. That photo, from a friend's family archives, sparked the idea for Ferrario's self-published cookbook, *19 Pictures 22 Recipes*. "I wanted to connect photographs with recipes," she explains. In the book's introduction, she elaborates, "This book, which contains a collection of images and recipes, is neither a photography book nor a cookbook. I like to think of it as a collection of essays that elaborate on my definitions of seeing, looking, tasting and cooking with pleasure." In truth, the book is a recipe for a good life. "After my editor Daisy Fried finished working on the book, she said, 'I don't think you want to teach people how to cook. I think you want to teach people how to live.'"

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Ferrario met Fried at Smith College, where they are colleagues—Ferrario is the Harnish Visiting Artist in Photography; Fried is the Poet-in-Residence. Ferrario asked Fried to edit the collection, started in 2004, which zeroes in on two of the three

things Ferrario says she is good at: food and photos.

"I know about cooking, photography and traditional Japanese martial arts," Ferrario explains, adding that they are all connected. "In martial arts, to make a move effective is to repeat it over and over again in its most simple and direct way. The same can be said of pasta."

Take the Pasta Alla Carbonara recipe in her book. Six ingredients are called for (one pound of spaghetti; one

essay, in which she applauds the joining of the woman's breasts (she is wearing a tight shirt) and her victory. "Although everybody loves breasts and victory, not many artists have succeeded in creating a combination of the two that calls for jubilant juvenile cheers! Delacroix's 'Victory Leading the People' comes close." She then segues to the pasta alla carbonara recipe, which she sees as equally surprising and equally lusty. "This image



Paola Ferrario, author of *19 Pictures 22 Recipes*.

tablespoon coarse salt; one egg; one cup of finely grated Parmesan cheese; black pepper to taste; 30 cubes of pancetta, cut into ½ by ¼ by ¼ pieces) to create a dish as robust as the photo Ferrario pairs with it: a buxom woman who has just won a bicycle race—or so we assume, as she is balancing on her racing bike with her hands outstretched above her head in a jubilant pose. Ferrario writes about the image in a short

generates the same pleasant surprise that the Romans experienced when American soldiers, during World War Two, poured their canned eggs and bacon over pasta. This combination, unthinkable for Italians of that era, inspired a very popular dish."

Each photo and recipe is matched in a similar way: Ferrario muses on the image and then connects it to a dish that she has memorized and perfected over her lifetime. "In

European education, you don't have your own ideas. You repeat other people's good ideas," Ferrario explains. "Most of these recipes are other people's good ideas." Such as broccoli rabe, or pasta with tomato, the perfect steak, or the cheese with pears. "In my family, the cooking was mostly very simple," Ferrario says. "To me, it is so important that people understand that there is nothing better than a pear with cheese. This book is about reversing this idea that a can of soup is food. How about a pear?"

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Ferrario, who lives in Massachusetts and is in a long-distance relationship with Coop member Faye Hirsch, grew up in Lombardi, Italy, but left home when she was 19 to study photography at the Academy of Arts in San Francisco. "I thought I wanted to be a commercial photographer, but then I started taking photos at the Art Institute—that was where I became an artist," she explains. She is represented by Manhattan's Sue Scott Gallery, but decided to do this project on her own. "I am not a writer," she explains. "But I had something I wanted to say."

Her meditation on cheese and pears makes one of the many deep points in this slim but rich volume. "This is not quite a recipe, more an exercise in taste," her essay begins. Further on, she states: "Cheese with pear is one of the great flavor compositions...the two flavors are so simple and direct that they can become symbolic." And as pear season is reaching its peak, the Coop offers an abundance of possibilities: Bosc with Gorgonzola; Anjou with Cheddar; Bartlett with Brie.

The photograph Ferrario matches with this simple recipe is of a very tall and thin man standing in front of an antelope statue—the animal seems to be jumping off his



left shoulder in the dark, hard-to-read image, one she describes as truly ugly and yet oddly pleasing. Like cheese and pear.

"I love unknown, anonymous photos," explains Ferrario who found most of the 22 images at flea markets or antique stores. "If you look carefully, even if you don't know anything about it, you see a whole story."

Like the photos, each recipe tells a whole story, too: Gravlax, for instance, calls for three ingredients (two pounds of salmon filet with skin; four tablespoons of coarse salt; a bit of dill)—so simple, and yet so dignified. "I paired that with a photo of a boy seated on a wicker bench with his dog," she explains. "It is a picture of privilege—and an example of classic portraiture. And every time I make gravlax or any type of cured or raw fish, I feel very fancy."

But Ferrario's book is not fancy at all—it is a heartfelt and deeply authentic ode to life's smallest pleasures. A perfectly ripe tomato; a snapshot found at a flea market: both have the same power to delight. In the book's introduction, Ferrario writes, "I've always seen cooking and photography to be closely related, even though my pragmatic approach to each discipline is diametrically opposed."

In her work, she uses light meters and thermometers. In her kitchen, she uses instinct and experience. In this book, she uses her deep knowledge of both to create a manual for living a beautiful life, which includes always having enough in her cupboard if a friend stops by unannounced. "I cook for myself every day," she says. "It really grounds me." Reading this book is both grounding and inspiring, an extraordinary feat in so few pages. ■

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MAY 2012 BROOKLYN FOOD CONFERENCE

Brooklyn Food Coalition is planning a conference for May 12, 2012.

Please join BFC as a member and help make this conference happen.



Copywriting
Graphic Design
Social Networking
Web Development
Outreach
Research
Fundraising

To learn more and to volunteer please contact:
conference@brooklynfoodcoalition.org
You will receive FTOP credit for your work.



Union Street

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American cities were suffering a similar fate as city dwellers fled to the suburbs.

The house and the store were regularly burgled. When the Dixon family would return home after being out for the day, David's dad would search the house first to make sure no one else was inside. He hid a stick in the grass outside the shop for such situations. Back then, of course, Union Street between 6th and 7th Avenues had no yoga studios, organic restaurants or posh play spaces for children.

Joe Holtz, General Coordinator and member who has witnessed the evolution of the neighborhood over the years, says that back then he was glad Dixon's was a neighbor because nearly every other commercial building on the block housed a clothing factory. "There was no parking on the whole block except for the loading and unloading of giant trucks that would deliver stuff for making clothes," said Holtz. The trucks sometimes carried huge knitting machines and workers would push clothing racks down the sidewalk, he remembers. The parking garage up the hill from the Coop housed multiple, large garment factories.

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While Warren lived downstairs, the Food Coop had its beginnings on the second floor, subleasing space from the Mongoose Community Center, which hosted poetry readings, films and meetings of community groups, including the Park Slope People Against the Vietnam War.

A few years before the Coop bought its first building, Dixon's Bicycle Shop moved to its current location, four doors up the hill from the Coop in a deep, two-story building. A big part of the business back then was renting bikes to people who wanted a leisurely ride through Prospect Park.

As the Coop was growing, David was a student at St. Francis Xavier School on President Street. The kids played in the schoolyard—the one behind the long yellow mural of old-time bike riders, a work of art commis-



ILLUSTRATIONS BY DIANE MILLER

sioned by Mr. Dixon to cover the heavy graffiti. Playground balls ended up on nearby roofs almost daily. David remembers that the building next to the schoolyard was occupied by a Japanese sculptor. He kept irregular hours, so the kids asked Coop members for access to the roof to retrieve balls. He remembers Mike Eakin, General Coordinator, would show him the way through the hatch to the roof. (Eakin says the sculptor's name was Seiji, pronounced as "Sagey.") "You'd go up there for one ball and find ten others," said David.

By about 1976 or 1977, Holtz says the Mongoose group drifted apart and gave up their lease. By then, the Food Coop had about 1,000 members and signed a lease for the whole building, with an option to buy at a set price two years later. The need for a down payment on

782 Union Street led to the first collection of member investment money. Instead of the \$100 refundable payment members make today, in 1980 it was \$10.

When Cline's owners decided to sell the building in the late 1990s, they offered it to Dixon's first...

On the 7th Ave. side of the Coop's first building was the wide beige brick building that now serves as the Coop's main entrance. In the late '70s it was home to Cline's rug store, which seemed to do more cleaning, rather than selling, of rugs. "There was an incredibly big cleaning machine that would make the Coop shake," recalled Holtz.

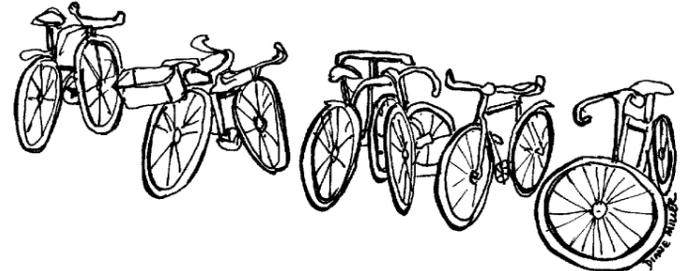
When Cline's owners decided to sell the building in the late 1990s, they offered it to Dixon's first, according to

David. "Dad said to Cline's, 'The Coop wants to expand. Let them have it,'" he recalled. Over the years, the Dixon family invested in other properties in the neighborhood and still lives in Brooklyn. David's mom is a longtime Coop member. David and his brother have taken over the family business.

Has the Coop's relationship with Dixon's been symbiotic over the years? The foot traffic is a plus for the bike shop, said David, and

many members are loyal to Dixon's. The bike valet system is a welcome change because so many people have had their bikes stolen on the block over the years, says David.

Ann Herpel, General Coordinator, noted that Dixon's has been a great neighbor over the years. When the Coop prepared to raffle off a bike last year, they couldn't find a place to put it. Dixon's stored it for free over the winter. ■



What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Monday, November 7, 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Friday, November 11, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Monday, November 21, 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22, 12:15 to 3 p.m.

You can join in any time during a question-and-answer session on the shopping floor.

Look for tour leaders in produce aisle.

Coop collecting donations for CHIPS Soup Kitchen

On September 23, CHIPS suffered devastating smoke and water damage from a fire in an adjacent building.

CHIPS is currently closed to rebuild and renovate. They need our financial support to reopen the Soup Kitchen and Frances Residence.

There are collection boxes located here in the Food Coop, near the exit, at the cashier stations and in the Membership Office.

You can also send a check to:
CHIPS
200 Fourth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217

CHIPS has politely requested *ONLY financial donations*, at this time. They are unable to handle donations of food, clothing or furniture.

The Diversity and Equality Committee Seeks New Members

Are you interested in Issues of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion?

The Diversity and Equality Committee is dedicated to improving human relations and communication in all policies and procedures in the Coop. Our goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop. If you are interested in issues of diversity, equality and inclusion, you can help us to achieve our goals by becoming a member of the DEC.

We are currently seeking new members, with experience in conflict resolution and mediation, interviewing, and leading and organizing workshops, ideally around diversity. General computer skills and editing and writing skills are also helpful.

Requirements:

- Must be a member for at least one year
 - Have good attendance record
- Attend monthly committee meetings on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Participate in subcommittee work as needed

We seek members who are reflective of the diversity of the Coop membership.

If interested, please send an email with your name, PSFC member number, and details of your relevant experience to reply@psfc.coop. Please put "Diversity and Equality" in the subject line.



MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Our Side of the American Culture At the Financial District

The Importance of Occupy Wall Street, As I See It

By Kumru Toktamis

My son was already in my belly when I was sitting down for my first data-entry shift at the Coop's office. Then together we moved to childcare. When the toys at childcare no longer fulfilled his type of social activity, he became my occasional heavyweight lifter, lugging produce and stuff from the Coop to our home. Although he was still not yet a working member, on an early October day this year, he and I purchased a bunch of cookies, chocolate and fruit to take to the kitchen at Zuccotti (now Liberty) Park. Now a high school senior who has endured a life with an overworked and underpaid single mother, with a dissertation to write, he is a dedicated member of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

On October 6, as union and non-union workers of New York City (along with many from New Jersey), tens of thousands of us marched

to support the protestors. At that historic mobilization, as I was carrying the sign of my union, I wrote on the back, "I am proud of you my son." The Occupiers—for lack of a better term for the time being—are not only the long-awaited counter-movement against the Tea Party's populism; they are our children, for whom we are no longer able to provide the American Dream. It stopped trickling down a long time ago and these young people seem to realize it. They have built a symbolic movement, in a symbolic district of our city, and it now resonates across the country and the globe.

The Occupy Wall Street movement reminds us that "we are the 99%," who only have access to a small portion of the American Dream, while the top 1% controls more than one third of the financial wealth in this country. Income inequality in the U.S. is extremely embarrass-

ing: our country ranks 93rd in terms of income equality, just above Mexico and Brazil and below Russia, China, Israel and Egypt. It is hard to compare the United States with countries like Sweden, Norway and Denmark, who top the global list and have managed to create much more equality of conditions for their citizens. I was saddened when a group of my students told me the other day, "At least the poor in the U.S. are not as poor as the poor elsewhere in the world!" Have we come to this? What happened to working hard and sharing a piece of the American Dream? Now, we'll work hard and get our piece of American Poverty?

For those who love it, Wall Street symbolizes the competitive spirit; it stands for greed for those who hate it all around the world. Back in my home country, when people find out that I live in New York City, they think in those

terms. It takes them some time to comprehend that we are Coop members and teach compassion, sharing and "no hitting" to our children. Unfortunately, these are not terms that represent American culture to the world. We are known for our warmongering politicians and greedy corporations. Now, in the Occupy Wall Street movement we have an opportunity to re-frame and re-present our values to the world, right underneath the skyscrapers of the financial center of the world.

The success of their amazing movement depends on the same qualities we the Coop members have been practicing every day: patience and solidarity, less competition and more collaboration.

I was thrilled to find out that the Coop was providing some of our soup kitchen food to the Zuccotti Park kitchen. Apparently, it started when someone outside New York City sent an e-mail asking for someone to send a case of peanut butter to Zuccotti Park on her behalf. Some of our coordinators decide to purchase and donate the case themselves. Then someone from Occupy Wall Street contacted the Coop about whether they could get some of the food that we regularly donate to soup kitchens. There were three such donations made; for now they have stopped until the Occupy Wall Street folks work out access to an improved kitchen where they can make better use of the Coop's donations.

The Financial District is no longer a faraway corner of America that I had chosen not to pay much attention to—it is personal, and the Occupiers are our children. The success of their amazing movement depends on the same qualities we the Coop members have been practicing every day: patience and solidarity, less competition and more collaboration. At this historical juncture, I sense that there are plenty of lessons to be learned and a lot of contributions and support we can give. ■

VALET BIKE PARKING IS ON SUNDAYS!



strollers & scooters & carts too!

Every Sunday through November 20, from 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Coop members can leave their bikes with our valet parking service, which is like a coat check for bikes. Working members will check in and watch your bike for you.

Just drop off your bike, stroller, scooter or personal cart, do your shopping or your shift, and hop back on.

No locks, no worries, no theft.

Service operates rain or shine.

Look for us in front of the yellow wall.

(Note: no bike check-in after 7:30 p.m.)

Valet bicycle parking at the Coop is brought to you by the PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee.



PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee

Attention Coop Squad Leaders!

Interested in learning more about how diversity issues affect Coop members' shopping and work shift experiences?

Want to know more about what resources are available to help your shift run more smoothly?

The Park Slope Food Coop's Diversity and Equality Committee is holding a series of workshops for Squad Leaders. The goal of the two-hour workshop is to increase awareness and understanding of diversity in the Coop. Through interactive discussions we will talk about the values of diversity, how differences can create both collaboration and conflict and strategies for dealing with issues of diversity. We will discuss conflicts that have arisen in the Coop, the findings of the diversity survey and what you can do to make the Coop a more welcoming place for all.

TRAINING DATES:

Tuesday, December 6, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please call 888-922-COOP (2667) box 89 or send an e-mail to reply@psfc.coop (with "SL Training" in the subject line) to confirm your attendance and/or for more information. In either case, please tell us your name, Coop member number, contact information and the date you are interested in attending. We will reply with a confirmation within a week.

DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY COMMITTEE
PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

WORKSLOT CREDIT (MAKE-UP OR FTOP) IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO ATTEND.

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Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's products blog.

The place to go for the latest information on our current product inventory.

You can connect to the blog via the Coop's website www.foodcoop.com

The Coop is looking for 1 or 2 members to represent the Coop at MAFCA (Mid-Atlantic Food Coop Alliance) quarterly meetings.

Interested members must have excellent attendance, been a member for 5+ years, and have a thorough knowledge of the Coop's member-owned and -operated culture and values.

Travel to/from meetings included in work slot credit and expenses will be reimbursed.

If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Ann Herpel or Joe Holtz at 718-622-0560 or ann_herpel@psfc.coop.



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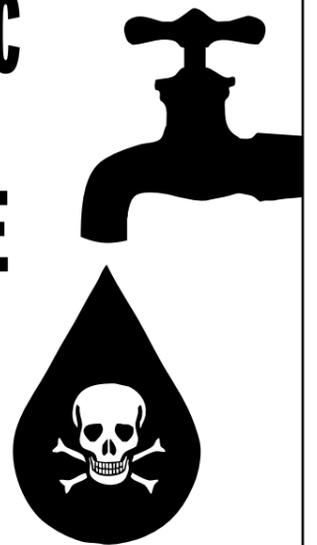
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Sunday, November 6
 12 – 2 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
 Non members Welcome

SLOWING DOWN THE DEC ON THE FAST TRACK TO FRACK NEW YORK STATE

Governor Cuomo and the Department of Environmental Conservation are putting the energy industry on a fast track to frack New York State. Why the hurry?



The NYS DEC recently issued a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) which, if accepted, will allow hydro-fracking to begin. We have until December 12 to send comments to the DEC.

The Food Coop's Environmental Committee is organizing a series of workshops to provide guidance for writing an effective letter to the DEC, commenting on their regulations.

Stop by at any point during one of the workshop sessions.

Future session will be held:
 Saturday, November 19, 2 – 4 p.m.

Bring friends—Coop members and non-members are welcome!

Sponsored by the Park Slope Food Coop Environmental Committee.
 Visit us at www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Film Covers Grassroots Culture and Politics in Palestine

By Melissa Morrone

On October 15, an event at the Coop shed some light on a part of the world that's been the source of much ink in the Gazette lately: Israel and the Palestinian territories. This screening of "Slingshot Hip Hop," a 2008 documentary by Jackie Reem Salloum, about Palestinian hip hop and the youth who are driven to make it, drew an engaged audience and led to a lively discussion.

"Slingshot Hip Hop," as co-producer Ora Wise explained after the screening, had an unusual trajectory for a female-directed documentary, let alone for a film about such a marginalized community. Throughout the filming process, Salloum gave the subjects cameras so that they could create their own material—the reverse of the typical filmmaking process. Despite the film's premiering at Sundance, Salloum has eschewed traditional distribution methods and has shared the film's proceeds with its young subjects.

The main characters are the members of the rap group DAM—Suhell Nafar, Tamer Nafar, and Mahmoud Jreri—along with their friends and associates in music. Early in the movie, Tamer describes DAM's influences. "It's 30 percent music," he says to the camera, brandishing a variety of CDs by Arab singers and African-American rappers. "It's 30 percent literature," as he gestures to overflowing shelves of books in English and Arabic. And then the camera zooms through the window towards the gritty streets of Lyd, where the remaining 40 percent comes from.

"Slingshot Hip Hop" shows life in Israel and the Palestinian territories on the micro level. The Nafar brothers talk about the lack of opportunity and discrimination they and others experience as Palestinians living in Israel proper. The group PR (Palestinian Rapperz) is based in Gaza, and their movements are regularly

blocked by checkpoints that turn a 20-minute drive within the strip into an uncertain journey of hours—and forget about traveling to the West Bank. The female singer Abeer and the women of the hip hop duo Arapeyat have the added responsibility of balancing their talents with more traditional gender expectations.

But there's also lots of humor, resilience and, of course, great music throughout. If you missed the screening, get your hands on the DVD—and don't miss the final scene, appearing after the credits have started rolling.

Almost everyone stayed for the discussion. Ora Wise began by linking the grassroots resistance portrayed in the film with the Occupy Wall Street movement that's in the forefront of so many New Yorkers' minds. The political hip hop of DAM and the other Palestinian musicians, she explained, is part of the spectrum of liberatory social movements that come up from the bottom.

And Wise stressed that the cultural production in "Slingshot" parallels the way in which Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) is also a creative, positive and proactive movement. Both are nonviolent forms of resistance that are grassroots, immediate and in keeping with the Coop's values.

One audience member praised the way that the film showed regular life in Israel/Palestine—often absent from U.S. media. He said it was inspiring to see a sense of normalcy—communicating with friends online, going dancing—in the face of such hostile circumstances. A Palestinian-American woman said that, despite knowing a lot about the history of the region and having relatives currently living there, she nevertheless found parts of the film shocking in their frank portrayal of oppression.

Another audience member reminded the group that BDS comes from a call made by a

wide swath of Palestinian civil society. By adhering to this global movement, she went on, we in the U.S. are participating in a struggle for justice as requested by the people actually affected by Israeli policies.

When Wise mentioned the olive harvest in Palestine, which has taken place at this time of year for centuries, the discussion turned to food under occupation. According to Wise, Palestinian farmers routinely suffer attacks from settlers who burn olive trees and poison the earth with chemicals. Even those Palestinians who can cultivate salable items are often unable to bring them to market due to the arbitrary nature of checkpoints along the route. How is it right, Wise asked the group, that we in Brooklyn have access to fresh, local food at the Coop and don't act to help those who are denied these basics? ■



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Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

Evenings & Weekends

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work evenings and weekends.

The evening and weekend Receiving/Stocking Coordinators have a lot of responsibility overseeing the smooth functioning of the store and supporting the squads. They work with the Receiving squads, keeping the store well stocked and orderly while maintaining the produce quality. At the end of the evening, they set up the receiving areas to prepare for the following day's early morning deliveries.

The ideal candidate will be a reliable, responsible self-starter who enjoys working with our diverse member-workers. You must be an excellent team player, as you will be sharing the work with several other Receiving Coordinators. You must have excellent communication and organizational skills, patience, the ability to prioritize the work and remain calm under pressure.

We are looking for a candidate who wants a permanent evening/weekend schedule. This is a high energy job for a fit candidate. You must be able to lift and work for hours on your feet including in the walk-in coolers and freezer. Grocery store experience is a plus.

Hours: 37-40 hours per week, schedule to be determined

Wages: \$23.88/hour

Benefits: —Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years
—health insurance
—Health and Personal time
—pension plan

Application & Hiring Process:

Please provide a cover letter and your résumé as soon as you can. Mail your letter and résumé or drop it in the mail slot in the entryway of the Coop. All applicants will receive a response. Please do not call the office to check on the status of your application. If you applied previously to another Coop job offering and remain interested, please reapply.

Probation Period:

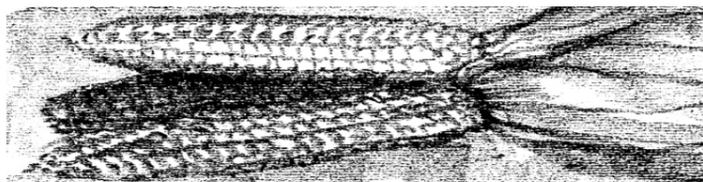
There will be a six-month probation period.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least the past 6 months.

Applicants must have worked a minimum of three shifts in Receiving within the past year.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.



COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.

*Shoppers must be on a checkout line 15 minutes after closing time.

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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Opinions expressed here may be solely the views of the writer. The *Gazette* will not knowingly publish articles that are racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory.

The *Gazette* welcomes Coop-related articles, and letters from members.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions must include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words. Editors will reject articles that are essentially just advertisements for member businesses and services.

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

Editor-Writer Guidelines: Except for letters to the editor, which are published without editing but are subject to the *Gazette* letters policy regarding length, anonymity, respect, and fairness, all submissions to the *Linewaiters' Gazette* will be reviewed and if necessary edited by the editor. In their review, editors are guided by the *Gazette's* Fairness and Anonymity policies as well as standard editorial practices of grammatical review, separation of fact from opinion, attribution of factual statements, and rudimentary fact checking. Writers are responsible for the factual content of their stories. Editors must make a reasonable effort to contact and communicate with writers regarding any proposed editorial changes. Writers must make a reasonable effort to respond to and be available to editors to confer about their articles. If there is no response after a reasonable effort to contact the writer, an editor, at her or his discretion, may make editorial changes to a submission without conferring with the writer.

Submissions on Paper: Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

Digital Submissions: We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

Classified & Display Ads: Ads may only be placed by and on behalf of Coop members. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, business card ads at \$30. (Ads in the "Merchandise–Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form (available in a wallpocket on the first floor near the elevator). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2"x3.5").

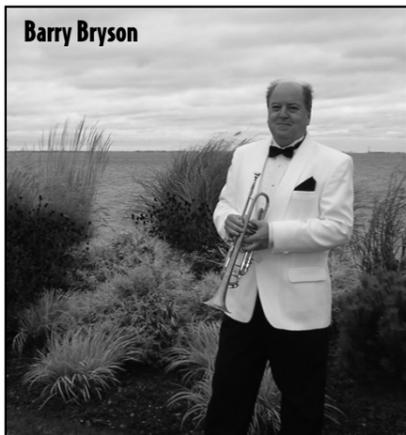
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**Friday
Nov 18**

8:00 p.m.

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COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Park Slope Food Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture



Barry Bryson



SWING STREET

**A Great
Big Band Sound from
a Great Small Band**

Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the Swing Street Orchestra, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band swing-dance music.



Marje Wagner

- Barry Bryson**—Trumpet/Leader
- Lee Hudson**—Bass
- Todd Isler**—Percussion
- Stephan Bauer**—Vibraphone
- Lisa Parrott**—Alto Saxophone/Clarinet
- Jenny Hill**—Tenor Saxophone/Clarinet
- Marje Wagner**—Vocals
- Cynthia Hiltz**—Piano
- Rob Garcia**—Drums
- David Phelps**—Guitar
- Surprise Guest**—Trombone

Carolynn Murphy will be there to give a brief swing lesson in the beginning and continue coaching people throughout.

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8:00 p.m. [doors open at 7:45]

Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.

Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Monthly on the...
Second Saturday
NOVEMBER 12
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
Third Thursday
NOVEMBER 17
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.
Last Sunday
NOVEMBER 27
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
On the sidewalk in front of the receiving area at the Coop.

PLASTICS

**What plastics do we accept?
Until further notice:**

- #1 and #6 type non-bottle shaped containers, transparent only, labels ok
- Plastic film and bubble wrap, transparent only, no colored or opaque, no labels
- #5 plastic cups, tubs, and specifically marked caps and lids, very clean and dry (discard any with paper labels, or cut off)

NOTE: We are no longer accepting #2 or #4 type plastics.

PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY

We close up promptly.
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the collection end time to allow for inspection and sorting of your plastic.



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Bread Voucher**Wednesday, 4 to 6:45 p.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to process vouchers for the Bread Department, reviewing prices, completing voucher forms and inputting information into a Mac Excel spreadsheet. Member must be organized, detail-oriented with legible handwriting. Please contact Renee St. Furcy at renee_stfurcy@psfc.coop or 718-622-0560 if you are interested.

Schedule Copying**Tuesday, 6 to 8:45 p.m.**

You will work by yourself copying committee schedules, from originals provided, using the Risograph machine. (Risograph is a high-speed

digital printing system; it combines scanning and high-speed printing.) You should be able to troubleshoot problems with the printer. A six-month commitment is required for this shift. Please contact Debbie Parker in the Membership Office, weekdays, 718-622-0560 or debbie_parker@psfc.coop.

Kitchen Cleaning**Wednesday, 8 to 10 a.m.**

Deep-clean all three kitchens in the Coop: childcare, meeting room and staff room. You will work independently to clean countertops, cabinets, drawers, kitchen equipment, sinks and refrigerators. Must be reliable, as you are the only person coming to do this job on your

day. Please speak to Adriana in the Membership Office, Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., if you are interested.

Bathroom Cleaning**Weekdays, 12 to 2 p.m.**

Work with a partner to deep-clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job. Sign up through the Membership Office.

COOP CALENDAR**New Member Orientations**

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the four weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

Have questions about Orientation? Please visit www.foodcoop.com and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

The Coop on the Internetwww.foodcoop.com**The Coop on Cable TV***Inside the Park Slope Food Coop*

FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

General Meeting Info**TUE, NOV 29**

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, DEC 6

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the Dec 27 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

Nov 17 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 7
Dec 1 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Nov 21

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Nov 17 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 9
Dec 1 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Nov 23

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING**Our Governing Structure**

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings, to which all members are invited, have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

The Temple House of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ann Herpel at the Coop.

Meeting Format**Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)** • Meet the Coordinators

• Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.) Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

Reports (7:30 p.m.) • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.) The agenda is posted on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45) (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Board of Directors' vote • Meeting evaluation • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. *For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.*

• Advance Sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. The sign-ups sheet is available all month long, except for the day of the meeting when you have until 5 p.m. to sign up. On the day of the meeting, the sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office.

Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• Certain Squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the *entire* meeting.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.

2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• Being Absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods.** We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. **We respect the environment.** We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. **We are committed to diversity and equality.** We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member.

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

nov 3
thu 4–6 pm

See What the PAFCU Offers

Representatives from People's Alliance Federal Credit Union will be at the Park Slope Food Coop in the Meeting Room to sign up members for credit union membership. Learn about: \$5 minimum savings balance; loans starting at 2.99%; holiday club account; debit/Visa cards; mobile/text message banking; no-fee checking; Internet banking; kids' accounts; vacation club accounts. Any new member to open an account, any existing member to add a PAFCU product, or any member to refer a new member to the credit union will be entered to win a Drive Away Vacation Package. Stop by for a chance to win a surprise gift.

nov 3
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Gluten-Free Vegan Masterpieces



Chef **Korrie Chicester** will demonstrate and discuss gluten-free and vegan desserts using health-supportive ingredients. She is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts, is a vegan chef and the executive pastry chef at Vegan Divas. She is the former head chef of Organic Heights, an organic vegan restaurant in Park Slope, and has worked at Babycakes in NYC as a vegan/gluten-free baker. She intends to open a vegan, organic bakery/café in the future. *Menu includes almond cherry biscotti; cookies and crème cupcakes; spice rum bundt cake. Materials fee: \$4.*

Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.

nov 4
fri 7 pm

Film Night: Battle for Brooklyn



Battle for Brooklyn is an intimate look at the very public and passionate fight waged by residents and business owners of Brooklyn's historic Prospect Heights neighborhood facing condemnation of their property to make way for the polarizing Atlantic Yards project, a massive plan to build 16 skyscrapers and a basketball arena for the New Jersey Nets.

The film focuses on graphic designer **Daniel Goldstein** whose apartment sits at what would be center court of the new arena. A reluctant activist, Daniel is dragged into the fight because he can't accept that the government should use the power of Eminent Domain to take his new apartment and hand it off to a private developer, Forest City Ratner. The effort to stop the project pits him and his neighbors against Ratner and an entourage of lawyers and public relations emissaries, the government and other residents who want the construction jobs, the basketball team and the additional housing that the project might produce. Shot over the course of eight years and compiled from almost 500 hours of footage, *Battle for Brooklyn* is an epic and universal tale of one man under pressure, and how far he will go to fight for his home and what he believes in. Daniel Goldstein will be in attendance after the screening, for a Q&A.

To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeezestone@hotmail.com.

nov 5
sat 10 am–12:30 pm

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nov 6
sun 12–2 pm

Slowing Down the DEC on the Fast Track to Frack NY State

Governor Cuomo and the Department of Environmental Conservation are putting the energy industry on a fast track to frack New York State. Why the hurry? The NYS DEC recently issued a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) which, if accepted, will allow hydro-fracking to begin. We have until December 12 to send comments to the DEC. The Food Coop's Environmental Committee is organizing a series of workshops to provide guidance for writing an effective letter to the DEC, commenting on their regulations. Stop by at any point during one of the workshop sessions. Bring friends—Coop members and non-members are welcome! **Another session will be held Saturday, November 19, 2–4 p.m.**

nov 8
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Eating Alaska



What happens when a vegetarian moves to Alaska and marries a commercial fisherman and deer hunter? Join her on a wry search for a sustainable, healthy and ethical meal. Women try to teach her to hunt, teens gather traditional foods, vegans give cooking lessons, she fishes for wild salmon, scrutinizes food labels with kids and finds toxic chemicals getting into wild foods. With humor and compassion, the documentary *Eating Alaska* shows natives and non-natives trying to balance buying industrial processed foods with growing their own and living off the land in the 21st century. Made by a former urban vegetarian now living on an island in Alaska, it is a journey into regional food traditions, our connection to where we live and what we put into our mouths. Guest speaker to be announced.

nov 11–12
fri–sat 11 am–6 pm

Blood Drive

Fact: Less than 3% of the population donates blood, and 90% will use blood some time in their life. Presented in cooperation with New York Methodist Hospital. For further information about blood donation, call 718-780-3644.

nov 12
sat 7–10 pm

PSFC Singles Mingles



Potluck/recipe swap/social meetup. Bring multiple copies of your recipe with your favorite dish to share. Space is limited, reservations required: ParkSlopeSinglesMingles@gmail.com. 21 and over.

nov 13
sun 12 pm

Wordsprouts: Editors' Panel Discussion and Q&A



Tom Angotti is Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning and Director of the Hunter College Center for Community Planning and Development. He is co-editor of *Progressive Planning* magazine, participating editor for *Latin American Perspectives and Local Environment*, and co-edited *Service-Learning in Design and Planning: Education at the Boundaries*, to be released in January 2012 by New Village Press. Believing in the role of books and the written word in creating social change, **Alexander Dwinell** has worked for the past decade as an editor/publisher with South End Press and as a collective member of the Lucy Parsons Center, a radical bookstore and community space. He has also worked as a freelance editor and designer, toured in a punk band and, with thousands of people, prevented the passage of the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas) agreement. **Judy Goldberg** is a senior editor at *Parents* magazine. She assigns and edits features—everything from food stories, special reports and essays, to straight-up service pieces. Previously she was at Scholastic, where she was the editor of a contemporary literature magazine for high-school students. She has two kids, a hilarious husband and a golden retriever. To book a Wordsprouts, contact P.J. Corso, paola_corso@hotmail.com.

For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops. Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

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nov 18
fri 7–9 pm

Improv for Activists

Are you an activist reaching out to the public concerning an important social, ecological, human rights or political issue? Is your aim to create a sense of urgency so that action can be taken while there is still time? Are you finding it difficult to convey that sense of urgency to the people who will be most affected? If so, this is the workshop for you. We will identify what does and does not work during the outreach experience. We will then explore elements of acting and improv to think outside the box to make our outreach more successful. Although our focus will be on the fracking issue, our aim is to develop out-of-the-box methods that may extend beyond improv, that will work for a wide range of issues. Since other genres of artistic expression such as music, art, comedy, etc., heighten the effectiveness of improv, this workshop would be the richer if those arts could be represented as well. Coop member **Alice Joyce Alcalá** is a former New York City–high school teacher who created Shakespeare programs at Brooklyn Tech and Murray Bergtraum High Schools before she retired.

nov 18
fri 8 pm

Barry Bryson & The Swing Street Orchestra



Come join **Barry Bryson**, bandleader and trumpeter of the **Swing Street Orchestra**, and fabulous Coop jazz musicians for a night of big-band swing-dance music. Barry Bryson, trumpet/leader; Cynthia Hilts, piano; Lee Hudson, bass; Rob Garcia, drums; Todd Isler, percussion; David Phelps, guitar; Stephan Bauer, vibraphone; Lisa Parrott, alto saxophone/clarinet; Jenny Hill, tenor saxophone/clarinet; **Marje Wagner**, vocals; Surprise Guest, trombone. Carolynn Murphy will be there to give a brief swing lesson in the beginning and continue coaching people throughout.

Concert takes place at the **Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture**, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45.

The Very Good Coffeehouse is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.

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nov 20
sun 12 pm

Intro to Infant Massage

If you're a parent with a newborn to year-old infant, here's a perfect way to spend an hour that will benefit you and your child for a lifetime. Infant massages are a proven method for parents to bond with and contribute to the health and happiness of their newborn or infant child. Learn to speak infant, express through touch, soothe and calm the baby and give the loving, nurturing attention that accelerates neural and tactile development. Coop member **Deirdre Lovell** is a licensed massage therapist and massage therapy instructor, former performing artist and mother.

nov 25
fri 7–9 pm

Improv for Activists

Are you an activist reaching out to the public concerning an important social, ecological, human rights or political issue? Is your aim to create a sense of urgency so that action can be taken while there is still time? Are you finding it difficult to convey that sense of urgency to the people who will be most affected? If so, this is the workshop for you. We will identify what does and does not work during the outreach experience. We will then explore elements of acting and improv to think outside the box to make our outreach more successful. Although our focus will be on the fracking issue, our aim is to develop out-of-the-box methods that may extend beyond improv, that will work for a wide range of issues. Since other genres of artistic expression such as music, art, comedy, etc., heighten the effectiveness of improv, this workshop would be the richer if those arts could be represented as well. Coop member **Alice Joyce Alcalá** is a former New York City–high school teacher who created Shakespeare programs at Brooklyn Tech and Murray Bergtraum High Schools before she retired.

nov 19
sat 10 am

Fibroids, Cysts and PMS

Participants will learn five effective, natural ways to eliminate fibroids, cysts and PMS. We will explain underlying causes of hormonal imbalance, how to resolve them and how to boost energy and clarity through beneficial diet, appropriate exercise and the use of natural supplements. This class will provide the supportive environment participants need to identify and implement the changes that will improve their health and fertility. Pre-registration suggested. To register, e-mail GreenGemHealth@gmail.com or call (646) 483-4571. Coop member **Rebecca Curtis** is a certified Holistic Health Coach and professor at Columbia University and the director of Green Gem Holistic Health, located in Brooklyn Heights.

nov 26
sat 1–3 pm

Slowing Down the DEC on the Fast Track to Frack NY State

Governor Cuomo and the Department of Environmental Conservation are putting the energy industry on a fast track to frack New York State. Why the hurry? The NYS DEC recently issued a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) which, if accepted, will allow hydro-fracking to begin. We have until December 12 to send comments to the DEC. The Food Coop's Environmental Committee is organizing a series of workshops to provide guidance for writing an effective letter to the DEC, commenting on their regulations. Stop by at any point during one of the workshop sessions. Bring friends—Coop members and non-members are welcome!

still to come

nov 29 **PSFC NOVEMBER General Meeting**

dec 3 **Self-Defense for Women**

dec 1 **Food Class: Cooking with Duck**

dec 3 **Conflict Resolution**

dec 2 **Film Night: New World Order**

dec 3 **Wordsprouts: The Coop's Reading Series**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ABOUT PLASTIC BAGS

DEAR GAZETTE EDITOR AND MY FELLOW CO-OPERATORS:

Background: I am a senior citizen, 78 going on 79, have been a Coop member since we pushed our boxes of food along the floor, ordering our cheese as we passed the cheese section en route to the cashier.

I pay for my healthcare because Medicare will not pay for nutritional supplements, vitamins, etc. They are too low-cost for Medicare/Medicaid's "friends" to make money.

So you can see I really cannot easily afford to buy a whole lot of cloth bags to avoid plastic ones.

I have two of the little ones and 2 of the old 8½ x 10 (approx.) the Coop used to sell. We don't even sell those any more—why not?

Comment: The plastic food bags now available are LARGE. Why don't we at least have the smaller ones we used to have?

I do as much as I can to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle—the Reading, Riting, Rithmetic of the environment.

I bring my own bags and boxes to the Coop (and elsewhere) when I shop. I re-use everything I can till it starts to fall apart. I grew up doing that of necessity, having been born amid the Great Depression. There must be other Coop members with similar backgrounds.

I put 10c or 5c in the cashbox by the cashiers to at least pay for what I use.

Questions: What is the number, or percentage, of one-person households among Coop members? How many other Coop members pay for their plastic bags?

Yours in co-operation,
Gayle Leslie

A WELL-TIMED ARTICLE ON SUGAR

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to thank the *Gazette* and Diane Aronson for the Sept. 8 article, "Sugary Snacks: No Sweet Deal!" Coincidentally, a day earlier, I left a visit to my hypertension doctor with the warning to cut down my sugar intake and to do more exercise. A few days later, I found from test results that my blood sugar level had increased to a pre-diabetic level.

Ms. Aronson's article gave me a handle on the amount of sugar in a product—4 grams = 1 teaspoon. I began looking at the sugar content on each package I had already purchased at the Coop. I immediately threw away my Newman's sandwich cookies, my organic Alden's ice cream, my Kashi Heart-to-Heart cold cereal.

Looking for substitutes for the products I love, I took Ms. Aronson's suggestions to heart and purchased Nairns cookies, began drinking juice heavily diluted with seltzer and

switched to Shredded Wheat. I also created a trail mix from about seven different types of nuts and seeds (with a few raisins added). As an alternative to juice and seltzer, I've been purchasing cans of Zevia (all natural soda)—and very sweet! So, I've been cutting the sweetness with seltzer—0 grams of sugar.

At my office, I've been eating popped corn (0 sugar) and a trail mix with little sugar instead of heavily sugared Trader Joe's Maple Leaf cookies containing 8 grams of sugar (2 teaspoons) in each cookie.

There's another good product, "Just Like Sugar," introduced to me by Dr. Betty Martini, a crusader against aspartame, the sugar substitute used in most diet products and according to many independent studies and Dr. Martini, very dangerous. (Martini's testimony at Coca-Cola's annual meeting: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKmMO3o7eo). I've asked the Coop to carry "Just Like Sugar" which contains only natural ingredients.

In the past month, I've lost about seven pounds and I'm hoping that my blood tests in December show an improvement in my blood sugar levels.

One issue I'd like the Coop and the *Gazette* to deal with—what is the impact of fruit and carbohydrates on sugar intake?

Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Lewis Friedman

THANKS FROM C.H.I.P.S.

DEAR MR. HOLTZ,

After two weeks of the "emergency crew" in our building: tearing out walls, ceilings, floors and all the debris from the fire and water, we write to you with hearts filled with gratitude for your donation. We have lost a great deal: furniture, mattresses, cribs, linens, clothing, food, supplies and so much more.

On October 10th, the construction company will begin work on the reconstruction. Besides the above, there are windows, doors, the whole electrical system and plumbing that needs to be fixed.

Your donation will help to restore the above. In the meantime, our staff and volunteers are making 200 healthy bag lunches at the door each day. We are truly grateful to you and promise our prayers, and love. Without you all of this would be impossible.

Sincerely and Gratefully,
Sister Mary A. Maloney, SFP
President
Park Slope Christian Help, Inc.
(CHIPS)

LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT

TO THE EDITORS:

Every issue of the *Linewriters' Gazette* seems to be taken over by the endless debate on whether to boycott Israel or

not to boycott Israel. Passions run high and tempers flare. Charges of anti-Semitism rage back and forth. Clearly this issue has a most divisive effect on the membership. I have a modest suggestion. If you are one of those persons who want to boycott Israel—go right ahead. Just don't drag me into your political mindset. In the meantime, can we have our Coop back? It is time to stop the political discourse and go back to doing what we do best—selling nutritious food at good prices.

Let's discuss the apple harvest—why it will be Macoun season soon. How about discussing giving one sick day a year where you are excused from a shift with no makeup required. We can discuss abolishing the general meeting in favor of an online vote by all members. There are lots of things that we can talk about other than this single issue that serves to divide rather than unite. I propose a moratorium on the BDS letters. Enough.

David Meltzer

LET EVERY MEMBER DECIDE WHAT TO BUY

TO THE EDITORS:

Since there does not seem to be any decision either pro or con a boycott of Israeli products is in sight, I suggest that a list of those products sold at the Coop be published so every member can decide for him/herself whether to buy it or not. At the risk of being labeled "anti-Semitic" it seems to me that it is pretty obvious that the Arab population in Israel is not treated the same as the Jewish population, and that should not happen in a democratic country.

Ruth Marchese

THE COMPANY BDS KEEPS: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI)

TO THE EDITORS:

AI celebrates 50th anniversary this year. No cause for celebration:

(1) AI charged Israel of war crimes for attacks against Lebanese civilian infrastructure, but under international humanitarian law (IHL) regulating the conduct of armed hostilities, collectively known as the law of armed conflict/LOAC (1949 Geneva Conventions), disabling enemy electrical and communication networks, transportation and resupply routes and civilian infrastructure supporting enemy military capability is legitimate (done by Lebanon and other Arab countries), otherwise terrorists would be encouraged to hide from retaliation within civilians infrastructures.

(2) Yet AI wholly ignored Hezbollah's own direct targeting of Israeli civilians (AI continues to use it's own definition of "disproportionate" force, rejected by IHL and international law experts), finally acknowledged under

international approbation of their bias, and "posthumously" (the war was over) charged Hezbollah with war crimes via civilian targeting.

(3) Lacking significant professional researchers, AI relies on "eyewitness" reports, in violation of international law canons of evidentiary verifiability and independent corroboration (its few "researchers" are or were employees of the PLO front group Al-Haq).

(4) AI Secretary-General Claudio Cordone supported Taliban-supporter Moazzam Begg and his advocacy of "defensive jihad" whereby Islamists reserve the right to determine when Islam is 'under siege,' upon which violent jihad is justified, yet AI claims that America's and Israel's own self-defense when comparably 'under siege' is indefensible.

(5) In the AI sponsored anti-Israel "Complicity in Oppression" conference, AI promoted panel member Abdel Bari Atwan who explicitly favors the Iranian nuclear annihilation of Israel.

(6) AI indoctrinated elementary school children at El Castell School (Valencia) in scurrilous anti-Semitic letter writing (acknowledged by the school principle), the school belonging to the AI School Network, engaged in anti-Israel political proselytism in institutions throughout Spain.

(7) AI knowingly provided false data in the claim that Gaza has "an infant mortality rate among the highest in the world", recanted by the CBC Canadian network who reported it, and disproven by Global Research in International Affairs Center / GLORIA (the infant mortality rate is lower than Turkey, Egypt, Brazil, Iran and even Romania).

(8) AI accused Israel in Gaza of unlawfully killing unarmed civilians and non-combatant "police personnel", by the perverse relabeling of Hamas terrorist operatives as "civilian" police officers, yet Hamas-supported websites acknowledged openly that they were members of Hamas' Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam brigade, and despite binding obligations for Israel to combat terrorism under international law (Security Council Resolution 1373).

(9) AI issued the horrific charge that Israel bore sole responsibility for Palestinian rapes and "honor killings", conducted by Palestinians themselves (a charge so outrageous that neutralist Salman Rushdie accused Amnesty of "moral bankruptcy").

(10) AI ignores independently verified human rights violations by Saudi Arabia, Libya, Syria, Egypt, and Gaza, demonstrating that ideology rather than universal human rights defines AI's imbalanced resource focus.

With an ideological anti-Israel agenda, AI has lost credibility and no longer upholds the tenets of universality in human rights and non-prejudicial reporting.

UNHRC, HRW, AI: still more bad company.

Constantine Kaniklidis





THE GOAL OF BDS

COOP MEMBERS,

Recent letters suggest that Coop members still don't understand the goal of BDS, a movement we are being asked to endorse. The goal of the boycott is not a negotiated two-state solution but instead the merging of Israelis and Palestinians into one binational state. Even Noam Chomsky, a relentlessly harsh critic of Israel and onetime proponent of the binational state, now rejects this idea along with the efficacy of a boycott.

If the Coop votes for the boycott it will mean that our 16,000-plus-member organization endorses the dissolution of Israel as a sovereign state. So setting aside your views on Israel for a moment, ask yourself whether deciding the legitimacy of nations is appropriate for a Food Coop referendum and whether the dissension this proposal has created should be part of the Food Coop experience. If the answer is negative, then when this comes before a GM, vote No.

Now to a couple of recent letters that demonstrate misconceptions about BDS.

"Israel and Apartheid", after correctly disposing of any such connection, concludes that "If it does right by the Palestinians, Israel can still redeem itself in the eyes of the world but they should get a push in that direction from us." But to BDS doing right by the Palestinians means relinquishing Israel's statehood and this is the direction BDS wants our Coop to "push" Israel. Rest assured, the goals of BDS have nothing to do with Israel's redemption, a suggestion which is utterly patronizing.

"We Decide Things By Voting" states that a referendum on endorsing BDS is not anti-Zionist. But BDS is *nothing but* anti-Zionist, it's goal being precisely to populate the Jewish state with Palestinian refugees via the so-called right of return. Furthermore, there is nothing fundamentally undemocratic about opposing a referendum on this or any other issue. Referenda, or direct democracy as it is also known, has many flaws, not the least of which is that many individuals are not well-informed about the issues put before them and are easily influenced by demagoguery, such as singling out Israel for disproportionate condemnation and the portrayal of Palestinians as innocent victims, despite their rejection of multiple offers of a two-state solution over the past 60+ years in favor of a campaign of terror. This is not a decision about carrying meat or beer. It's a decision about the fate of a nation.

In the interests of ending the current contentiousness within the Coop community we should avoid complex and highly controversial geopolitical issues such as this. If you are sick of this subject, then please ask BDS proponents to either drop the proposal

or stop delaying further action. Bottom line: there is nothing undemocratic about voting at a GM against holding a referendum.

Sylvia Lowenthal

A LETTER TO BDS: ARE YOU REALLY "PRO-PALESTINIAN"?

GREETINGS:

"If anyone is entitled to be called 'pro-Palestinian,' it is those who are publicly campaigning against financial corruption and abuse of human rights by Fatah and Hamas ... [Those] who are trying to change the system from within belong to the real 'pro-Palestinian' camp."

- Khaled Abu Toameh, *Palestinian-Arab journalist*, November 17, 2009

BDS supporters, if you are truly concerned about the Palestinian people, how about spending your time and energy working to improve their lives, their society, and their future?

In your eagerness to defame and demonize Israel, you ignore a lot:

You ignore the fact that a boycott threatens the well being of Palestinians as well as Israelis.

You ignore the areas of Israel-Palestinian cooperation.

You ignore the fact that there are two sides in the ongoing conflict.

You ignore a major obstacle to peace: terrorism.

You ignore Palestinian hate education and glorification of martyrdom and murder under Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.

You ignore the extremist goals of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Fatah and other Palestinian groups.

You ignore Hamas' and Fatah's abuses of civil and human rights of Palestinians.

You ignore Israel's numerous peace offers and Palestinian rejection of them.

If you truly care about the Palestinian people, instead of calling for boycotting Israel, there are productive ways to help them:

- Call for Fatah and Hamas to spend their money on improving their people's conditions instead of on corruption and weapons.

- Call for protection for Gaza citizens from Hamas' human rights abuses.

- Call for education for Palestinian children toward peace, the value of human life, and a better future instead of martyrdom.

- Call for support for Palestinian women and gays in confronting fundamentalists who oppress them.

- Call for peaceful co-existence, cooperation and religious tolerance rather than hatred and violence.

In other words, if you are really "Pro-Palestinian," how about using your time and energy effectively by helping them build a democratic civil society and a state?

But first, please find an appropriate venue outside of PSFC. The Coop is a

Brooklyn food store, not a Middle East political arena.

Ruth Bolletino

PETITION AGAINST BDS

TO OUR MEMBERS:

We, the undersigned 191 Coop members, support the well-being of the Food Coop and therefore oppose the introduction of BDS. We respectfully request our fellow Coop members who are promoting BDS to desist. To join us, send an email to morehummus@gmail.com, to learn more visit www.stopbdspark-slope.blogspot.com.

More Hummus, Please

Anita Aboulafia, Rhudi Andreolli, Maurice Appelbaum, Rebecca Appelbaum, Eva Aridjis, Roberta Arnold, Shena Gittel Astrin, Connie Bell, Greg Bell, Steve Beltzer, Steven Berke, Shalmon Bernstein, Esther Bernstein, Danielle Rose Bernstein, Ora Chaya Bitton, Peretz Blasberg, Shandel Blasberg, Jennifer Bleyer, Gloria Blumenthal, Robert Blumenthal, Ruth Bolletino, Elisa Bonneau, Carla Brookoff, Rita Brookoff, Alan Brown, Arthur Brown, Matthew Brown, Jane Buckwalter, Darrin Cabot, Nathalie Cabot, Rubi Cammarota, Sandra Catania, Benedicte Charpentier, Francois Charpentier, Chana Crayk, Meir Crayk, Zusha Dean, Benyomin Delfiner, Chana Delfiner, Sharon Eagle, Audrey Elias, Mickey Elias, Eli Eliav, Shayna Eliav, Rose Engel, Mike Epstein, Herman Finkler, Arthur Finn, Carol Freeman, Riva Freeman, Ellen Freudenheim, Ralph Friedman, Jill Friedman, Yoav Gal, Ronen Glimmer, Lisa Gilinsky, Marshall Gilinsky, Olia Gitman, Yury Gitman, Frieda Givon, Yokhai Givon, Ronen Glimmer, Felicia Glucksman, Jordan Goldberg, Ellen Gordon, Asya Gorokhovskiy, Leonid Gorokhovskiy, Lori Gottesman, Leah Gradinger, Misty Gradinger, Ulrich Gradinger, Diana Gradus, Ari Gradus, Bob Graziano, Sybil Graziano, Craig Gremont, Ilene Guttmacher, Margaret Hagen, Beth Halpern, Fran Hawthorne, Sue Harris, Devorah Herskop, Samuel Hertz, Esther Hertz, Adam Holland, Betty Leigh Hutcheson, Sheldon Jacobson, Rachel Kalman, Constantine Kaniklidis, Michael Katzenellenbogen, Benjamin Kessel, Eric Kim, Joshua Kranz, Maureen Kushner, Evelyn Lampart, Gracie Landes, Chaya Lang, Tzvi Lang, David Leveson, Jess Levey, Margaret Leveson, Chana Lew, Piny Lew, Sylvia Lowenthal, Judith Magen, Ary Malamud, Sasha Malamud, Sandy Mandel, Abie Mazor, Avishay Mazor, Barbara Mazor, April Mellas, David Michaelson, Jacob Milkens, Juliet Milkens, Alan Mindel, Paula Morrell, Barry Nass, Constance Nickel, Poppy O'Neill, Baila Olidort, Marjorie Ordene, Jan Orzeck, Mushky Parnas, Rivka Parnas, Rodger Parsons, Ann Powell, Stewart Pravda, Joseph Raices, Rivka Raices, Rachel Ravitz, Saul D. Raw, Hara Rechman, Yigal Rechman, Jeffrey Rickin, Lila Rieman, Michael Rieman, Jill Robinson, Joy Romanski, Devorah Roness, Myer Roness, Doris Rosenbaum, Ron Rosenbaum, Mirele Rosenberger, Riva Rosenfeld, Tzivya Chaya Rosenthal, Yaacov Rosenthal, Dovid

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LET'S COUNT THE NUMBERS

COOP MEMBERS:

179 members against the referendum. In favor: **unknown**.

The October 6th Gazette contains a letter with 179 signers opposing the Israeli boycott referendum. Still a pitifully minimal number—about 1% of the total membership. And we still don't know how many members favor a referendum. Isn't holding a vote on the referendum the only reasonable way to determine that?

If you count the letters opposing the referendum in the October 6th Gazette, there were 8 other than the one signed by the 179. Each of those 8 was written by one of the 179 signers. I have read all 8 and appreciate the opinions they convey, although the references to anti-Semitism in some are not appreciated.

Also I note the letter of Avishay Mazor, one of the 179, who displays a degree of *chutzpah* when he asks the Gazette to change its rules about how many words a letter to the editor may contain. This adds to the injustice of the exceptional request of the 179 to change the rules of the Coop by preventing a democratic vote on some members' request to hold a referendum.

Mel Spain

DON'T SUPPORT THE REFERENDUM

Editor's note: This letter originally appeared in the September 22 issue with typographical errors. It is being reprinted now in its correct version.

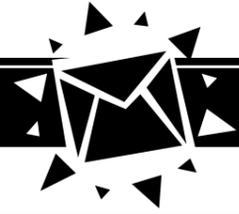
TO THE EDITOR:

I write to oppose the Coop's conducting a referendum on the boycott of Israel. I enumerate four reasons. First, the proponents of the boycott promote a double standard, one for the Jewish state and one for all other states. Regimes in Syria, Saudia Arabia, the Hamas-governed Gaza Strip, and many other countries have colossally worse human rights records than Israel, yet the BDS singles out Israel.

Second, look at the Boycott web

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site. It assails Israel with cries of execration. However, the BDS fails to mention states in which there occur abuses of women who aren't virgins, the torture and execution of political opponents, the launching of missiles at cities in southern Israel, and the imprisonment of Gilad Shalit. If the BDS and its supporters did not have a double standard, they would be bereft of standards. The BDS attacks Israel but is silent about every other nation.

Third, the British author Howard Jacobson stated with regard to the British intellectual boycott of Israel: that it was "repugnant to humanity to single out one country for your hatred, to hate it beyond reason and against evidence, to pluck it from the complex contextuality of history as though it authored its own misfortunes and misdeeds... to deny it any understanding.... For make no mistake, this is what an intellectual boycott means." By the same token, this is what the boycott of Israeli exports means.

Finally, a reader may say that there are Jewish people who support the boycott; therefore, a boycott can't be as one-sided as I suggest. I again quote Jacobson, who so capably caricatured the Ashamed Jews in his novel *The Finkler Question*—and I hope these Jews don't put a *fatwa* out on him because he created a caricature. He saw their efforts as a pathetic attempt to mobilize their Jewish identity to reassure the British establishment. To quote Jacobson, "When it

comes to Jewish anti-Zionists, their Jew-hatred is barely disguised, not in what they say about Israel but in the contempt they show for the motives and feelings of fellow-Jews who do not think as they do."

I conclude by saying don't support this referendum. Don't give in to the anti-Semitic BDS organization, an organization that advances a double standard, a highly stringent one for Jews and a much less stringent one for those who would destroy them.

Sincerely,
Irvin Schonfeld

TRUTH IN PAYMENT

"Cash or card?" I always ask,
Giving merchants the choice,
For I believe in letting each
Have the decisive voice.

"All the same to me," I add
—Rollin' as if bowlin'—
"The cash, you see, is counterfeit
And the credit card is stolen."

Leon Freilich



LETTERS POLICY

We welcome letters from members. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar. All letters will be printed if they conform to the published guidelines. We will not knowingly publish articles which are racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory.

The maximum length for letters is 500 words. Letters must include your name and phone number and be typed or very legibly handwritten. Editors will reject letters that are illegible or too long.

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop or on disk.

Anonymity

Unattributed letters will not be published unless the *Gazette* knows the identity of the writer, and therefore must be signed when submitted (giving phone number). Such letters will be published only where a reason is given to the editor as to why public identification of the writer would impose an unfair burden of embarrassment or difficulty. Such letters must relate to Coop issues and avoid any non-constructive, non-cooperative language.

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehen-

sive, factual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

The above applies to both articles and letters. The only exceptions will be articles by *Gazette* reporters which will be required to include the response within the article itself.

Respect

Letters must not be personally derogatory or insulting, even when strongly criticizing an individual member's actions. Letter writers must refer to other people with respect, refrain from calling someone by a nickname that the person never uses himself or herself, and refrain from comparing other people to odious figures like Hitler or Idi Amin.

Concerned about fracking and our foodshed?

The Coop has joined the anti-fracking campaign and we need you to make your voice heard!

How to get involved:

1 Sign the NY Statewide Ban on Natural Gas Drilling Petition available in the Membership Office.

Online @ <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/NY-Statewide-Ban-On-Natural-Gas-Drilling/>

2 Submit a comment about the draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) to the DEC

Go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html>

Mail written comments to:
Attn: dSGEIS Comments
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-6510

3 Attend letter-writing workshop @ Coop on 11/6 or 11/19. See advertisement in this issue of the *Gazette*.

4 Sign online petition to NY State Senate in support of Bill A07400 to suspend hydrofracking in NY State.

http://signon.org/sign/nys-senators-bring-bill.fbi?source=s.fb&r_by=351080

5 Attend Public Hearing on the Revised SGEIS Draft

Wednesday, November 30,
1:00 and 6:00p
Tribeca Performing Arts Center,
199 Chambers Street

CLASSIFIEDS

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MEXICAN FOLK ART SALE: Friday November 18 - Saturday

November 19. Friday night reception and sale, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM \$25 entrance fee. Saturday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, no fee. Home of Amy Mulvihill, 20 Plaza St. #F-12. Proceeds benefit Friends of Oaxacan Folk Art (FOFA) to help Oaxacan artists. Info: Call 718-859-1515. Gifts for all budgets!

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To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, display ads at \$30. (Classified ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2" x 3.5" horizontal).

Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator in the entrance lobby.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

An asterisk (*) denotes a Coop member.

SAT, NOV 5

8-10:30 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: The Mermaids; Chris Brown. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members.

8 p.m. Join the New York City Labor Chorus for the gala celebration of our 20th anniversary! Music of people's struggles for freedom, equal rights, and peace. At Town Hall, Manhattan. Ticket information: www.nyclc.org/Labor%20Chorus%20ticket%20info%20Nov.5.pdf

TUE, NOV 8

7:30 p.m. The Brooklyn Women's Chorus is having open rehearsals to invite new members. No auditions. Try it out for free, no commitment. Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture Prospect Park West at 2nd St. For information www.brooklynwomenschorus.com/ or call Bev Grant at 718-788-3741. We strive to represent the diversity of the women of Brooklyn; all women are welcome and encouraged to join.

Housing Services (NHS) of East Flatbush; Free Homebuyer seminar. Learn about grants, affordable mortgages, closing cost assistance and building your, 6pm. Flatbush Library, 22 Linden Blvd. Brooklyn, NY 11226. To reserve space: 718-469-4679; www.nhsfeastflatbush.org.

WED, NOV 9

Glazed!": A...Shiny Exhibition. From Art to Food, a new approach to present the quintessence of Made in Italy. The powerHouse Arena, 37 Main Street, Brooklyn, NY. For more information, please call 718.666.3049. Or visit www.glazedproject.com. Please RSVP: rsvp@powerHouse-Arena.com.

THU, NOV 10

7-9 p.m. Candle 79 Cookbook; by Joy Pierson, Angel Ramos & Jorge Pineda Modern. Vegan Classics from New York's Premier Sustainable Restaurant, The powerHouse Arena, 37 Main Street, Brooklyn, NY. For more information, please call 718.666.3049. Or visit www.glazedproject.com. Please RSVP: rsvp@powerHouse-Arena.com.

FRI, NOV 11

7:30pm Concert - Michele Choiniere- vibrant Franco American Singer with David Gusakov violin, Will Patton mandolin & bass, and Dono Schabner guitar. Join the Folk Music Society of NY and Maison Française at Columbia University's Buell Hall in the East Gallery, 116th St. & Broadway. Admission \$15. Info: 212-957-8386.

SAT, NOV 12

Time 8pm-10:30pm - Peoples' Voice Cafe: Cecilia St. King; David Massengill. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison &

Park); For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Brooklyn Arts, Crafts & Gift Fair at Camp Friendship, 339 8 St near 6 Ave. Free Admission. Sponsored by the Park Slope United Methodist Church. Vendor & other info: hollyberrynov12@gmail.com

SAT, NOV 19

8-10:30 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: Sharon Katz & Wendy Quick of the Peace Train; Triboro. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); For info call 212-787-3903 or see www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members.

SUN, NOV 20

4 p.m. Free Concert at Brooklyn Public Library. Location: Central Library in the Stevan Dweck center. Free admission. BPL chamber Players: Carol Wincenc, flute. Kenneth Cooper, harpsichord.

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9	8	6	7	5	2	1	3	4
2	3	4	6	8	1	5	9	7
4	9	8	1	3	5	6	7	2
7	6	5	4	2	8	9	1	3
1	2	3	9	6	7	4	8	5
6	7	9	5	1	3	2	4	8
3	5	2	8	4	9	7	6	1
8	4	1	2	7	6	3	5	9

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to these new Coop members who have joined us in the last weeks. We're glad you've decided to be a part of our community

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