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### GENERAL MEETING REPORT

## The Politics of Nutrition

By Gayle Forman

**“W**hat’s political about feeding children?”

Such was the question raised by Lynn Armentrout at

federal program, renewed every five years, that is the “primary social safety net” where nutrition and hunger are concerned, explained Coop

food for some of its most vulnerable citizens. “The alliance is committed to making CNR better,” explained Poppendieck. “Better access, better quality, better food, better responsibility as global citizens,” by using more locally sourced food.

The proposal put forth at the meeting was fairly narrowly drawn. As member Adam Rabiner explained, the Park Slope Food Coop would join an alliance of more than 70 diverse organizations—from City Harvest to Brooklyn Food Coalition to Slow Food NYC to the Society of Jesus, NY Province—calling for these changes to the CNR. The alliance, basically a lobbying structure, requires nothing of the Coop other than to lend the heft of its name for the duration of this reauthorization cycle, which is expected to take a matter of months.

#### Some Skeptics

Some Coop members, however, were skeptical of attaching to a political cause, no matter how simpatico with our values. One member asked outright why we were linking our name to *any* political cause, and whether a group of members at the meeting could speak for the entire body. Chair Committee member David Moss, who said that he’d likely vote for the proposal, nevertheless asked: “Why is the

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PHOTOGRAPH BY ANNI ROSEN

**Candidates for the Board of Directors (left to right) Ralph Yozzo, Elizabeth Tobier, Imani Q’ryn and John Urda.**

the Park Slope Food Coop’s March 23, 2010 General Meeting during the debate about a proposal for the Coop to join the NYC Alliance for the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act.

The meeting, which was held in the Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall in Park Slope, was chaired by Robin Campbell, with David Golland acting as secretary and David Moss also present at the chair table.

The Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act (CNR) is the

member Jan Poppendieck, author of *Free for All: Fixing School Food in America*. This is the program that funds everything from school breakfasts and lunches to summer meals to the WIC program. The program is up for reauthorization, and food activists see the potential to use CNR to not only make good on President Obama’s goal to end child hunger in the United States by 2015 and to reduce obesity, but to use the program to rethink the way the federal government provides



PHOTOGRAPH BY HAZEL HANKIN

**Brooklyn Free School students (left to right) Lila Holden, Infinity Stewart, Wayne Hampton and Nicolas Calabrese.**

## A Home of Their Own

By Larissa Phillips

**A**fter the hostile response following the passage of the health care bill, you might not think you’d want children anywhere near the democratic process.

But the process that seems to bring out the worst in some adults on Capitol Hill appears in a very different light in Clinton Hill at the Brooklyn Free School, a democratic school now in its sixth year, and newly settled in its very own house.

“This is just a dream come true for us,” says Founder and Director Alan Berger, giving a tour of the school’s three-month-old home, a five-story, 7,000 square foot brownstone. (They closed on the house in late December, at the price of \$1.75 million.) Whether the dream is the awesome feat of buying a house in Brooklyn, seeing the school into its sixth year or just the very

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### Next General Meeting on April 27

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, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this Gazette and available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

\* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

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## Coop Event Highlights

**Fri, Apr 16 •Coffeehouse: Jezra Kaye and Jerome Harris** 8:00 p.m.

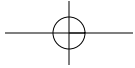
**Sun, Apr 18 •Earth Day** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Sat, Apr 24 •Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen** 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Sun, Apr 25 •Band Night** 8:00 p.m.

**Fri, Apr 30 •Wordsprouts at the Tea Lounge** 5:00 p.m.

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



GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The Politics of Nutrition

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Coop doing this? The Coop has had three recent discussions of political issues. It's not about Coop business. If the real purpose of this is to raise awareness, it should be done in the committee reports."

But General Coordinator Joe Holtz had a different take on it: "No one asks the Coop our opinion on the war in Afghanistan or Iraq or health care," he said. "This is reasonable. We're surrounded by schools where we need to provide decent, nutritious, locally grown food." Holtz also pointed out that the proposal was in line with both the Coop's mission statement to lead by example—educating ourselves and others about health and

**The Proposal Passes**

In the end, after some reassurances that the proposal would be narrowly defined—it was amended to make clear that the Coop was signing on for this cycle of the CNR—and that it would not be regular practice for the PSFC to sign on to political causes. The proposal passed overwhelmingly.

**Board of Directors Campaign**

The politics of representation dominated much of the discussion as four members running for the Board of Directors made their presentations. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in June, and the nominees are beginning to make their cases to the GM. Three of the four

Ralph Yozzo, who currently works in the office, is running for his first time. Each spoke passionately about why they wanted to serve on the board and what they would bring to the position.

Urda, an environmental lawyer, emphasized the directors' role to let "members run the show." Because of the particularities of the Coop's legal structure, members vote on proposals, and then the board, as a legal entity, must also vote to approve what the membership has decided. "As long as what's voted on is legal and won't interfere with the finances, I've approved it. That's my approach," Urda explained.

O'ryn concurred with that point and recalled coming to her first General Meeting in 2002. "There were 40 people there and it did not reflect the diversity of the Coop," she

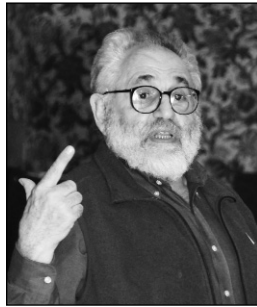
background in IT, suggested maybe allowing remote attendance or voting to happen online. Some members expressed interest in the idea of voting remotely, specifically to be able to vote for some of the directors they met at this meeting. To which Joe Holtz pointed out that the election of the Board of Directors is one of the few elections that members need not be present for. Paper ballots will be mailed to all members in advance of the Annual Meeting in June.

**Disciplinary Committee**

Most elections, however, require direct member participation at the GMs, and so it was with the Disciplinary Committee, which elected new members during this meeting. "We try to make things run smoothly," explained the Disciplinary Committee's Steve Schwerner.

the past 16 years. Initially there was some debate over whether the Coop should opt for a 401(k) or a defined benefit plan. The membership ultimately voted to go for the latter. Holtz showed how, given the investments and the way the market has gone, that decision had saved the Coop more than a million dollars. Go, us!

Sarah Phillips of the Shop & Cycle Committee announced the return of the bike valet program. This year, the valet program will run Sundays from 3:30 to 7:45 p.m, which seem to be the busiest biking hours. Ride to the Coop, drop your bike (or stroller!) and don't worry about finding a place to park it. Phillips said the committee was looking for squad leaders who could work Sundays 3:00-5:45 or 5:30-8:15 and emphasized that this was still a trial program. "This is our



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANN ROSEN

nutrition—and the seventh International Principle of Cooperation: working for sustainable development within the community.

nominees at the meeting—John Urda, Imani O'ryn and Elizabeth Tobier—are current board members and are running for reelection, while

said. She recalled the Gandhian saying "Be the change you seek to find in the world," and began attending the meetings, eventually joining the board. "I want to make the meetings accessible and easy to understand," she said. "The Coop is a microcosm of the world. If the world ran like the Coop, it would be wonderful."

Tobier, a member since 1990, recalled coming to meetings in the past when they were much more rancorous, when they were more like rant sessions as opposed to well-run meetings. She said she's been heartened by the changes she's seen. She told the membership that it wasn't so much the positions of individual directors that mattered, because the directors were really there to do the members' bidding. "You want to make sure the board is not going to set policy," she said. "We are here to take advice of members. It's important that that's what their [the directors'] game plan is."

Yozzo agreed it was a board director's job to do the membership's bidding. But he also brought some new ideas to the table for how to increase member presence at the GMs, the main decision-making body of the Coop. Yozzo, who has a

"To figure out how 16,000 people can live together in fairness in sanity. We deal with theft, rudeness, bad behavior, help people catch up on their work shifts. The committee meets every six weeks, but everyone puts in far more work than their requirement. But you really feel like you make a difference."

The committee, which currently has 12 members but is authorized to have 16, had three members on the ballot; one longtime member, Jeff Goodman, couldn't make the meeting because of a medical issue, so a motion was held to allow him to run in absentia. Another nominee did not show up and was taken off the ballot. The third nominee, Michele Giordano, a new candidate to the squad, was overwhelmingly elected, as was Goodman.

second year," Phillips explained. "We're expanding it, figuring out whether we can park enough bicycles to make it worthwhile." The valet program will run every Sunday from April 4 to November 21, rain or shine.

Mike Eakin gave the only general coordinator's report, offering a healthy financial picture of the Coop (showing a zero balance for the now fully paid mortgage). Eakin also announced that beginning March 28, the Membership Office will be moving to the meeting room while the office undergoes a renovation. That means no orientation meetings for the month of April, which might cut down on membership, which has swelled to more than 16,000.

Which made one of the only Open Forum items of the evening rather welcome: the announcement that the Bay Ridge Food Coop has established a new Yellow Hook CSA in Bay Ridge. This, combined with Joe Holtz's fashion choice for the evening—a Bay Ridge Food Coop T-shirt—seemed to offer a glimmer of hope that some of those other Brooklyn food coops that so many PSFC members are working to get off the ground may come to fruition. ■

# RETURN POLICY

The Coop strives to keep prices low for our membership. Minimizing the amount of returned merchandise is one way we do this. If you need to make a return, please go to the 2nd Floor Service Desk.

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1. The Paid-In-Full receipt **MUST** be presented.
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Calendars	Refrigerated Supplements
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\*A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

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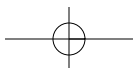
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**RETURNABLE**

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# Urban Gardeners Take Seed

By Anita J. Aboulafia

"The year's at the spring,  
And day's at the morn...  
All's right with the world!"  
—Robert Browning (1812-1889)  
from the play, *Pippa Passes*

Spring is finally here and that means Brooklyn's urban gardeners have their work cut out for them. Who's the gardener in your family? Given the record number of seeds sold this year at the Park Slope Food Coop, Delia Yarrow, the Coop's seed buyer, is certain there are a lot of folks out there with green thumbs. "I'm excited about the great number of people buying seeds," Yarrow exclaimed.

At the Coop, seeds are available from three suppliers. There's Artistic Gardens, a family-owned and operated farm in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, which says its seed sales have doubled in the past year, especially for heirloom varieties. There's also Fedco Seeds, a cooperative in Waterville, Maine; and Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah, Iowa, whose 890-acre farm saves and sells heirloom seeds. According to Seed Savers' website, it "maintain[s] more than 25,000 endangered vegetable varieties, most having been brought to North America by

members' ancestors who immigrated from Europe, the Middle East, Asia and other parts of the world."

Starting in February and on through early spring, the Coop is stocked with a vast variety of seeds—organic and non-organic, along with seed plugs (for starting seeds) and soil amendments, which are materials—either organic or non-organic, that can be added to soil to improve its physical properties (i.e., water retention, water infiltration or drainage). What seeds can members buy? For those in the market for vegetable seeds, the selection goes from atomic red carrot, bok choy and collards to 12 varieties of peppers. The flower seeds include burgundy gaillardia, *Reseda odorata* (for perfumes, sachets and potpourris), heirloom flowers and zinnia.

## Tips for Container Gardening

It is easier and faster to start the germination process by planting seeds indoors. A how-to guide available at the Coop (in the produce aisle) offers this advice:

Avoid containers smaller than two gallons; small pots can't hold enough water to get through hot days.

On the other hand, containers need soil that won't become compacted and soggy. Use a potting mix with plenty of perlite or vermiculite to allow roots to breathe.

Add one to two inches of gravel or rocks to the bottoms of large containers to improve drainage.

Containers leach nutrients quickly; feed plants every two weeks with a liquid fertilizer such as fish emulsion, liquid kelp, compost tea, etc.

The seed packets also provide how-to planting instructions.

A recent article in *The New York Times* recommended planting seeds on rooftops because, in addition to being "aesthetically pleasing," rooftop gardens can serve as insulation—providing warmth in the wintertime and, in the summertime, absorbing the sun's rays. Since mold and fungus problems are common with indoor planting, the *Times* article also suggested disinfecting garden tools with water and bleach.

## Gardening Books at the Coop

The Coop sells a wide variety of gardening books, among them the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's *Starting From*



ILLUSTRATION BY PAUL BUCKLEY

*Seed: The Natural Gardener's Guide to Propagating Plants; Organic Garden: The Natural No-Dig Way*, by Charles Dowding, which includes recipes; and, last but not least, Rodale's *Ultimate Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening*, considered the "go-to resource for gardeners for more than 50 years."

## The Future of Urban Gardening

Recent articles in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial*

*Times* and *USA Today* report that, as a result of the current economic downturn and people's concerns about food health and safety, urban gardening is growing in leaps and bounds. The National Gardening Association, a non-profit organization for gardening education, projects a 40% growth in the number of U.S. homes growing vegetables compared with just two years ago.

Happy planting! ■

## SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

# Think FRESH

By Margaret Maugenest

FRESH, a film by Coop member Ana Sofia Joanes, was shown at the Safe Food Committee's January Plow to Plate screening to a standing room only crowd upstairs in the Coop. For all of you who wanted to see it but couldn't, here is some great news: FRESH is going theatrical. The movie will be opening at the Quad Cinema on April 9 and will be there through April 15.

FRESH is a food documentary featuring author Michael Pollan (*The Omnivore's Dilemma*, *Food Rules*); farmer Joel Salatin of Polyface Farms and author of *Everything I Want to Do Is Illegal*; War Stories from the Local Food Front; Will Allen, urban



farmer and 2008 MacArthur Genius Award recipient, who founded Growing Power, Inc., a nonprofit organization and land trust working to build equitable and ecologically sound community food systems; and supermarket owner David Ball, who is challenging our Walmart-dominated economy.

From the FRESH website:

"FRESH celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Each has witnessed the rapid transformation of our agriculture into an industrial model, and confronted the consequences: food contamination, environmental pollution, depletion of natural resources, and morbid obesity. Forging healthier, sustainable alternatives, they offer a practical vision for a future of our food and our planet."

For more information, visit [www.freshthemovie.com](http://www.freshthemovie.com).

Quad Cinema is located at 34 West 13th Street New York, NY.

For show times, visit [www.quadcinema.com](http://www.quadcinema.com). ■

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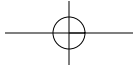
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FUN Committee blog: [psfcfun.wordpress.com](http://psfcfun.wordpress.com)



# A Home of Their Own

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fact of being part of this diverse, multi-age community isn't clear. Whichever dream he means, it appears he's not the only one; there are quite a lot of happy-looking faces at 372 Clinton Ave.

## Coop Beginnings

The idea for the school germinated in these very pages, in an article Berger wrote for the *Gazette*, proposing a meeting for people interested in setting up a democratic school. "We got a core group of parents from that article," Berger says.

Although it would be pushing it to describe the school as a direct educational counterpart to the Coop, there does seem to be a relationship. Much like the Coop, the Brooklyn Free School has built political and social ideals into the very foundation of an institution that might not seem at first glance to call for it.

## Democracy in Education

"We don't do the same things other schools do," says Berger, when pressed for a description of the school's philosophy. "We're more

interested in fostering social and intellectual development. We have a more holistic approach."

Most important, of course, is the founding principle of the school: "We follow the democratic process. Everyone gets one vote." That's five-year-olds, 15-year-olds, 45-year-olds, everyone.

Democratic schools trace their roots to Leo Tolstoy, who operated a democratic school for peasants in Russia, and to John Dewey, who explored the relationship between democracy and education. The most well-known democratic schools in modern times are probably the Summerhill School in England and the Sudbury School in Massachusetts. Despite differences from school to school, democratic schools all believe that engaging in democracy is essential to creating good citizens. Most seem to emphasize personal responsibility, community involvement, social justice, multi-age settings and the importance of play.

There are no mandatory classes, no required homework, no compulsory curriculum. Those kids running shrieking and laughing through the

halls, thundering up and down the stairs at BFS? They'd get an A+—if there were grades, that is. The kids, ranging in age from around five to 14, who spent school hours building an intricately executed train set out of cardboard? Good job. The various teenage students doing internships in a bookstore and a State Senate office and an artist's studio and at a public broadcasting station—but possibly not immersed in algebra or calculus, and maybe never having read *Julius Caesar*? Right on.

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As for the so-called basics, the school is not worried their students will come out unprepared. "They'll know *how* to learn," says Berger. "They'll know what they need to know. If they need to bone up for a test, we'll look at what they need to do, and give them support."

"You can always learn algebra," says Erik Parker, a parent, who brought his seven-year-old daughter to the school after deciding her public school was preparing students to become middle managers. "It's hard to learn how to be a good human being."

BFS students graduate by writing an essay explaining why they think they are ready to leave the school, and then must defend the essay to the entire community. The school then gives a certificate of completion, which is accepted at many private colleges. Students planning on attending state or city schools take the Regents Competency Tests, which can qualify them for an NYS high school diploma.

BFS's recent graduates have gone on to colleges such as Evergreen, Ithaca and Hampshire.

Students appear to universally love the school. "Noah always wants to go to school. He cries if he can't come," says parent (and Coop member) Bruce Zeines.

"There's a high amount of compassion here," says Parker. "You've got a 13-year-old tolerant of a five-year-old. No one's dying to leave at the end



PHOTOGRAPH BY HAZEL HANKIN

Naomi Malcolm, Alexis Stewart, Sophie Holden and school social worker Katherine Chew.

of the day. You have to kick them out."

Wayne, 12 years old, says the teachers were the best part of the school and named philosophy and math as his favorite subjects.

And from Karan Yerneni, age six-and-three-quarters: "My old school was actually horrible. Here, the teachers are so nice. They're like sugar."

## The Meeting

But hearing its students gush about the school—as every child and parent spoken to for this article did—is one thing. Seeing one of the mandatory, weekly, all-school meetings in action is another.

Ages four and up, the school community sprawls around the perimeter of a sunny, dusty-floored third-floor room known as the gym. Some children are on the laps of adults, some are drawing, at least one is totally engrossed in a book. Three very small girls are whispering to each other. Repeated calls for "Order" eventually result in enough focus to proceed.

First up: nominating meeting leaders. This is done expediently, voted on, and the two chosen children begin leading the meeting. Announcements—such as a call for helpers to create a better sign-out board, a request for donations of supplies for the school's then-imminent trip to Tanzania and a request for an Easter party—are run through quickly.

Then it's on to the agenda items, and this is where, to a visitor, the democratic process—and the very notion of the school—shows itself.

One student "puts up" as an agenda item the behavior of another student in the

school. What ensues is a complex, thorough, blunt but never scathing, discussion by some 50 people, ranging in age from 5 to 50ish, about a very young community member's struggle to adapt to the school's expectations. Comments range from one six-year old's suggestion—echoed by several staff members and a few other students—that the community "just give him more love" and patience, to several kids' expressions of frustration. Through it all, the child in question squirms on a teacher's lap, leaves the room, returns and gives every impression of seriously listening to his community discuss his behavior.

It was like the caring, disciplined family meeting you read about in parenting books—writ large across the canvas of a school community. It is hard for this observer not to imagine this experience deeply impacting not only the child in question, but every child and adult in the room.

Clearly, the Brooklyn Free School is not for everybody (and a good thing, as there is already a waiting list). And it is not, as its name erroneously implies, free. (Tuition is around \$13,000, but is applied on a sliding scale.) And while finding its detractors was outside of the scope of this article, one assumes there are those who find this model questionable, if not plain wrong.

But at a recent fundraiser/open house/talent show, as the school prepared for its trip to Tanzania (inspired in part by a chartered bus trip to see the presidential inauguration in 2008), it was hard not to be impressed by the scruffy, warm, thrilling feeling of a community that's thrown itself wholeheartedly into its beliefs. ■



## DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?

The Fun Committee is planning an event in September 2010 to show off the Coop's delicious seasonal ingredients and creative cooks. Attendees will sample dishes and matching beverages, and vote on their favorites.

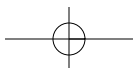
We are looking for 10 talented cooks to present one dish each. If you are experienced in cooking for large numbers of people and enjoy the heat of competition, we'd love to hear from you.

- All cooks must be Coop members in good standing.
- Each dish must serve up to 200 people.
- We are looking for a range of styles and cuisines—vegetarian, ethnic, etc. that reflect the Coop's seasonal bounty.
- The Coop will supply all necessary ingredients to the finalists.
- Professional chefs will help guide and support the cooks, if necessary.
- Each dish will be paired with an appropriate beverage (wine, beer or non-alcoholic).
- Participating finalists will receive FTOP credit for the event. The cook serving the most popular dish at the event will earn an additional prize.

If you would like to participate, please write to us at [psfccook@gmail.com](mailto:psfccook@gmail.com) and tell us about your cooking experience, including the recipe you would like to prepare. For people without Internet access, submissions may be brought to the Membership Office and put in Jason Weiner's mailbox. Submissions must be received by Saturday, May 1.



Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)





# Theater and Social Action: Producing *Prophecy*

By Caron Atlas

**H**ow do you produce a pro-peace play in a country that is at war? How do you put positive Arab characters on stage at a time when negative stereotypes abound? How do you speak about the emotional costs, and loss of life, of the current wars to a nation that wants to forget?"

Playwright and Coop member Karen Malpede asked these questions as she tried to find a producer for *Prophecy*, "a fierce yet funny American anti-war play." In spite of six developmental readings at major theater institutions in the U.S., a London production with excellent reviews and well-known actors such as Kathleen Chalfant, George Bartenieff and André De Shields, the play was considered too perilous to produce. One producer called it "too risky." Another, who was considering the play after a positive conversation with the audience following a reading, backed down after receiving "negative emails."

Malpede and her partner Bartenieff, who has years of producing experience, were not to be deterred. They believed that this was exactly the right moment for the play to be seen in the U.S. If they couldn't get it produced the conventional way, they would use their creativity and network of allies to get it done. New York Theater Workshop offered its small theater at no cost for a short run of the play, a tremendous help. The *Prophecy* team turned to people who had attended the readings who wanted to see the play produced. Employing the techniques of a grassroots campaign, they held house parties and dinners, building a resource of deeply committed audience support.

Expanding this strategy, they engaged allies in the peace and social justice community to create "a mutually reciprocal connection between art and social action." Groups were offered the opportunity to purchase the 60-seat house as a fund-raiser or theater party during the play's May 27-June 20 New York City run. As of March, partners include Code Pink, War Resisters League, Friends of Jenin Freedom Theater, Peace Action, Iraq Veterans Against the War, ACLU-NJ and the Annenberg Institute for School Reform. Not only is this generating critical up-front

financial support for the production, it is also offering the activist groups a play that speaks to their concerns and stimulates dialogue and action.

Says Jose Vasquez of Iraq Veterans Against the War, "Art, in general, and theater, in particular, have tremendous potential for healing and catharsis. We in the vet-

## Member Contribution

erans community understand the power of storytelling. Our narratives shape our realities. We look forward to sponsoring an evening of *Prophecy* for our members and supporters. Our goal is to engage people in meaningful dialogues about the human costs of war and occupation."

For Liz Roberts of the War Resisters League, the play offers "a generous gift—to be able to come together as a community, to experience the poignant and personal ways that war affects peoples lives. I find that art, more than all of the best-worded books, pamphlets, articles and news shows, has the power to ignite people to act... of cutting through logic and directly pulling on a person's humanity, tugging at them to feel, to grieve, to wake up and to find their own agency, their own voice."

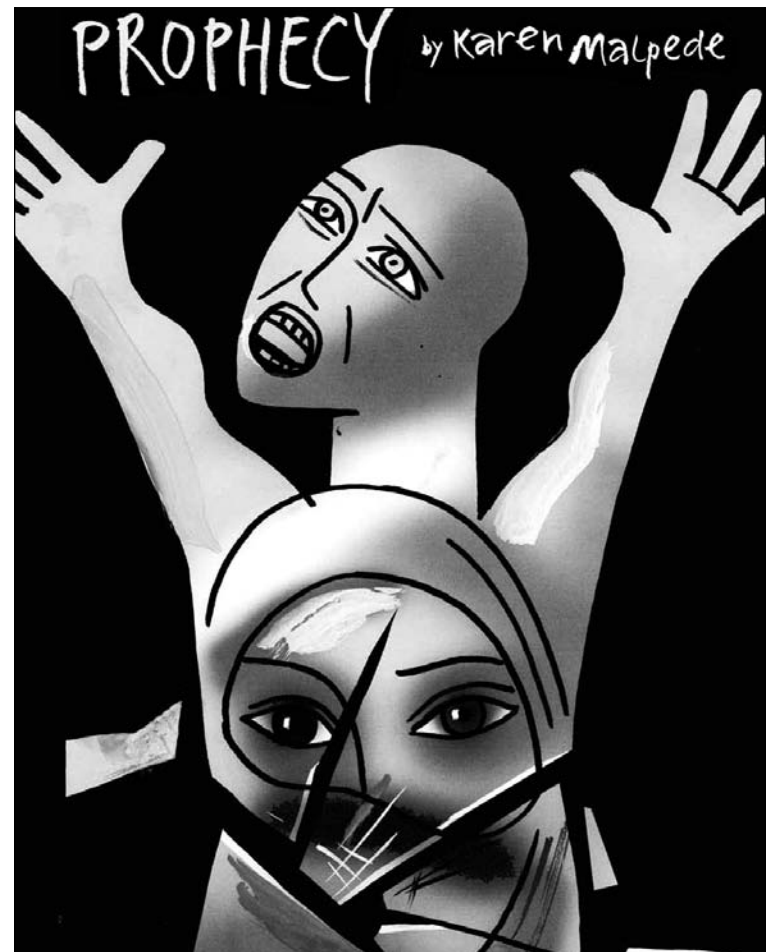
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Malpede is delighted with the response. She wrote the play to move people, both in the theater and afterwards. "The greatest sin in the theater is boredom; I want to enliven people—to send them home with more energy and richer imaginings than they had when they arrived.

The characters all transcend themselves and that affects the audience. The audience therefore is also more open at the end of the play." Adds actor Kathleen Chalfant, "It gives you time to consider another possibility without ever simplifying the complexities of the political positions that are taken."

This isn't the first time theater and social movements have benefited one another. The civil rights movement, for example, supported the Free Southern Theater (FST) as an integral part of movement building. When the movement no longer existed, FST buried itself in a New Orleans jazz funeral that contained the seeds of its rebirth—in new social movements and committed theater. *Prophecy* continues this vision.

Support *Prophecy* by purchasing advance tickets <http://theaterthreecollaborative.org>. The show runs May 27-June 30 at the East Fourth Street Theater (Manhattan). Some shows include talkbacks with public intellectuals. The June 8 talkback with Noam Chomsky is open to ticket-holders of any performance. Chris Hedges, Laura Flanders and David Swanson will also lead discussions. ■



## Coop Job Opening: Receiving/Stocking Coordinator

### Evenings & Weekends plus variable schedule

#### Description:

The Coop is hiring a Receiving/Stocking Coordinator to work evenings and weekends plus a variable schedule. This new position will be a combination of 2-3 fixed weekly shifts and two variable shifts in order to increase capacity for vacation overages.

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 and has the flexibility to work other times of the week to provide needed coverage. 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:** 32-40 hours per week, schedule to be determined
- Wages:** \$23.48/hour
- Benefits:**
  - Health and Personal time
  - Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years
  - health insurance
  - 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:

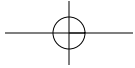
There will be a six-month probation period.

#### 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.**



# Puzzle Corner

## Take Five

Below is a list of fifteen common words. Each word had 5 consecutive consonant letters in the middle, which have been removed.

For example, the word angstrom has the five consecutive consonants “ngstr”. With these removed, it would be written as “a\_\_\_\_\_om”.

Can you figure out all the words in the list?

- bi\_\_\_\_\_ace
- co\_\_\_\_\_ew
- do\_\_\_\_\_eam
- ea\_\_\_\_\_aking
- fi\_\_\_\_\_ip
- ha\_\_\_\_\_abble
- jo\_\_\_\_\_ap
- le\_\_\_\_\_ise
- ni\_\_\_\_\_ub
- o\_\_\_\_\_ing
- po\_\_\_\_\_ipt
- spo\_\_\_\_\_iter
- swi\_\_\_\_\_ade
- wi\_\_\_\_\_aft
- wo\_\_\_\_\_ile

For answers, see page 12. This issue’s puzzle author: *Stuart Marquis*

## What Is That? How Do I Use It? Food Tours in the Coop

We are not there yet  
we are in the shift  
winter is done—  
whatever the snow and rain—  
the sun is on our side  
stretching itself after its long nap  
fattening the buds on the trees  
Look closely how  
the tree crowns have fuzzed

This is the edge:  
where creativity happens  
where the world makes itself—  
out of sheer  
nothing—  
into a new expression  
never realized quite this way before

The edge is where the fire burns quickest  
where the sail catches the wind  
where the ocean births reefs  
where we crawled out of the damp mire

to evolve into our magnificence:  
a brain  
a heart  
on two legs  
We stand ever at the edge:  
between all that has happened  
and all that lies ahead  
the knife blade of this wild moment  
where we get to choose  
who we are

The Park Slope Food Coop  
The Leading Edge

*by Myra Klockenbrink*

Monday

April 19

April 26

noon to 1:00 p.m.

and

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

You can join in any time during a tour.

## Hearing Officer Committee Seeks New Members

The Hearing Office Committee is seeking two new members. The committee conducts and presides over disciplinary hearings, ensures that hearings proceed in an efficient and unbiased manner and, after a randomly selected Deciding Group has decided whether an accused member violated a Coop rule, determines what disciplinary action should be taken against the member. Applicants should be Coop members in good standing for at least two years, have good attendance records and preferably have judicial, arbitration, mediation or legal backgrounds.

Members of the committee meet and earn workslot credit on an as-needed basis only, that is, when hearings are required. Therefore these members must maintain regular Coop workslots in good standing or be FTOP members in good standing.

The nature of the committee’s work requires that all members maintain strict confidentiality with respect to all matters on which they work.

The committee seeks an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop membership at large.

Those interested, please telephone Marian Hertz of the Hearing Officer Committee at 212-440-2743 or email at [Marian.Hertz@cna.com](mailto:Marian.Hertz@cna.com).

## Interested in Engaging Coop Work? Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members

★ **If you are good at:**  
**Communicating • Problem solving • Dealing with  
difficult situations • Investigating *We need you!***

The DC is seeking new members with experience in **investigation, writing, and conflict-resolution. Mental health professionals** encouraged to apply. Use of a **computer and email is *ESSENTIAL***. Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

### Some of our work includes:

- Investigating allegations of misbehavior by members. (i.e. failing to report for or to complete shifts, bringing in non-members to shop, shopping while suspended, stealing, using racist, sexist, homophobic or nasty language against other Coop members and staff)
- Engaging in problem-solving and policy issues related to the DC’s work
- Participation in disciplinary hearings
- Daily email contact with DC members to discuss issues

### Requirements:

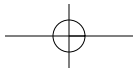
- Must be a member for **at least a year**
- Have **good attendance** record
- Attend an evening meeting approx. once every six weeks

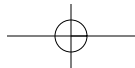
We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. **WE ARE SEEKING A CANDIDATE POOL THAT REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE COOP’S MEMBERSHIP.**

Interested? Please call **Jeff: 718-636-3880**



**The Ecokvetch  
is now on Facebook,  
representing the  
Park Slope  
Food Coop’s  
Environmental  
Committee.**





Park Slope Food Coop, Brooklyn, NY

April 8, 2010 7

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### AN APOLOGY

#### TO MY PSFC BRETHREN & SISTEREN:

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for my behavior at this evening's General Meeting (that evening being March 23, 2010.) I apologize for the enormous yawn I uttered while listening to the description of a defined retirement benefits plan. I apologize for slapping the side of my head during the member's comment about the scarcity of mung bean sprouts on the shelves. I apologize for gagging while a member of the chair committee discussed the importance of the use of the word "which" when something is the subject of a sentence. I apologize for mumbling the word "a\*\*hole" under my breath when someone complained about the presence of wasted food in the schools. For all this and more, I hope all of you will accept my deepest and sincere apologies.

At the same time, I do have some ideas on how to make General Meetings more palatable, if not enjoyable:

a) Require all speakers to practice their comments with a speech coach. The key to public speaking is both levity and brevity, and frankly, many of the speeches this evening were long

and boring.

b) Allow the chair to hit members with a large "squeaky hammer" if they say something irrelevant or pointless.

c) Take a page from our hosts, The Garfield Temple, which is a religious institution that also hosts a boring ritual: the Seder. Wouldn't it be cool if Joe Holtz and Mike Eakin took turns hiding a slab of tofu before the meeting and then offering a prize for the person who finds it at the end?

*Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Berkman*

### B.Y.O. BEVERAGE CONTAINER

#### MEMBERS:

Recently, I attended a movie night at the PSFC, and was disappointed to find that beverages were being served in non-recyclable plastic cups. I don't know if this is considered normal for our recreational functions, but I'd like to suggest that in future, members are asked to bring a mug, canteen, etc., so that we might enjoy liquid refreshments without unnecessary waste. I believe that people could get into this rhythm as easily as we've managed to do away with offering plastic bags at the checkout.

*Diane Cluck*

## 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](mailto: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, comprehensive, 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.



### SOCK TRAGEDY

I've lost a sock in the laundry,  
What could be sadder than?  
It's red and white and purple  
With polka dots of tan.  
If you spot it anywhere,  
Oh please don't toss or spurn it;  
The poor thing's got some holes,  
So won't you darn and return it?

*Leon Freilich*

### PEACE FAIR

#### DEAR MEMBERS:

The President, governor, mayor and most elected officials claim lack of money is leading to closing public schools, cuts to subway and bus service, an increasingly chaotic health care system, house foreclosures and evictions, and to job losses in the private sector and for so many city and state workers who keep agencies functioning. We note at the same time that billions are spent on robot bombers to dump death in an undeclared war in Pakistan. Major banks offer managers huge bonuses from bail out bucks contributed by our government because "they are too big to fail." They have failed. So has the "War on Drugs" and sending soldiers and contractors to stabilize Iraq and Afghanistan.

We attentive and well-intentioned Coop members recognize that highly advertised industrial "food products" do not sustain human health. We can extrapolate to other manipulations: for example, that charter schools offer parents a choice, fewer public employees make government bureaucracies more efficient and invading and occupying other nations makes us in the US safer and more secure. Expanding war, the military and weapons manufacturing increases the risk of death, disability and social disintegration.

The daunting task is to figure out what to do—at the offices of our elected officials who are supposed to be our leaders and in the streets in ever increasing numbers insisting that the wars end and that our young people are brought home Now Alive so they can help to build their future that will be healthy and happy. One step is to get together with Peace and Social Justice in mind.

On Saturday afternoon, May 15, members and friends of Brooklyn For Peace will celebrate 25 years in the struggle on the campus of Brooklyn College in Flatbush. The main talk will be given by Fr. Roy Bourgeois, the founder of the School of the Americas Watch, this year nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The whole event is being planned with high school students. All information is on the website of Brooklyn For Peace.

Folks of all ages are invited as we enjoy cultural presentations by local and progressive performers, get information about the many groups producing upcoming events of protest, resistance and transformation, inspire

each other to greater militancy, and participate in debates about how to strengthen the movement to end criminal US military aggression abroad and build the just and peaceful society we dream about for our grandchildren.

The Latin America Committee of BFP will discuss US policy towards Haiti focusing on the situation after the earthquake at a Forum to be held at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West at Second Street at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. Slides by Tequila Minsky and discussion by Haitian American activists. Contributions appreciated.

*In Solidarity,  
Susan Metz*

### SUPPORT HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

#### DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

Many of you already know about the wonderful humanitarian organization Heifer International. Since 1944, Heifer has helped 12 million families (62 million people) in more than 125 countries, including the U.S.—and Brooklyn—move toward greater self-reliance through gifts of livestock, plants and training in environmentally sound agriculture. Now we in Brooklyn have the opportunity to support these efforts.

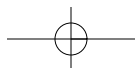
April is Heifer's "Pass On the Gift" month, when in almost 200 ceremonies in towns and villages from Nepal to Ecuador, families will pass on dairy goats, cows, alpacas and other animals, along with training, to help other families start down the road to self-reliance. The impact of each initial gift is multiplied as recipients agree to "Pass On the Gift" by becoming donors themselves. This wonderful model is deeply moving. It is sustainable development at its best.

I invite you to host a fundraising meal in your home, school, congregation, at work, book club or your favorite community gathering spot. Serve international food, local or organic food, or organize a potluck or pizza party. Make it a coffee, tea, dessert, wine or pub time. By raising small donations throughout Brooklyn, we can help families and communities lift themselves out of poverty.

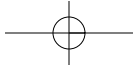
Our local Heifer in Brooklyn volunteer group also urges you to make donations to Heifer's emergency Haiti Rehabilitation Fund. Heifer has worked in that country for the past decade. The projects, which have benefited several farmer associations and thousands of families, range from training in sustainable agriculture, crop diversity, nutrition, aquaculture and fish production to gifts of livestock, seeds, trees and grains. As thousands relocate to rural areas from earthquake-ravaged locations,

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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.

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Monday through Sunday  
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718-622-0560

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# LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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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.

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**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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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



**Jezra Kaye and Jerome Harris**

unite for a duo performance featuring Jezra's sultry but forceful vocals and Jerome's monster guitar and bass-guitar chops. Catch these 29-year Coop veterans in a rare and memorable demonstration of how good things just get better, in music and in life.



**Jerome Harris**

Lyrical jazz and well-written pop, which is vocal and instrumental, old and new, somewhat familiar and very obscure. Respected guitarist Jerome Harris will follow his tastes in diverse directions, with Marco Panascia (bass) and Todd Isler (drums) contributing.

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  
APRIL 10  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Third Thursday  
APRIL 15  
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday  
APRIL 25  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

On the sidewalk in front of the receiving area at the Coop.

RECYCLING

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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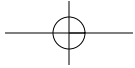
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WORKSLOT NEEDS

### Office Data Entry Tuesday 4:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Are you a stickler for details, accurate on the computer and like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. You will receive training, and Coop staff will always be available to answer questions. Please speak to Ginger Hargett or Camille Scuria in the Membership Office if you would like more information. Workslot requires a six-month commitment.

### Shopping Floor Set-up and Cleaning

Monday or Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Are you an early riser with a love of cleaning and organizing? Work under the supervision of a staff person to set up and clean the shopping floor checkout stations. Must like to clean, be meticulous, detail oriented and able to work independently. Great opportunity for someone who wants to work when the Coop is not crowded. Please contact Cynthia Pennycooke at [cynthia\\_pennycooke@psfc.coop](mailto:cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop) or call the Membership Office at 718-622-0560 if you are interested.

### Bathroom Cleaning Tuesday

12 noon to 2:00 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.

## 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 [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.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](http://www.foodcoop.com) and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

### The Coop on the Internet

[www.foodcoop.com](http://www.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, APR 27**

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

**TUE, MAY 4**

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.  
Submissions will be considered for the May 25 General Meeting.

### Gazette Deadlines

#### LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Apr 22 issue 7:00 p.m., Mon, Apr 12  
May 6 issue 7:00 p.m., Mon, Apr 26

#### CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Apr 8 issue 7:00 p.m., Wed, Apr 3  
May 6 issue 7:00 p.m., Wed, Apr 28

## ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

### Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings 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 at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

### Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 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 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 Ellen Weinstat in the office.

### 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 at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

**Wrap Up (9:30-9:45 p.m.)** (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Meeting evaluation • Board of Directors vote • 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.

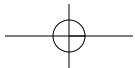
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

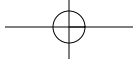
#### • Being Absent from the GM:

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.





park slope

FOOD COOP

calendar of events

apr 16

fri 8 pm

## Jezra Kaye and Jerome Harris



**Jezra Kaye** and **Jerome Harris** unite for a duo performance featuring Jezra's sultry but forceful vocals and Jerome's monster guitar and bass-guitar chops.

Catch these 29-year Coop veterans in a rare and memorable demonstration of how good things just get better, in music and in life. Harris' lyrical jazz and well-written pop is vocal and instrumental, old and new, somewhat familiar and very obscure. Respected guitarist Harris will follow his tastes in diverse directions, with Marco Panascia (bass) and Todd Isler (drums) contributing.

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

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apr 24-25

sat-sun 9 am–7 pm

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apr 27

tue 7 pm

## PSFC APRIL General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

**Meeting location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

**Item #1: Music on the Shopping Floor (25 minutes)**

**Proposal:** "In consideration of all members, I propose we restrict music from being played over the loudspeakers in the checkout portion of the Coop"

—submitted by JB Brown

**Item #2: Change "workshift" schedule from every four weeks to every five weeks (45 minutes)**

**Discussion:** "Work rotation should be changed from every four weeks to every five weeks. We have sufficient population now."

—submitted by Robin Smith

For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office and at all General Meetings.

apr 30

fri 8 pm

## Band Nite



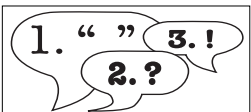
Come support fresh talent at the Food Coop's first-ever "Band Nite," with performances by Marigo Farr, Train Wreck, Too Big to Fail, The Union Street Preservation Society and Under the Rasta Influence. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.

**Event takes place at Jalopy Theatre, 315 Columbia St., between Hamilton Ave. and Woodhull St., 718-395-3214, [www.jalopy.biz](http://www.jalopy.biz).**

may 4

tue 7 pm

## Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m.

Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office. **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

may 8

sat 12 pm

## Nutrition Response Testing

Join us for a look at Nutrition Response Testing. **Diane Paxton**, MS, LAc, will explain how NRT can identify the underlying reason your body is creating symptoms and help you design a personalized clinical nutrition program to have you looking and feeling better than you have in years. **Event subject to change, due to impending construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

may 8

sat 3 pm

## Sustainable Townhouse Primer

This presentation is intended to provide homeowners with a basic understanding of their homes, what their assets and liabilities are, and how to retrofit. Topics include the importance of the building envelope, solar orientation, air infiltration, heating and cooling options, electrical efficiency, sunlighting, and passive heating/cooling. Architect and Coop member **Ryan Enschede** leads an architecture practice pursuing sustainable building solutions adapted to NYC's climate and built conditions. **Event subject to change, due to impending construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

may 15

sun 1 pm

## Of Wall St., Boardrooms And Social Change

Come watch *Another World is Possible*, a short film about the World Social Forum by Mark Dworkin and Melissa Young. High-profile activists like Vandana Shiva and Kevin Danaher raise "crazy" issues, along with other inspired people, students, activists and artists. Coop member **Mark Rego-Monteiro** has presented at several social justice conferences and founded the Web site WakeUPDemocracy.org. **Event subject to change, due to impending construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

may 16

sun 12 pm

## Six Healing Sounds of Qi Gung

Each of six Qi Gung exercises is performed with a sound that has a healing resonance with a body organ: liver, heart, spleen, lungs, kidneys and triple burner. The "life/breath" of each organ can be strengthened with regular practice. This workshop is limited to 15 participants. Please reserve by calling 718-622-0122. Presented by licensed acupuncturist and long-time Coop member **Ann E. Reibel-Coyne**. **Event subject to change, due to impending construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

may 21

fri 8 pm

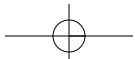
## Adele Rollider and Noe Venable

**Adele Rollider** is a singer-songwriter, music therapist and activist. "Adele's warm and beautiful voice and empowering songs make me know a better world really is possible," says Ray Korona. Singer-songwriter **Noe Venable** is a composer of mystically tinged experimental folk songs, incorporating spine-tingling vocal harmonies and soaring strings. Ani DiFranco has called her music "ravishingly melodic!" Puremusic.com dubs her "a full-blown young musical visionary."

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# apr 16—jun 29 2010

**may 22**  
sat 10:30 am-2 pm

## Garden and House Plant Swap



Come to the Coop's Garden and House Plant Swap to exchange your plants with other gardeners. Please follow these guidelines when choosing and preparing plants for the swap: 1. THIS IS A ONE-FOR-ONE SWAP: Swappers may choose one plant for each plant they bring. 2. Please bring healthy plants. 3. Do not bring cuttings. All plants must have adequate roots. 4. Plants must be packed in a lightweight container with adequate soil. 5. All plants must include labels with names, and if possible, brief instructions for plant. Plants will not be accepted after 1:30 p.m. **Event will take place outside, in front of the Coop, beneath a tent.** In the event of heavy rain, the event will be canceled.

**may 22**  
sat 1 pm

## Evolutionary Astrology: A New Perspective

We seek a deeper perspective, to bring fresh insight into our lives and help us move forward. We will discuss the basic archetypes of the signs, houses and planets, through the 12 signs of the zodiac. Coop member **Clara Nura Sala** has been practicing and teaching astrology for 10 years. She is a graduate of the Jeffrey Wolf Green School of Evolutionary Astrology and counsels clients across the U.S. and around the world. **Event subject to change, due to impending construction and renovations on the second floor of the Park Slope Food Coop.**

**may 25**  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC MAY General Meeting

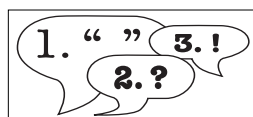


Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office and at all General Meetings. **Meeting location:**

**Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

**jun 1**  
tue 7 pm

## Agenda Committee Meeting



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**jun 4**  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night



Film title to be announced.

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

**jun 5**  
sat 12—4 pm

## Adult Clothing Exchange



The season is changing, and this is your opportunity to trade gently used and beautiful clothes that you no longer wear with other Coop members. Bring items that you think others might enjoy—and a snack to share. Do not leave clothing in the Coop before the hours of the exchange; bring up to 15 items only; bring gently used, clean clothing that you are proud to be able to exchange with a new owner. Unchosen items will be donated to a local shelter.

**jun 8**  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night



Film title to be announced.

**jun 26-27**  
sat-sun 9 am—7 pm

## Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

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**jun 29**  
tue 7 pm

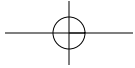
## PSFC JUNE Annual and General Meeting



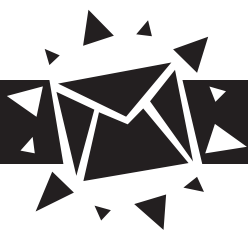
The Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by the GM. Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office and at all General Meetings. **Meeting location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

**For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: [foodcoop.com](http://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.**



L E T T E R S T O T H E E D I T O R



Heifer's work is growing. Your support will give people essential tools and help them rebuild their lives and livelihood.

Heifer in Brooklyn will hold its own fundraiser at iCi Restaurant, DeKalb Ave. at Vanderbilt, on April 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$60 each are limited and must be purchased in advance: email [heiferbrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:heiferbrooklyn@gmail.com).

Whether turning the tide on poverty and hunger through training to raise income-producing livestock, seeds and reforestation in Haiti, working with the Ghana Association of the Blind in Dikanya to give ducks and training to villagers, or helping immigrant farmers become productive in upstate New York, Heifer's work is deep and effective. It changes lives.

For free tips and tools for holding your event, visit [www.Heifer.org](http://www.Heifer.org) or call 1-800-422-0474. You can download fundraising ideas and order a DVD of Heifer's terrific, award-winning short film 12 Stones, which documents Heifer's work with illiterate women in Nepal, to screen for guests. Don't forget to add your event to our blog by sending info and photos to [heiferbrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:heiferbrooklyn@gmail.com). You may also

write to me with further questions: [lweybright@mcny.edu](mailto:lweybright@mcny.edu)

*Cordially, Loren Weybright,  
Coop Member and  
Heifer International Volunteer*

**BROOKLYN FOR PEACE  
FORUM: RABBI LYNN  
GOTTLIEB ON WHY  
BOYCOTT AND  
DIVESTMENT?**

**DEAR EDITOR:**

Join us in an open conversation with Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb on "Why Boycott and Divestment? Reflections on resisting U.S. militarism and Israel's occupation of Palestine." Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, one of the first eight women to serve as a rabbi, is a long time proponent of engaged non-violence.

**Background: Boycott,  
Divestment and Sanctions**

In 2005, Palestinian civil society (over 170 Palestinian coalitions, unions, refugee groups, human rights and social justice groups in the occupied territories within Israel and in

exile) issued a call to the world to apply boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel until it upheld international law.

I will take excerpts from Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb's writings relating to the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

**As Jews**

"As Jews...what we can and should do is find ways of acting in solidarity with that struggle by joining the Palestinian-initiated international effort to use boycott, divestment and sanctions to force Israel to comply with international law and end the siege of Gaza and the illegal occupation of Palestine" (since 1967).

**Gaza Freedom Movement**

"That is why I went to Cairo and created the Interfaith Gaza Satyagraha as an affinity group within the Gaza Freedom March. The call to break the siege (of Gaza) has been joined with the call for boycott."

**History: Nonviolence**

"History will decide the outcome of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and history, as Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us, flows toward justice. Any-

one who desires peace among Israelis and Palestinians must be an advocate for the resolution of the conflict based on nonviolence, human rights, mutuality in negotiations and adherence to international law."

**Torah Tradition**

"For Jews, I believe resistance requires serious study and practice of the Torah of Nonviolence. Nonviolence is the only way forward. Violence will destroy our beautiful tradition. By struggling in solidarity with those who oppose militarism and support boycott, divestment and sanctions we are also renewing the most sacred elements of our tradition that require us to protest in the streets, pursue justice and peace, and avoid violence. It is not an easy road."

For a memorable evening, Brooklyn For Peace invites you to share in this conversation with Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb.  
Date: Thursday, April 29  
Place: 388 Atlantic Avenue (Bond-Hoyt)  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
718-624-5921

*Mary Buchwald*

**Puzzle Answers**

BIRTHPLACE	HARDSCRABBLE	POSTSCRIPT
CORKSCREW	JOCKSTRAP	SPORTSWRITER
DOWNSTREAM	LENGTHWISE	SWITCHBLADE
EARTHSHAKING	NIGHTCLUB	WITCHCRAFT
FILMSTRIP	OFFSPRING	WORTHWHILE

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**CELEBRATE  
EARTH DAY!**

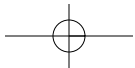
The Environmental Committee will be tabling outside the Coop along with members of the Safe Food Committee and Genetically Modified Organisms Shelf Labeling Squad.

**Sunday, April 18**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
in front of the Park Slope Food Coop

**Stop by and talk to  
committee members.**

**Pick up some of our  
great handouts.**

**Bring your old  
batteries—we'll  
collect them  
for recycling.  
(spent alkaline  
batteries size  
AAA through D  
and nine  
volts only)**





## LEFFERTS FARM FOOD COOPERATIVE

We are a newly-formed group made up of residents from Flatbush, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens and Crown Heights, working to develop a new medium-sized food cooperative in the area.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There's no question Brooklyn needs more food cooperatives, but it's not simple. Food co-ops are businesses and development projects created for and by the community.

### JOIN OUR PLANNING GROUP

In order to make this happen, we need YOU! Why? Because as a member, you have experience with food co-ops. And as a worker/community member, you have experience we need—from organizational development, branding/messaging, finance/accounting, fundraising, to real estate development and community outreach. Even people you know or the groups you belong to are a valuable asset to the process!

### GET INVOLVED

PSFC members will receive FTOP credit in exchange for their participation. Join our MeetUp group at [www.meetup.com/plgfoodcoop](http://www.meetup.com/plgfoodcoop) or contact [leffertsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:leffertsfarm@gmail.com) for more information.

JOIN US: [www.meetup.com/plgfoodcoop](http://www.meetup.com/plgfoodcoop)

## GET WORK CREDIT WITH THE BUSHWICK FOOD COOP!

If you are skilled in

**ACCOUNTING  
SPANISH TRANSLATION  
WEB PROGRAMMING  
OUTREACH  
BUSINESS PLANNING**

and would like to help us in exchange for work credit for the Park Slope Food Coop, please send an e-mail to [caitlin.vox@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.vox@gmail.com) with your contact information and area of interest.

We would be delighted to hear from you!



**CREATIVE? WRITER? TALKATIVE? LAWYER?  
SOCIAL-BUTTERFLY? WEB-DEVELOPER?**

**HELP US GET STARTED  
AND MAKE YOUR  
OWN WORK SHIFT!**

Be a part of forming a new food co-op in the Fort Greene Clinton Hill area. PSFC members will receive FTOP credit in exchange for their help. To receive credit, you should be a PSFC member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record.



[www.GreeneHillFoodCoop.com](http://www.GreeneHillFoodCoop.com)  
[info@greenehillfoodcoop.com](mailto:info@greenehillfoodcoop.com) | 718-208-4778

**BAY RIDGE**   
**FOOD CO-OP**

**We're one step closer to opening for business  
NOW WE NEED YOU!**

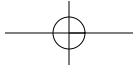
The Bay Ridge Food Co-op is moving ever nearer to opening its doors, providing a valuable new resource for communities across South Brooklyn and beyond.

Response to the launch of our membership equity drive has already been amazing, but we still need your help to ensure we achieve all our goals. If you live in or close to Bay Ridge, do consider joining our co-op now — we have set a goal of 2500 members to open our doors, ensuring a desirable product selection and service level.

We're looking for people to help our growing membership with the many tasks that go into establishing a new co-op. Whatever your skills, talent or experience, your support will truly help make a difference. And please visit our site to subscribe to our email newsletter to keep up on our progress.

PSFC members receive FTOP credit for their work!

**[www.foodcoopbayridge.com](http://www.foodcoopbayridge.com)  
[hello@foodcoopbayridge.com](mailto:hello@foodcoopbayridge.com)  
347-274-8172**



## CLASSIFIEDS

### BED & BREAKFAST

The House on Third St. B+B-beautiful parlor floor thru apt. Queen bed, private bath, kitchen, deck, wi-fi, sleeps 4 or 5 in privacy and comfort. Located in the heart of the Slope. Call or visit us on the web. Jane White at 718-788-7171, [houseon3st.com](http://houseon3st.com). Let us be your Brooklyn Hosts.

### CLASSES/GROUPS

YOGI'S MANIFESTO: Locally sourced and responsibly cultivated, small classes and personal attention, a beautiful, clean studio two blocks from coop. Props and mats provided. Yoga classes taught by coop members Susan Kraft and Annie Wong. For schedule and more information [www.JenniferBrilliant.com](http://www.JenniferBrilliant.com) or 718-499-7282.

### COMMERCIAL SPACE

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES available for health-related practices including but not limited to

medical doctors, chiropractors, psychotherapists, podiatrists, reflexologists, massage therapists, etc. Be part of a holistic facility in SOHO or in a great Brooklyn location. Non-medical offices available in Brooklyn. For information, please call 212- 505-5055.

### MERCHANDISE-NONCOMMERCIAL

IT'S SPRING! Get your mountain bike! Mongoose 24-speed mountain bike. Model: Solution Judy II. Rock Shox. Shimano components. Full suspension. A very good bike. Like new. Only ridden a few times. It was a gift to me. Original list price was \$500 but I'm told it usually sold for \$250-\$300. Asking \$175 or b.o. 718-832-6069.

WORM CASTINGS. Nature's way of feeding plants with nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, trace minerals in simple forms plants can digest. Plus good bacteria + microbes that discourage fungi. Odorless. Mix w/potting soil. \$3.50/lb. Paige 718-832-3645.

### SERVICES

TOP HAT MOVERS, INC., 145 Park Place, Bklyn. Licensed and Insured Moving Co. moves you stress-free. Full line of boxes & packing materials avail. Free estimates 718-965-0214. D.O.T. #T-12302. Reliable, courteous, excellent references & always on time. Credit cards accepted. Member Better Business Bureau.

EXPRESS MOVES. One flat price for the entire move! No deceptive hourly estimates! Careful, experienced mover. Everything quilt padded. No extra charge for wardrobes and packing tape. Specialist in walkups. Thousands of satisfied customers. Great Coop references. 718-670-7071

MADISON AVENUE Hair Stylist is right around the corner from the Food Coop, so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.00.

COMPUTER HELP — Call NY GEEK GIRLS. Setup & file transfer; hardware & software issues; viruses & pop-ups; networking; print-

er/file sharing; training; backups. Home or business. Mac and PC. On-site or pick-up/drop-off. References, reasonable rates. Long-time Coop member. 347-351-3031 or [info@nygeekgirls.com](mailto:info@nygeekgirls.com).

ELECTRICIAN: Art Cabrera 718-965-0327. 37 years in the industry. Small jobs to whole houses. Expert in old wiring, troubleshooting, LV, 110 + 220. Also can act as consultant or G. C. Original Coop founder. BIB. Much thanks to the hundreds of satisfied customers; apologies to the few I've disappointed. PEACE BE WITH YOU.

NEED A PAPER "THERAPIST?" Feel burdened by your stuff? Can you find what you need when you need it? Would you like more space and ease in your home, office or life? Call a professional organizer: Parvati at 718-833-6720, [Parvati4@aol.com](mailto:Parvati4@aol.com). Free initial phone consultation.

HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS HAIRCUTS in the convenience of your home or mine. Color, high lights, low lights, perms, hot oil treatments. Adults: \$35.00. Kids \$15.00. Call Leonora 718-857-2215

DO YOU or a senior you love need to downsize & move? Or just get organized? We are a senior move manager here to help: create a floor plan of your new home, sell & donate possessions, pack & unpack and manage the move. Insured. 917-374-1525. Email: [Katie@papermoonmoves.com](mailto:Katie@papermoonmoves.com) or visit: <http://papermoonmoves.com>.

### SERVICE-HEALTH

HOLISTIC OPTOMETRY: Most eye doctors treat patients symptomatically by prescribing ever-increasing prescriptions. We try to find the source of your vision problem. Some of the symptoms that can be treated include headaches, eye fatigue, computer discomfort, learning disabilities. Convenient Park Slope location. Dr. Jerry Wintrob, 718-789-2020. [holisticeyecare.com](http://holisticeyecare.com)

LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST. I focus on your need/pain for one-half hour and charge less to help you with more. Call 718-788-1864. Harriet Miller, Center Slope.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto: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.

### FRI, APR 9

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Bev Grant\* and the Dissident Daughters / Annie Dinerman-Singer/songwriters. Brooklyn Ethical Culture Society. \$10/kids \$6. 8:00 p.m. 53 Prospect Park West. [www.gchmusic.org](http://www.gchmusic.org).

### SAT, APR 10

PEOPLE'S VOICE CAFE: Ray Korona Band. 8-10:30 p.m., Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or [peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 member/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

"PARLOUR GAMES": a free dance series, offers a modern twist on parlor games of late 19th century. This work will be performed in private homes, public spaces and venues all around Brooklyn this Spring starting April 10. Locations can be found at [www.TzeChunDance.com](http://www.TzeChunDance.com).

### SUN, APR 11

BOOK TALK: Please join the Brooklyn Humanist Community at the downstairs meeting room in the Kings Highway library (Ocean Avenue at Kings Highway). Celeste Leibowitz will discuss Malcolm Gladwell's book "Outliers" and its implications for society.

### THU, APR 15

HAITI: How can we best express our solidarity with the people of Haiti? A forum with slides and several reports from folks who recently returned, organized by the Latin America Committee of Brooklyn for Peace. 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park W at 2nd St. Contributions appreciated.

### SAT, APR 17

PEOPLE'S VOICE CAFE: Sara Thomsen and Bernardo Palombo. 8-10:30 p.m., Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or [peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 member/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

E-WASTE RECYCLING DAY: At Habana Outpost, South Portland Avenue and Fulton Street. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. <http://GrowNYC.org/recycling/recyclingevents>.

WE CAN GREEN BROOKLYN: Free EcoFair. Eco-Exhibits, Live Entertainment, Job Seminars, Vendors, Recycling stations, Art Displays, Fashion Show & more. 11 a.m-5 p.m. Holy Cross Yard, 2530 Church Ave. (btw Rogers & Bedford Aves.) To reserve space, call 718-469-4679. Sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services

of East Flatbush, Senator Kevin Parker and Senator Eric Adams. [www.BrooklynEcoFair.org](http://www.BrooklynEcoFair.org)

### SUN, APR 18

HAITI SUNDAY SOCIAL: Potluck supper, music, dancing, update on Haiti. 3 to 7 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Lyceum, 752 President St. (near 6th Avenue). Entrance fee: \$10 Adult/\$5 Child. Organized by Haiti Support Group, St. Augustine Church. 718-622-1712.

### TUE, APR 20

FREE HOMEBUYING SEMINAR: Your home may be your biggest investment. It pays to be informed. Learn about grants and closing cost assistance, affordable mortgages & other services for first-time homebuyers. 6 p.m. Citibank, 702 Utica Ave. (btw Lenox Rd & Clarkson Ave). To reserve space, call 718-469-4679. Sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush, a not for profit housing organization. [www.nhsofastflatbush.org](http://www.nhsofastflatbush.org).

### FRI, APR 23

GOOD COFFEEHOUSE: Frank & Nancy Moccaldi & Friends—Folk music. Brooklyn Ethical Culture Society. \$10/kids \$6. 8:00 p.m. 53 Prospect Park West. [www.gchmusic.org](http://www.gchmusic.org).

### SAT, APR 24

PEOPLE'S VOICE CAFE: Peoples' Voice Cafe: Disabled in Action Singers; Goddess Gospel Choir. 8-10:30 p.m., Community Church of New York, 40 E. 35th St. (between Madison & Park). For info call 212-787-3903 or [peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$15 general/\$10 member/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.

JAZZ ODYSSEY IN BROOKLYN LIBRARIES: The David Bindman Ensemble. The ensemble features Frank London, trumpet; Reut Regev, trombone; Art Hirahara, piano; Wes Brown, bass; royal hartigan, drums; and David Bindman\*, tenor saxophone and composer. FREE, and intended for people of all ages. Sunset Park Library, 5108 4th Avenue, 1:00 p.m. 718-567-2806.

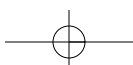
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### SUN, APR 25

E-WASTE RECYCLING DAY: At PS 29 School Yard, Baltic Street between Henry and Clinton streets. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. <http://GrowNYC.org/recycling/recyclingevents>.

Brooklyn Public Library Chamber Players: Free Concert in the Dweck Center at the Central Library at Grand Army Plaza. Benjamin Hochman, piano; Alex Fiterstein, clarinet. Brahms' Sonata in F minor Op. 120 No. 1 and Sonata in E flat major Op. 120 No. 2, as well as Schumann's Nachtstucke Op. 23 and Fantasiestucke Op. 73. 4 p.m. [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).





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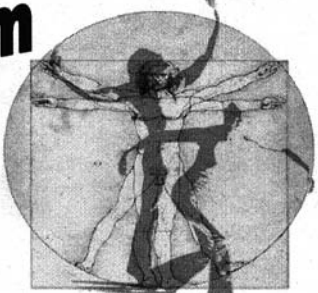
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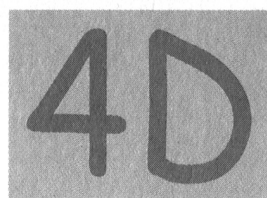
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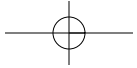
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WELCOME!

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

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Thank you to the following members for referring friends who joined the Coop in the last two weeks.

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We're blogging about our activities at the Coop, as well as environmental events of interest at the Coop and beyond.

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- Able to work at home
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- Must have a good attendance record

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