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## Drunken Goats, Constant Bliss

### DIARY OF A CHEESE WIZ

By Thomas Matthews

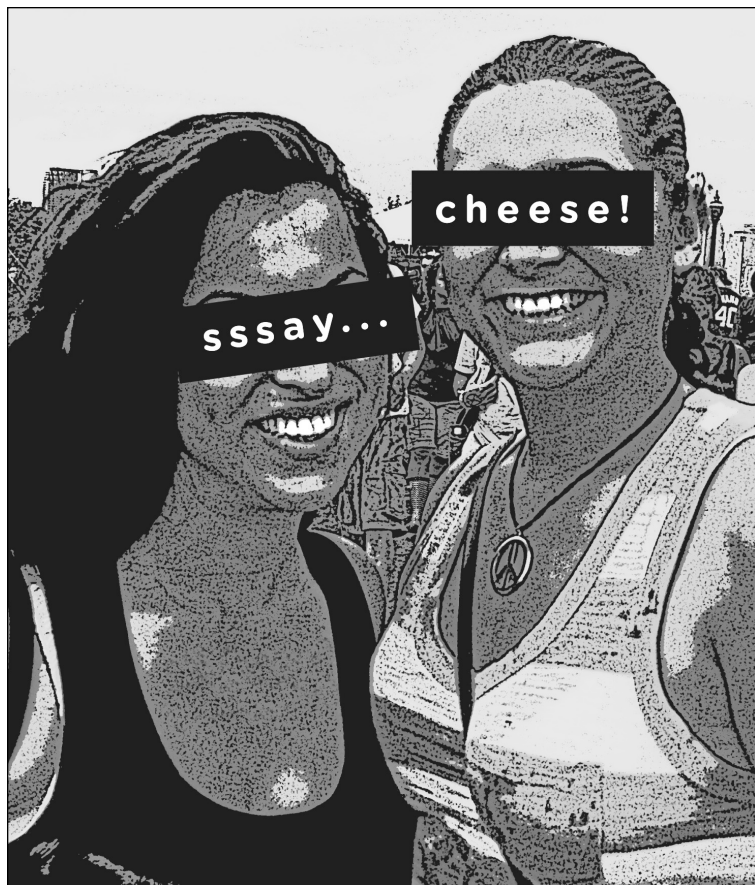


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If one of the Coop's goals is to celebrate diversity, the cheese department counts among its successes.

There you can find the firm, creamy Spanish cheese called Drunken Goat (it's made from goat's milk, and the cheese is soaked in red wine). Constant Bliss is a cow's milk cheese from Vermont's Jasper Hill Creamery, named for a Revolutionary War soldier. There are cheeses from France and Italy and England, from California and New York. They are made from the milk of cows, goats, sheep, buffalo and even, sometimes, yaks. And, of course, some cheeses are not made from milk at all, but from nuts or tofu.

At any given time, more than 50 different cheeses are offered for sale, and over the course of a year some 200 will rotate through the store, according to Receiving Coordinator Yuri

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## Board & Officer Elections

Election of new Coop Secretary at the September 27th General Meeting.  
Election of a new member of the Board of Directors at the October 25th General Meeting.  
Each term expires at the June 2012 Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in one or both of these,  
please attend the meeting and announce your candidacy.

If you have questions about these positions, please speak to  
a General Coordinator at 718-622-0560.

## Coop Event Highlights

Thu, Sep 1 • Food Class:  
Fermentation Basics 7:30 p.m.

Tue, Sep 13 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:  
Two Angry Moms 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Oct 6 • Food Class 7:30 p.m.

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

## If a Tree Falls

### A Tale of Environmental Terror

By Gayle Forman

What constitutes terrorism? Blowing up buildings? Burning down buildings? What if people are intentionally not hurt? If the goal is property damage? If the target is an organization or corporation that arguably does harm to the environment?

Such questions weave their way through the compelling and nuanced recent documentary *If a Tree Falls*. The film chronicles the rise and fall of the radical environmental group the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) through the awakening, radicalization and prosecution of one ELF member, a former Coop member by the name of Daniel McGowan.

### An Unlikely Suspect

At first glance, McGowan seems like an unlikely suspect. Born in Brooklyn, raised in Rockaway Beach, he studied business in college and got a job with public relations firm Burson-Marsteller in New York City in the late 1990s.

When the film opens, he is bustling around a kitchen, cleaning out Ziploc bags for

reuse, expounding on recycling and composting like many a Coop member (except that he's wearing an ankle monitor bracelet). But while McGowan's deep concerns about the state of the environment, rampant consumerism, and unchecked corporate power mirror those of many Coop members, the path he chose to express those concerns diverged.

McGowan's environmental activism led him to work with Earth First! and then inexorably pulled him out west to Oregon, where environmentalists were engaging in a new kind of activism. After the Warner Creek timber sale in Oregon, protesters occupied the forest, building a blockade and a fence, and keeping loggers out (and monkeying with their equipment). The blockade held the loggers at bay for a year—until the Forest Service came in and arrested all the protesters.

### The Disgruntled One

Time and again, as the film shows, protesters were undone by authorities, who often used brute force in

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### Next General Meeting on August 30

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, August 30, 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 flier 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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## Drunken Goats

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Weber, who has been in charge of cheese since 2007. In all, he says, the Coop sells about 180,000 pounds of bulk cheese per year, and another 20,000 pounds of prepackaged cheese, with revenues of more than \$1.5 million, a figure basically stable since 2008.

The perennial favorites are the sharp cheddars from New York and Vermont, along with Parmigiano Reggiano from Italy. But, Yuri notes, “a lot of cheese sales are seasonal and the hits right now are the salad-type cheeses. Feta, fresh goat cheeses and crumbly blues are very popular.”

### A World on Display

The Coop stocks cheeses in several places. Cottage cheese and ricotta mingle with the butter. Non-dairy cheeses are with other tofu products. Prepackaged cheeses, from Kraft American singles to imported clotted cream, get their own case.

But shoppers tend to linger longest at the Coop’s principal cheese display, and it’s no wonder.

The brightly lit refrigerated case is stocked with dozens of cheeses, in colors that range from cloud white to gold, russet and turquoise. Labels display exotic names—Dorset Red, Moses Sleeper, Saga Blue—and Yuri’s handwritten

descriptions are so evocative that your mouth waters.

“Cheese is the main reason I belong to the Coop,” confessed Erin, who has been a member for two and half years. She was shopping for a selection of interesting cheeses to take to a party. She had enjoyed a Coop-sponsored talk and tasting on northern Italian cheeses, and she was looking for Taleggio. She found it, and happily moved on with her shopping.

Rita, who has been a Coop member for “more than 20 years,” once worked selling cheese when each sale was hand-cut to order by a member at the cheese counter on the shopping floor.

“The cheese selection has come a really long way,” she enthused. “We lost the one-on-one communication, but the range of choices is incredible. I love some of our local cheeses. I think they’re expensive, but I understand why. I think America can become a real cheese country, just like we’ve become a wine country.”

### Behind the Scenes

The Coop’s cheeses are stored and prepared for sale in the basement, in a snug, bright corner that centers on a good-sized aluminum table, along with a sink, a refrigerated case, and shelves of dry goods. The squads that process the cheese also work with other foods—spices,

nuts, whatever has to be packaged, weighed and priced. It smells good here.

This Saturday morning’s shift is for squad C-2, though, as often happens at the Coop, some regular members are absent, and other workers are filling in, making up shifts or working FTOP.

Ifeona, standing at the table with half a dozen other workers, has belonged to the Coop for 16 years, “most of that working with cheese,” though not normally with this squad.

“My regular squad has maintained basically the same membership for years,” she said. “We like the shift. It’s a team effort, and it lends itself to conversation. Plus, it’s heaven for cheese lovers. We’ve gotten so many more exotic cheeses in the last five to eight years, yet prices have remained good. It’s really hard to get a better deal somewhere else.”

Kevin, who has been a member for four years, is cutting big blocks of cheddar with a contraption that features a broad base and a sharp wire. “Cheddar is job security,” he said. “There’s always a strong demand.”

Almost all the cheese is cut with a wire, not with knives. “It cuts cleaner, and there’s less waste,” said Kevin. The workers wear plastic gloves, aprons and kerchiefs on their heads. Cleaning is constant: wiping down the table, wash-

ing the cutting boards, clearing away plastic, paper and crumbs of cheese.

“But there’s no snacking,” grumbled Leigh Anne, a six-year member, four with cheese.

Dorothy has been a member for 27 years, and, like Rita, cut and packaged cheese on the shopping floor. Shoppers would step up to the counter (after waiting in line) and order; workers would note the order on a piece of paper, and if the paper wasn’t lost, cut the cheese and package it. When the shopper returned, he or she picked up the order.

Was anything lost when the Coop abandoned that system? Dorothy was adamant.

“Nothing. We didn’t have refrigeration then, and refrigeration is better. People didn’t wear gloves—there were people with dirty hands cutting my cheese. Cleanliness is better. So is a bigger selection, and much less waste. But even back then, the cheeses were delicious. Ah, the Brie... It’s still a big seller today.”

### On the Plate

Based on my conversations with workers and shoppers, I picked up four cheeses that showcase a range of origins and prices.

#### NY Sharp Cheddar

From the McAdam Cheese Cooperative in Heuvelton, NY, this is the Coop’s most popular cheese. Flavorful, versatile and well-priced, it

would be great for melting or grating in any dish that called for cheese, but brought to room temperature it’s also delicious on its own. Smooth in texture, it offers a clean, buttery flavor with just a hint of sharpness. An excellent partner to show off a fine red wine.

#### Brie d’Amir 60%

Brie, a soft-ripened cow’s milk cheese from northern France, has been a Coop favorite for decades. The versions sold in the U.S. must be made from pasteurized milk (unlike the French versions). This double-crème version (60 percent milk fat) is imported by Epicure Foods in NJ. It has a soft, creamy texture and a mild, milky flavor with pleasant hints of herb. It would show well with a generous white wine such as Chardonnay.

#### Drunken Goat

This Spanish goat cheese has its own “denominacion de origen” (DO); it’s from Murcia, in the southeast corner of the country, and soaked in the local red wine, made from Monastrell grapes. It’s firm in texture, but light-bodied on the palate, with a clean, herbal flavor and a hint of sweetness from the wine. Try pairing this with a crisp white, such as a Spanish Albarino, or contrast it with a sweet Sherry.

#### Smoked Dorset Red

This English cheddar comes from Ford Farm, located in Dorset. They make a wide range of farmhouse cheeses, including this version, which develops a red rind as it’s smoked over oak chips. It has a rich, crumbly texture and a very pungent flavor, smoky and sharp. I’d pair this cheese with a single malt Scotch.

It’s hard to imagine anyone not liking the New York Cheddar. Smoked Dorset, on the other hand, powerful and distinctive, may not please everyone. But between them, they testify to the incredible range of flavors offered by the world’s cheeses. The Coop offers an open door to exploring this wonderful diversity. ■



## VALET BIKE PARKING IS ON HERE ON SUNDAYS!



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

Just drop off your bike, do your shopping or your shift, and hop back on. No locks, no worries, no theft. Service operates rain or shine. Look for us in front of the yellow wall. (Note: no bike check-in after 7:30 p.m.)

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



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## SUMMERTIME



...and the living is easy.  
But don't forget your coop shift!

If you plan on being away during one of your workslots, please make arrangements to have your shift covered.

One way to do it is to use the Shift Swap at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)!

If you plan on being away for eight weeks or more, contact the Membership Office to take a leave of absence.

Your co-workers will love you for it!



# A GREEN CART GROWS IN BROOKLYN

By Danielle Uchitelle

Everyone knows the Coop brings you the best produce imaginable, but what if it's 10 p.m., you've got an empty refrigerator, and you suddenly have a taste for blueberries? If only there was a pushcart full of fruits and vegetables stationed on your street corner, waiting to meet your off-hours cravings. On my street corner in Prospect Heights there is such a pushcart, part of a city-wide program called Green Carts. While it's no substitute for the Coop produce aisle, Green Carts bring another healthy food option to neighborhoods where access to fresh produce is limited.

## Not Every Cart is a Green Cart

Not every produce stand on the streets of the city is a Green Cart, part of a special program initially seeded with a \$1.5 million grant from the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund. Mayor Bloomberg signed a law three years ago to provide permits for up to 1,000 produce carts throughout the city, of which 350 are designated for Brooklyn. Last year, there were 1,403 applications for a Green Cart permit, 522 specifically for Brooklyn, where 116 Green Carts currently operate.

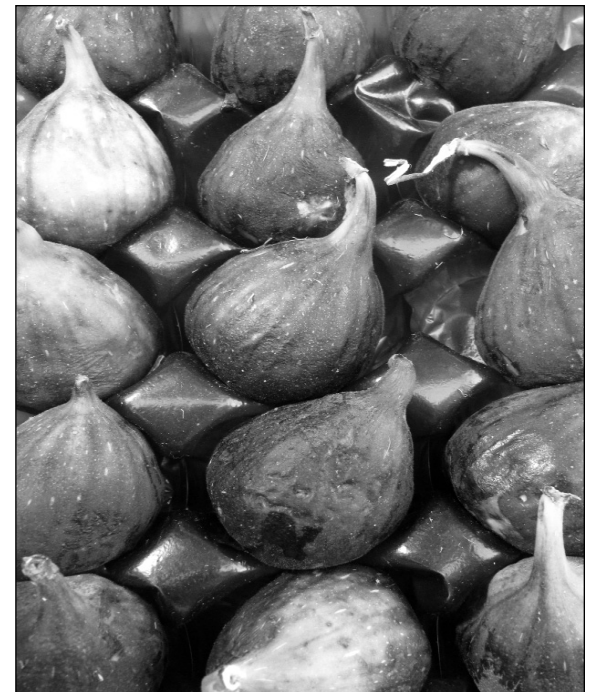
City law stipulates that these carts may only sell raw fruits and vegetables. No frozen or processed produce is allowed, nor may the cart sell cut, sliced, or peeled fruits or vegetables. According to city regulations, Green Carts must be situated "exclusively in neighborhoods where consumption [of vegetables and fruits] is particularly low." I'm not sure whether this is a subtly coded message or not, but I do know that our own household consumes enough vegetables in a week to raise the neighborhood average to extraordinary levels. Hopefully the city won't find out and take away our wonderfully convenient Green Cart.

## Want to Run a Green Cart?

If you think you have what it takes to run a Green Cart, but you're short of start-up funds, there's a special program administered by the city in partnership with Accion USA, a non-profit micro-lender, that will help get you



Rudy Shayn proudly displays his fresh, mobile produce.



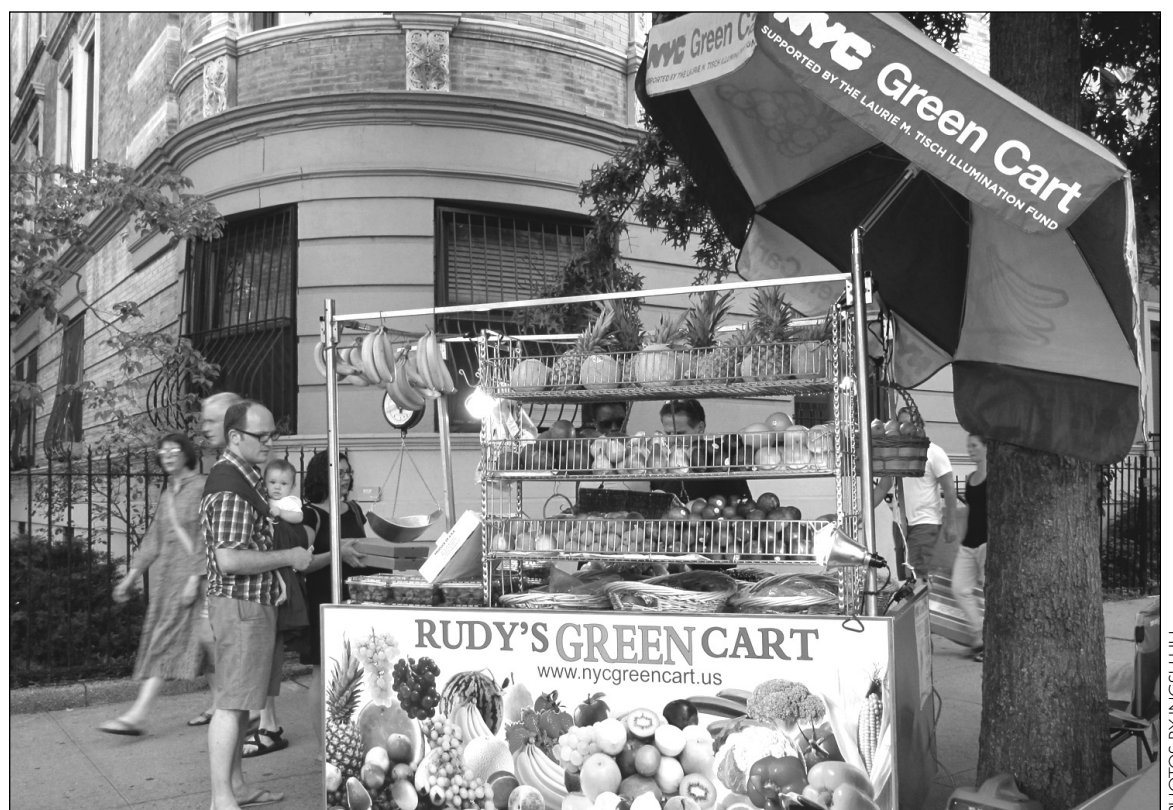
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on your feet; they'll lend you up to \$5,000 to get started in the Green Cart business. In addition to purchasing your own cart, you'll need to obtain a Certificate of Authority to Collect Sales Tax, pass the Food Protection Course for Mobile Food Vendors, and purchase a Mobile Food Vending License.

If a vegetable cart isn't part of your career plans, consider the resumé of Rudy Shayn, whose Green Cart stands proudly on the street corner beneath my apartment window. A former programmer/analyst for JPMorgan Chase, Rudy says he got tired of the boom and bust cycles of the New York banking industry and decided to become his own boss with a cart. At first, he simply wanted to obtain a street vendor license, but as he read about the various programs he realized that a Green Cart would perfectly suit his enthusiasm for fresh produce and his desire to interact with neighborhood residents. Now in its second season, Rudy's cart can be found on the same corner seven days a week, from early spring until late November. Rudy has become a fixture in the neighborhood, greeting customers by name and excitedly showing off his latest offerings; when Rudy stops you on the street to taste a litchi, you can't help going home with a bag full.

## A Local Fixture

Rudy takes great pride in his cart and is quick to point out the difference between his Green Cart and other vegetable vendors. "You can see the difference," says Rudy. "I



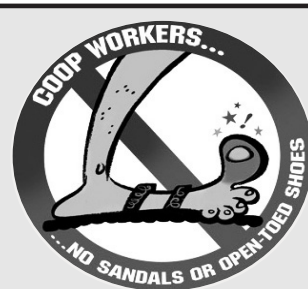
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go to Hunts Point Market every three days and only buy the highest quality. I take care of my food. I have a refrigerator to store everything at night; most others don't do that." Rudy enjoys his status as a local fixture and likes interacting with the residents of his block. "The people in this neighborhood are amazing and I enjoy being out here," he says. "I'm not going to get rich; in fact some months I'm just getting even.

But I do it because I love it."

As I look down from my apartment window I can see that blueberries have disappeared from Rudy's offerings, but the mangos look ripe and I'm going to go downstairs and buy one. I won't have a choice between organic and non-organic, as I do at the Coop; but on the other hand, I don't have to spend 2.75 hours a month cleaning Rudy's cart. You can never have too many fresh fruit and

vegetable options in your life, and I'm thrilled that Rudy has set up his Green Cart on my corner. ■



**Please protect your feet and toes while working your shift at the Coop by not wearing sandals or other open-toed footwear.**

*Thanks for your cooperation, The Park Slope Food Coop*



# If a Tree Falls

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their crackdowns. Witnessing this, McGowan, whom other local activists christened The Disgruntled One, became frustrated, then enraged, and ultimately convinced that “systemic change cannot happen from within,” as he says during the film. “No real social change has happened without pressure, without force, without intimidating governments and corporations into changing their behavior.”

After the 2001 Seattle protests (in which McGowan partook, as part of the black-hooded, break-windows contingent), he moved to Eugene, Oregon, at the time ground zero for the radical environmental movement. There, he became part of an ELF cell. The ELF was (and remains) loosely structured: no leadership, its public face a handful of talking heads who would report on ELF actions to the media and espouse ELF philosophy but who had no direct knowledge of the actions until after the fact and no knowledge of the people behind them. It was an effective strategy. In the heyday of the ELF, its members committed a string of arsons at a variety of targets from ski resorts to university labs to car dealerships to tree farms. Anything seen as harmful to the environment was fair game—with costs spiraling into the millions of dollars. Because of its structure, the ELF stymied law enforcement and evaded capture for years.

McGowan participated in two fires. His first was at a lumber mill. “Sometimes when you see things you love being destroyed, you just want to destroy those things.” The second was an attack on a tree farm suspected of growing genetically engineered species, which turned out to be untrue. And it left him with more misgivings. Watching the place go up in flames, McGowan felt that there had to be a better way than “just burning things down.” That was his last ELF action. He eventually returned to New York City, limited his activism to the confines of the law, fell in love, and got a job working for a domestic violence foundation. That was where he was working when, four years later, federal agents barged in to arrest him.

Enter Marshall Curry, the Academy Award-nominated documentary filmmaker. Curry already knew McGowan because Curry’s wife worked at that same domestic violence foundation. She was there when McGowan was arrested. But Curry had no idea McGowan had this whole other life, and at first, it was hard to reconcile the person he knew with the actions prosecutors were claiming he’d committed.



Daniel McGowan.

## No Wild-Eyed Revolutionary

“Before making the film, if you’d asked me who was behind the ELF, I might have guessed it was wild-eyed, aggressive revolutionaries,” Curry says. “Daniel didn’t rant and rave and knew how to talk with people who didn’t share his opinions. But my stereotypes were wrong—he had done those fires and I wanted to understand that. How had someone like him gotten involved in those actions?”

The film provides a compelling, even visceral, understanding of McGowan’s (and other like-minded activists’) radicalization. Some scenes, of the police almost gently dabbing pepper spray into the eyes of prostate protesters, are difficult to watch. The views of clearcuts are disheartening. But part of the film’s strength is pushing past the propaganda of a highly charged group like the ELF. Part of the film’s surprise—after the initial brutal clampdown footage—is that it manages to be sympathetic to all the players: McGowan, other ELF members, the police, and even lumber company executives.

ELF members may claim that what they do is property destruction, not terrorism, but when the head of the lumber company whose offices McGowan torched



Earth Liberation Front fire at Superior Lumber.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DANIEL MCGOWAN

talks about the fear he and his family felt after the attack, the newly cautious way in which they live, that argument loses some strength. Still, it’s hard to take seriously the Department of Justice’s claim that the ELF was the most dangerous domestic terrorist organization, given that in all its existence, it has never harmed or injured a single person.

When McGowan committed his two arsons, it was early 2001, before 9/11. It would take the unrelenting Oregon police more than four years to piece together the crimes (and this police procedural part of the film plays like a true life *Law & Order*). By the time McGowan pleaded guilty—unlike many of his co-defendants, he refused to be a government cooperator and testify against his co-conspirators in exchange for a more lenient sentence—it was 2007.

## Prison Life

The timing matters, not just in the philosophical question of what constitutes terrorism, but in terms of his sentencing. Had McGowan gone to trial and been found guilty, he would’ve been facing several life sentences—for two victimless fires—because the fires qualified as a terrorist crime. The sentence he did receive, about seven years, seems relatively light given what he was initially facing. But he received a so-called terrorism enhancement, which meant that much of his sentence has been served in a Communications Management Unit, “essentially a terrorist wing,” as Curry puts it. His communication is heavily restricted: one letter a week, one phone call and visit per month. *The Linewaiters’ Gazette* is among the mail he receives. Visits, even those with his wife (he married girlfriend Jenny Synan during the thick of his legal battle; the

love story is a sweet spot of the film) are conducted through bullet-proof glass. When his mother was dying, he had to go through so much red tape before he could call her that by the time he did, she was already unconscious.

McGowan is now in the “home stretch” of his sentence, says his wife. In another year, he could be transferred to a halfway house. “He’s very eager to get a job and live like the rest of us on the outside,” Synan says. “He often has friends send him job listings to get an idea what is out there. He’s been compiling a list of organizations he will be reaching out to for employment before his release. His focus is completely on the future and being with me and the rest of his family.”

Synan says social justice and environmental issues are still deeply important to

McGowan, as you’d expect from someone this passionate. And the problems that drove him to take such extreme action—which are some of the same concerns that drive so many of us to, among other things, join the Coop—have not gone away. Because the trees, they’re still falling.

*If a Tree Falls* is playing at select theaters nationwide and comes out on DVD on August 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be available on Netflix at the end of November. For more information, go to [www.ifatreefallsfilm.com](http://www.ifatreefallsfilm.com). ■



## Sudoku

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Puzzle author: James Vatile. For answers, see page 15.

# An Invitation to a Community Debate on the Boycott Issue

By Carol Horwitz

Want to know more about what Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel is all about? As a member of the Park Slope Food Coop, I invite you to attend "An Open Jewish Conversation on Cultural Boycott of Israel" (Kolot Chayeinu, on Eighth Ave. between 10th and 11th Streets, Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.).

All PSFC members and their friends are invited to a respectful conversation among Jews with many different perspectives about the cultural boycott of Israel. During this time when the UN is scheduled to vote on Palestinian statehood, we hope to encourage discussion and thought within the Jewish community about how to best support movements for peace and justice in Palestine/Israel. This evening will provide an opportunity to hear from people with different points of view about whether a cultural boycott is an appropriate and effective strategy for doing just that.

Too often these days open discussions among American Jews about Israel, its politics, culture, and government are prevented, often from fear that

differences may split apart a community, an institution, or friendships. This open conversation is a way to open up discussion, not shut it down.

**Background:** Many artists and musicians and others oppose the Israeli occupation and support the cultural boycott of Israel—which is part of the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions

## Member Contribution

(BDS) campaign—as a non-violent way to press Israel to abide by international law and recognize Palestinians' human rights and self-determination. This boycott includes the decision not to perform or exhibit in Israel or in settlements in the Occupied Territories. This also includes a call to boycott Israeli institutions that are complicit with the occupation. Supporters of BDS and of a cultural boycott have joined an appeal called for by Palestinian civil society asking the international community to use this non-violent tool at a time when the Israeli government, as well as the U.S. and

European governments, have failed to act to stop the abuses that are intensifying and when other forms of pressure have not been successful.

Some artists, actors, musicians and others, also committed to peace and justice, feel differently. They believe that a cultural boycott of Israel does more harm than good and is not an appropriate tool in the Israeli-Palestinian context. They accept—or support accepting—invitations to perform or exhibit in Israel and prefer to keep channels of communication open. When Israeli cultural institutions or artists perform in the U.S., some of these people prefer to focus on their art, and not to engage in political action such as protests or calls for boycott. Some who share this view about cultural boycott also feel this way about the Palestinian call regarding BDS in general or other specific expressions of it. ■



## The Event:

On September 15, we will be fortunate to hear speakers who have thought deeply about—and been involved in—issues of peace and justice, who have spent time in Israel/Palestine, and who disagree with each other about BDS and cultural boycott. Some of our speakers are active in the arts, and some are members of Jewish groups that focus on peace in the Middle East. Some are members of our host congregation.

*Hosted by Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives: Building a Progressive Jewish Community in Brooklyn 1012 Eighth Ave. between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets in Park Slope.*

**Speakers** (organizational affiliation for identification purposes only): Udi Aloni\*, filmmaker; Dalit Baum\*, Who Profits?; Jethro Eisenstein, Board of Directors, Jewish Voice for Peace; Roy Nathanson, musician, member of Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives; Lynne Sachs, filmmaker, member of Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives; Ron Skolnik, executive director, Partners for Progressive Israel (Meretz USA)

**Moderator:** Esther Kaplan, radio and print journalist

\*The two Israeli speakers confirmed their participation prior to the July 11 passage in the Israeli Knesset of the "Bill for Prevention of Damage to the State of Israel Through Boycott." This law, which has drawn widespread international criticism, limits freedom of expression and association and exposes Israeli citizens and organizations to litigation and penalties if they publicly call for all kinds of boycotts of Israel, settlements, or the occupation. As of this writing, both of these speakers have confirmed they can join us. In the event they must adjust their plans, alternate speakers will be confirmed.

**Organizing Committee:** Naomi Allen, Ricky Blum, Mary Buchwald (Brooklyn For Peace); Elly Bulkin, Carol Horwitz, Donna Nevel (Jews Say No!); Cindy Greenberg, Rabbi Ellen Lippmann (Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives).

## Attention Coop Squad Leaders!

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

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

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

### TRAINING DATES:

**Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Thursday, September 22, 7-9 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 27, 7-9 p.m.**

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

DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY COMMITTEE  
PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

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

# Labor Day Hours Monday, Sept 5th

Shopping: 8:00 am-10:00 pm  
Membership Office:  
8:00 am-8:30 pm



# IMPORTANT CHANGES

**— that could affect your shopping privileges — are coming to the Coop on September 12!**

**Starting on September 12 the Checkout/Cashier stations will know your member status and your household status. A “suspension” could impact your ability to shop.**

**Contact the Membership Office or pick up a flier at the Entrance Desk to learn more.**



The **Orientation Committee** is looking for Coop members who have a group teaching and/or training background to lead Orientation sessions.

Potential orientors should be articulate, well-organized, and able to give a large amount of information in a personable and accessible way to a diverse group in a short period of time. Orientors lead sessions every six weeks, and on the week midway between sessions, must be available as backup for emergency coverage.

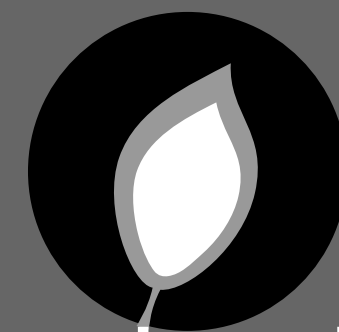
Regular slots are on Sunday afternoons, Monday or Wednesday evenings, or Wednesday mornings.

**Coop member need at least two years of membership and an excellent attendance history to be considered for the Orientation Committee.**

There is an initial group interview for this committee, after which there are three trainings for workslot credit. An annual meeting of the Orientation Committee is part of the work requirement.

We seek Orientors who reflect the diversity of the Coop.

To apply, please contact Ginger Jung at [ginger\\_jung@psfc.coop](mailto:ginger_jung@psfc.coop)



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the environmental  
committee blog

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## What Is the BDS Movement?

By Barbara Mazor

What is the BDS movement? What is its goal? We need to know if we in the Coop are to vote on holding a referendum to join BDS.

BDS stands for Boycott, Divest, Sanction. The target is Israel. BDS equates Israel with the former apartheid regime of South Africa. It claims Israel is obligated under international law to: 1) end the occupation of Arab lands; 2) provide equal rights for Arab citizens of Israel; 3) allow the return of Arabs who left Palestine during the 1948 war. The goal, according to BDS leader Omar Barghouti, is "a more just, moral and therefore enduring alternative for peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs in Mandate Palestine: the one-state solution."

The BDS claims seem reasonable, only if you know nothing about the Middle East or world history.

An advocate of a "peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs" would encourage activities intended to normalize relationships between Arabs and Jews. Barghouti's organization, PACBI, published a pamphlet to discourage Palestinian youth from participating in peacebuilding efforts, branding those who do "traitors."

BDS supporter Ahmed Moor is more direct: "BDS does mean the end of the Jewish state." The world is filled with ethnic nation-states. There are

### Member Contribution

21 Arab states. Islam enjoys an official state status in 17 of them. BDS applies a different standard to Israel; only Jews are denied the right of self-determination.

Jews share a unique history, culture, language and religion. By every definition they are a nation, and historically have been treated that way. If there is a right of all peoples to self-determination, then Jews, too, are entitled to that right.

Up until the 1948 war, Jews acquired land through purchases from Arab landowners at inflated prices. In 1947, in an attempt to end the ethnic violence in Mandatory Palestine, the UN General Assembly recommended partition of the land into 2 states - one for Jews, one for Arabs. The Jews accepted the plan. The Arabs rejected the plan because it included

recognition of a Jewish state. Seven Arab League nations declared war on Israel, vowing to exterminate the Jews.

War is a terrible thing. About 25 million Germans, Russians, Poles, Ukrainians and others were uprooted in the aftermath of World War II. Some 2 million Jewish survivors in Europe had nowhere to go home. The partition of India caused the displacement of 14 million Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims. Around 700,000 Arabs fled to the neighboring invading Arab countries, during the 1948 war. Subsequently, at least 700,000 Jews were forced out of Arab countries.

In this context, the Palestinian exodus, while tragic, is not extraordinary. Yet, while all other refugees were absorbed by their host countries, only the Arab Palestinians remained stateless. Their Arab host countries refused to absorb them and grant them the full rights of citizenship. There is no movement demanding the right of return for anyone displaced during this period in history but the Palestinians. Ahmed Moor writes, "The right of return [BDS's third demand] is an inviolable and sacrosanct principle which necessarily spells out the end of the Jewish state."

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The 160,000 Arabs who remained inside Israel and their descendants have full citizenship and full civil rights in Israel. Arabs in Israel vote, attend university, work in all professions, serve in the Parliament, and serve as judges. To compare their situation to "apartheid" is a bald-faced lie and disrespectful to those who truly suffered in South Africa. It is an attempt to demonize Israel.

Since 1967, the Arabs have rejected numerous offers by Israel to end the occupation - the result of a defensive war - in return for an end to the conflict and coexistence with a secure Jewish state. Again, Moor: "Ending the occupation doesn't mean anything if it doesn't mean upending the Jewish state itself."

BDS seeks to depict Israel as

uniquely evil. It ignores Arab incitement and violence. It is BDS's position that Israel has no right to exist.

When does criticism of Israel cross the line and become anti-Semitism? According to Hannah Rosenthal of the US State Department: "when Israel is demonized, when Israel is held to different standards than the rest of the countries, and when Israel is delegitimized, these cases are not disagreements with a policy of Israel, this is anti-Semitism." BDS does all three.

Entertaining any connection to BDS means treating it as having a legitimate side of a public debate, an unacceptable position for the Park Slope Food Coop. ■

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

Monday, August 29, September 12 & 26

Noon to 2:45 p.m.

You can join in any time during a tour.

If the weather is hot  
find water

If you are late  
find the sky—it is never late

If you are pressured  
find your breath

If you are lonely  
find your smile

If you are in pain  
find the part of you that is well

If you are depressed  
find your heart and put a hand there

If loss grieves you  
find gratitude for what you have

Endless torments await

Find the good  
Focus there

The Park Slope Food Coop  
Finding you the goods

by Myra Klockenbrink



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## Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's  
products blog.

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

You can connect to the blog  
via the Coop's website  
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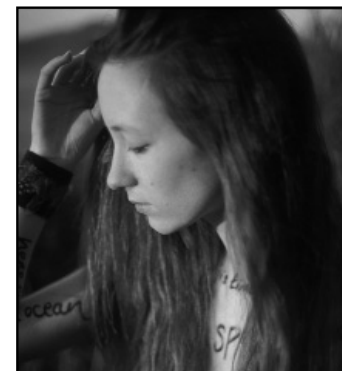
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COOP CONCERT SERIES

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



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**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...**

**Last Sunday  
AUGUST 28  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.**

**Second Saturday  
SEPTEMBER 10  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.**

**Third Thursday  
SEPTEMBER 15  
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.**

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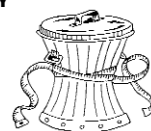
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Until further notice:**

- #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  
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We close up promptly.  
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WORKSLOT NEEDS

**Voucher Data Entry**

**Tuesday, 6 to 8:45 a.m.**

The Coop needs detail-oriented members to enter data from voucher sheets into an Excel spreadsheet. Accuracy working with numbers and facility with Excel required. The shift must begin by 7:00 a.m. but you can come as early as 6:00 a.m. You will need to work independently and be self-motivated and reliable. Please contact Renee St. Furcy at renee\_stfurcy@psfc.coop or 718-622-0560 if you are interested.

**Check Store Supplies**

**Monday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.**

This workslot is responsible for restocking sup-

plies on the shopping floor, at checkout lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations, and in the basement. This is a task and detailed-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently and is proactive. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex\_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

**Bathroom Cleaning**

**12 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.

**Vitamin Assistant**

**Friday, 2:30 to 5:15 p.m.**

Are you a detail-oriented worker who can work independently and in a busy environment? The Coop's vitamin buyer needs you to help her check in orders, organize the vitamin supply area in the basement and on the shopping floor, label vitamins and supplements, and perform other related tasks. If you are interested in this workslot, please contact the Membership Office for more information.

COOP CALENDAR

**New Member Orientations**

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the four weekly New Member Orientations. To pre-register, visit foodcoop.com or contact the Membership Office..

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

**The Coop on the Internet**

**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).

**Next General Meeting**

**TUE, AUG 30, 7:00 P.M.**

**GM Agenda Committee Meeting**

**TUE, SEP 6, 8:00 P.M.**

Submissions will be considered for the Sep 27 General Meeting.

**Gazette Deadlines**

**LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

Sep 8 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 29  
Sep 22 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Sep 12

**CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:**

Sep 8 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 31  
Sep 22 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Sep 14

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, August 30, 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 Ann Herpel at the coop.

**Meeting Format**

**Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)** • Meet the Coordinators  
• Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items  
• Explore meeting literature

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

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

**Agenda (8:00 p.m.)**

The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

**Wrap Up (9:30-9:45)** (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • 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.



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# calendar of events

aug 28  
sun 12 pm

## Intro to Fertility Awareness

Learn how to chart your menstrual cycle events in order to achieve or avoid pregnancy. This workshop will describe the basic tools used to interpret the body's signals, indicating fertile and infertile days. Women with menstrual issues, irregular cycles or compromised fertility may also find charting helpful. Open to both women and men. Coop member **Kim Chinh** is currently in training to become certified as a Holistic Reproductive Healthcare Practitioner through a Canadian program: Justisse Healthworks for Women.

aug 30  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC AUG 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:** Co-sponsorship of the next Brooklyn Food Conference (45 minutes)

**Discussion:** "The Park Slope Food Coop will be a co-sponsor of the 2012 Brooklyn Food Conference with a donation of \$10,000."

—submitted by Nancy Romer on behalf of the Brooklyn Food Coalition

**Explanation:** The second Brooklyn Food Conference, on May 12, 2012, will strengthen the food movement and healthy, sustainable access in Brooklyn and beyond, and advance the community work of the Park Slope Food Coop.

**Item #2:** Create Cooperative Study/Education Committee (45 minutes)

**Discussion:** "Regular work assignment for 5/7 members to organize four yearly events on the theme of economics, governance and history of cooperative enterprises and to share the ideas raised therein. One work credit per year offered to each member who attends."

—submitted by Susan Metz

**Explanation:** As co-owners, each member has the privilege and the responsibility to participate in short-, medium- and long-term planning of the PSFC. However, the Cooperative model and our decision-making structures are not well-understood. In addition to studying cooperative economics, governance and history and to planning and implementing four educational events per year, the committee members will use the Gazette and the website to share information and stimulate discussion about the Cooperative Movement internationally, throughout the U.S., as well as about our own structures.

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.

aug 30  
tue 7–9 pm

## NOFA Locavore Cooking Challenge

Several experienced cooks—all Coop members—will demonstrate how to make delicious dishes using the great variety and abundance of foods the Coop carries within a 200-mile radius. Come to sample the delicious offerings and take home recipes that you may easily use at home. The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) was founded in 1983. It is an organization of consumers, gardeners and farmers, working together to create a sustainable regional food system that is ecologically sound and economically viable.

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## Food Class: Fermentation Basics

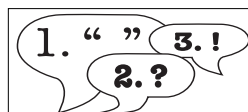


Raw, vitamin-rich and full of probiotics, traditionally lacto-fermented foods such as sauerkraut, kimchi and half-sour pickles are both delicious and healthy. They are also easy to make. Chef

**Michaela Hayes** will discuss fermentation basics and demonstrate how to prepare these foods. She developed the "pickling" position while at Gramercy Tavern, expanding her preservation repertoire to include fermented pickles such as kimchi and nuka-zuke (Japanese rice-bran pickles). She learned about the sauerkraut business and began co-packing and creating pickles and jam in Santa Cruz, CA. Based in Brooklyn, she teaches pickling, canning and fermentation through her company, Crock & Jar. *Menu includes classic sauerkraut; kimchi; half-sour pickles. Materials fee: \$4.*

sep 6  
tue 8 pm

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sep 10  
sat 12 pm

## Understanding Your Toddler

Toddlers can be delightful, confusing, frustrating and exhausting—all in the span of five minutes! Understanding the toddler's developmental changes can help parents navigate the often demanding toddler years with increased patience and skill. This workshop will explore the reasons for toddlers' behavior. We'll discuss balancing the needs of the child and the parents, and ideas for handling common challenging behaviors, such as tantrums and defiance. Pre-registration requested: to register, e-mail [info@playdatesforparents.org](mailto:info@playdatesforparents.org). Coop member **Becky Plattus** and Sharon Connor are social workers and early-childhood and parent educators.

sep 10  
sat 3 pm

## What Are Nutrient-Dense Foods

You trust that everything you and your family eat is nourishing, but in truth, most of it only adds unnecessary energy and not enough of the nutrients that make health soar. Come and learn about the nutrient-dense foods that we, just like our ancestors, need for flourishing health. You won't look at your grocery shopping cart the same way again. **Andrea Ramirez** is a health coach for women with chronic digestive, auto-immune and hormonal issues.

sep 11  
sun 12 pm

## Fibroids, Cysts and PMS

Participants will learn five effective, natural ways to eliminate fibroids, cysts and PMS. Learn the underlying causes of hormonal imbalance, how to resolve them and how to boost energy and clarity through beneficial diet, appropriate exercise and the use of natural supplements. Advanced registration suggested: call 646-483-4571. Coop member **Rebecca Curtis** is a licensed and registered health and fertility coach, through the New York State Department of Education and the American Association of Drugless Practitioners, specializing in women's issues and hormonal balance.

sep 13  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Two Angry Moms



Over the course of a school year, we see a coalition drive dramatic changes in one Westchester, NY, school district, showing not only what is wrong with school food; but offering strategies for overcoming roadblocks and getting healthy, good-tasting, real food into school cafeterias. The movie explores the roles the federal government, corporate interests, school administration and parents play in feeding our country's school kids. Refreshments will be served.

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

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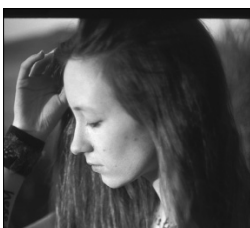
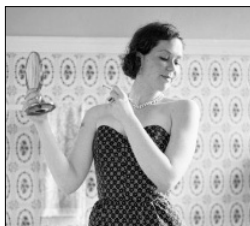
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**sep 30**  
fri 7 pm

## Improve Your Health With Taoist Tai Chi™

Learn the first few moves of the 108-move Tai Chi set, which can bring a wide range of health benefits to the muscular, skeletal and circulatory systems, with a soothing effect on the mind. Coop member **Aaron Kirtz** invites you to a demonstration as a member of the International Taoist Tai Chi Society™, which has just started classes in Brooklyn. Please wear loose and comfortable clothing and comfortable shoes. Aaron Kirtz has been practicing Taoist Tai Chi™ for 13 years and is a Continuing Instructor in Training.

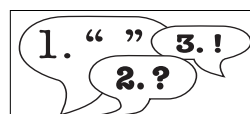
**oct 2**  
sun 12 pm

## Why You're Not Losing Weight

What many people don't seem to realize is that you can lose weight and still be unhealthy—which means lost weight is often gained back. This workshop is designed to give you the tools you need to kick-start your metabolism and get your body in a state of calorie-burning health and balance. Find out how to become the shape you are meant to be! Coop member **Coleen DeVol** is a health counselor and whole foods nutrition educator. *This event is rescheduled from an earlier postponed event.*

**oct 4**  
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sat 3 pm

## Why You're Not Losing Weight

What many people don't seem to realize is that you can lose weight and still be unhealthy—which means lost weight is often gained back. This workshop is designed to give you the tools you need to kick-start your metabolism and get your body in a state of calorie-burning health and balance. Find out how to become the shape you are meant to be! Coop member **Coleen DeVol** is a health counselor and whole foods nutrition educator.

**sep 27**  
tue 7 pm

## Qi Gung to Prevent The Common Cold

Do you get sniffles, cough or sinus problems every fall and winter? Join in for an evening of Qi Gung exercises and breathing techniques to strengthen your lungs' resistance to illness. Learn how to treat yourself if you get sick. Workshop is limited to 18 participants. Please reserve by calling 347-461-2028. Presented by licensed acupuncturist and long-time Coop member **Ann E. Reibel-Coyne**, who has studied Tai Chi Chuan and Qi Gung with Master Hua Chi Wang and Master Jeffrey Yuen.

**oct 6**  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class



Class subject, chef and menu to be announced.  
**Materials fee: \$4.**

**sep 27**  
tue 7 pm

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

**oct 7**  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night



Film to be announced.  
**To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeeze@stone@hotmail.com.**

## still to come

**oct 8** Healthy Thyroid

**oct 11** Safe Food Committee Film Night

**oct 15–16** Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

**oct 16** Food Sensitivities

**oct 21** Wordsprouts: The Coop's Reading Series

**oct 21** The Very Good Coffeehouse Coop Concert Series

**oct 25** What Are Nutrient-Dense Foods?

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

**FORMING A COOPERATIVE STUDY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE****DEAR MEMBERS,**

We join to shop for quality products. Our highly organized work responsibility is an obligation that we each accept to keep prices moderate. As Coop members we are co-owners. What benefits do we expect and what responsibilities do we accept related to that aspect of our membership?

Coops are decentralized and democratic institutions that can survive the collapse of corporate capitalism, a system that is failing. We need to study and understand the theories and the ideology of the movement, the history of different cooperative initiatives, models of organizing investment and work obligations, and the variety of structures for decision making and planning—failures as well as successes. We will learn from each experience how to protect and improve our Coop that is based on member labor to maintain equity and affordable prices.

The following idea will come before the GM on August 30<sup>th</sup> for discussion. With your additional input, the idea will be developed into a proposal and presented for a vote at a future GM. If the majority of the members at that later GM approve, this new work-slot committee will be formed.

Here is the idea:

We form a Cooperative Study/Education Committee that will consist of seven members who will receive work-slot credit.

Their mission will be to study the history, extent and practices of cooperatives (consumer, producer and housing) and to bring information and insight into the dialog among Coop co-owners through all of the available channels: the *Gazette*, the website, special presentations, and regular meetings.

Three times a year, the committee will plan, organize and present an informational/educational event that will last for three hours. A member who attends a presentation will sign up in advance and receive one work-slot credit once a year.

A target number of 40 participants will encourage those who attend to take part in the discussion. A member who voluntarily attends two additional sessions may join the committee. The committee can expand to 11 members.

At the end of each event, half an hour will be set aside for each participant to write reactions, insights, questions and suggestions. These comments will be published in the *Gazette* and posted on an interactive blog linked to the Coop website.

After three years the committee will report to the GM with recommendations for continuing, amending or canceling the project.

Thanks to those who offered comments. Consider joining the committee.

As a collective, we need to channel all the valuable knowledge, experience and skills held among our nearly

16,000 members. As individuals, we need to accept the responsibility to offer our expertise. That will ensure that the PSFC can adapt to changing circumstances as well as share cooperative experiences and ideas.

*Susan Metz*

**THE BROOKLYN FOOD COALITION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT****LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

The Park Slope Food Coop, through its Safe Food Squad, initiated the 2009 Brooklyn Food Conference and was its most generous financial and labor contributor. The conference aimed to educate and activate the people of Brooklyn on the many critical aspects of the food system including increasing affordable access to healthy food, an environmentally sustainable food system, and social justice for workers. Over 3,000 adults and about 500 kids from most zip codes in Brooklyn attended the free-of-charge conference in May 2009. Its great participation and enthusiasm launched the Brooklyn Food Coalition.

Since the conference, the Brooklyn Food Coalition has established 10 branches in Brooklyn neighborhoods working on healthy food access, food-related environmental issues and worker rights. It has created active committees working on school food change, policy issues, racism, mapping and research, and planning the next conference. We are committed to building an inclusive, multi-racial, multi-cultural alliance of residents and community-based groups from all parts of Brooklyn. The Coalition has organized hundreds of volunteers for Brooklyn-based projects on urban farms and community gardens, food pantries, farmers markets, educational events, and worked with parents and school personnel to improve school food for all our kids.

One great result, among many, of the last Brooklyn Food Conference was the formation of the Food Coop Alliance/NYC (joining all the NYC food coops and mentoring new ones). The conference also advanced the agendas of food system change and school food change and these ideas have been reflected in recent City Council resolutions and proposals. Many new alliances and understandings came from the conference as well. The "food movement" was given a great boost.

It's time for our next Brooklyn Food Conference! It will be on May 12, 2012 at Brooklyn Technical HS in Ft. Greene (within three blocks of almost all subways lines in Brooklyn). Our conference planning committee includes many PSFC members and non-members from a wide range of Brooklyn neighborhoods. We will need lots of volunteers and organizers starting now and more as we get closer to the date. All are welcome and invited to join in ([info@brooklynfoodcoalition.org](mailto:info@brooklynfoodcoalition.org)).

The conference will advance the mission of the PSFC, particularly the following commitments: support for local, sustainable agriculture, protection of the environment, advancement of healthy foods and commitment to diversity and equality.

We estimate the costs for the conference to be similar in 2012 as it was in 2009, about \$70,000. In 2012 we are expecting close to 5,000 participants to attend. PSFC support continues to be critical to the conference's success. We are presently seeking co-sponsoring organizations and are submitting a GM resolution requesting that the Park Slope Food Coop contribute \$10,000, as it did in 2009 (\$5,000 outright contribution and \$5,138 in direct food donations for meals). What a pleasure to build the food movement in Brooklyn!

*Respectfully submitted,  
The Brooklyn Food Coalition Squad*

**THANKS FOR FIGHTING FRACKING****DEAR ANN & THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP,**

Many thanks for helping CDOG (Chenango Delaware Otsego Gas Drilling Opposition Group) with your generous contribution. Your support goes toward helping CDOG continue its work fighting gas drilling, and encouraging a ban in New York State.

*Signed,  
Members of CDOG*

[Editor's note: The Coop bike raffle raised \$4,950 for CDOG, which fights hydrofracking in New York]

**NYC MUST STOP SPRAYING TOXIC PESTICIDES****DEAR COOP MEMBERS,**

Mayor Bloomberg's new health officials recently ordered Brooklyn and Queens sprayed with toxic pesticides. Airborne spraying is extremely dangerous, especially to children, the elderly, and people who are immune compromised.

The city says that spraying is necessary to reduce the "threat of West Nile Virus." But no legitimate threat of the sort has been reported. Poisoning us all, and pets and wildlife, is simply not an acceptable approach to any health "threat" even if the "threat" was valid (it's not).

Scant public notice was issued prior to this year's spraying. Immune compromised individuals, among others, were not provided with enough time to make alternate housing and shopping arrangements.

The pesticide sprayed this year, Anvil 10+10, belongs to a class of adulticides—"pyrethroids"—which are endocrine disruptors. Pyrethroids mimic hormones such as estrogen, and may cause breast cancer, drastically lowered sperm counts, prostate

cancer, erectile dysfunction, miscarriages and asthma.

Anvil's main active ingredient is Sumithrin—an odorless synthetic toxin. Anvil also contains piperonyl butoxide and MGK-264, listed by the EPA as possible human carcinogens, and benzene-related chemicals (labeled "inert ingredients"). NYC local law 37 prohibits the application of pesticides in public places if they contain chemicals on the EPA's list.

In 2000, the No Spray Coalition filed a lawsuit against then Mayor Rudy Giuliani. A federal district court judge agreed with the Coalition; he ruled that pesticides sprayed over or near waterways constitute a "point source" for pollutants under the Clean Water Act. In April 2007 the city agreed to a settlement, and explicitly acknowledged that pesticides:

- May remain in the environment beyond their intended purpose;
- Cause adverse health effects;
- Kill mosquitoes' natural predators (such as dragonflies, bats, frogs and birds);
- Increase mosquitoes' resistance to the sprays; and,
- Are not presently approved for direct application to waterways.

Over the last decade, pesticides have contributed to the collapse of bee colonies in New York and spray drift has forced reclassification of produce from now-ruined organic farms. Clearly, the "cure" has been far worse than the disease.

Officials are again promoting insect repellents containing DEET. This is crazy! DEET is suspected in numerous infant deaths and should NEVER be used! In negotiations with the No Spray Coalition last year, health officials agreed to stop recommending DEET.

Over the years, thousands of New Yorkers and visitors were severely sickened by the spraying. Many who suffer from Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) or asthma find that pesticides exacerbate their conditions. Several members of the No Spray Coalition died in the course of this battle from pesticide-related illnesses.

The city should reconsider its entire approach to mosquito-borne diseases and seek alternative means for controlling mosquitoes. Coop members are urging the city to accept the fact that pesticides are extremely dangerous to human health and natural environments, and have long-term consequences. Stop spraying pesticides immediately! Safer alternatives can be found on the No Spray Coalition's website at [www.NoSpray.org](http://www.NoSpray.org).


*Mitchel Cohen*

**COOP TAXES, REDUX****DEAR EDITOR,**

The July 28<sup>th</sup> *Gazette* carried my letter correcting some information in a previously published article about Coop



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



taxes. I also noted in my letter that sales tax had recently been applied to certain prepared foods at the Coop, and asked for an explanation.

The "Editor's note" in response to my letter clarified a number of tax issues in the original article, and then stated that "Recently, it was determined by the PSFC legal counsel that certain prepared sandwiches fell within the NYS sales tax category and sales tax has been collected on these items."

It would be helpful to have more information. What is the sales tax category on which basis the determination was made by our legal counsel? Why are only "certain" sandwiches affected out of all sandwiches and other prepared food items?

*Cooperatively yours—with many thanks,  
Regina Sandler-Phillips*

[Editor's note: Questions about the sales tax on certain products should be directed to a General Coordinator.]

## ABOUT THOSE LETTER HEADLINES

### DEAR GAZETTE,

Thanks for the printed correction regarding the error in my letter in the previous *Gazette*.

However, a new error has appeared in my letter this current issue: a title was used ("Questions about BDS") that was not mine: mine was identified both in the subject line of my email submission, and in the leader to the text of my letter, as "The Illogic of BDS: How Not to Have a Discussion" and for some reason it was not used and a different title substituted which has little connection to what I was after. If for any reason (length or otherwise) my own title could not be accommodated, best if I were consulted and informed why, and I would have been only too glad to effect any modifications as required. But I acknowledge that perhaps I have misunderstood either the procedure for specifying the letter title, or the associated requirements, in which case let me know.

*Respectfully,  
Constantine Kaniklidis*

## THANKS FOR SUPPORTING COOPERATIVE FOOD EMPOWERMENT

### DEAR PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP,

We are writing on behalf of CoFed (Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive) in appreciation for your support of our 2011 retreat. Thank you so much for contributing \$100! Because of generous donations from your organization and others, we had a successful and inspiring week that readied students from 10 campuses to go back to their universities to start or expand a student food cooperative.

Our organization is committed to expanding the market for local, organic food by growing demand among

college students and youth, and to building the cooperative movement from the local level. Your contributions are vital in enabling us to do so. They will be tax-deductible, and you will be featured on our website, [www.cofed.org](http://www.cofed.org), as an organization that has provided significant support. Thanks again for all your help!

*Sincerely,  
CoFed Staff*

## BUY PRODUCTS FROM ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

### COOP MEMBERS,

As a history teacher I championed the successful South African boycott. I was part of the original movement to boycott Kosher meat from Agriprocessors. To get rid of a powerful, deadly weed, you cut its roots. In South Africa, Agriprocessors, and the grape farms, a few held all profits and power—you boycott, you hurt those few.

Israel is a capitalist democracy. Instead of cutting roots, we would be hacking at bark, leaves, and surrounding grass. We would be hurting regular people in a country at the forefront of the green movement; people who made a BPA-free baby bottle when there was no other; one of the only successful examples of socialism on this planet. Israel has no small all-powerful minority for us to cut off.

Israel is a player in a terrible situation, but not necessarily a starter. Arab leaders rejected the 1947 UN partition plan without giving Palestinians a voice. After Arab countries attacked the new state of Israel and armistice lines were drawn in 1948, the land allocated for the Palestinian state was taken from them by Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon (not Israel). Currently in Jordan, Palestinians make up a majority of the population but receive no citizenship rights. Can we really just point fingers at Israel?

If it is not clear that Israel deserves punishment, and if we cannot guarantee that the punishment will only hurt those at fault, we should not be pursuing this expensive referendum. Instead let's BUY products from Israel AND Palestine.

*Rebecca Appelbaum*

## BOYCOTT WOULD LEAVE SCARS

### TO THE EDITOR:

If you are considering the merits of conducting a referendum to join the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) of Israel, I urge you to think about the possible profound consequences to PSFC of the boycott policy being advocated.

Even if the Coop were to carry more than the very few Israeli products already on its shelves, banning Israeli goods would be irrelevant for Israel and the Palestinians. It could not help the Palestinian people improve their

lives, nor could it help bring about peace in the Middle East. The only conceivable purpose would be to make a political statement, one already causing growing divisiveness and concern in the Coop.

If a referendum were to be conducted, PSFC would be identified as being part of a global movement seeking to delegitimize Israel and bring about its dissolution. You can read about BDS aims in its own words on its official web site: [www.bdsmovement.net/bdsintro](http://www.bdsmovement.net/bdsintro). By its words and actions, BDS shows itself to be more interested in hatred and destruction than peace.

Discussion of the referendum has already troubled many in the community.

In the last issue of the *Gazette* one member wrote that if a referendum came to pass, he would "immediately resign from the Coop and urge others to do the same." I have also heard others say that they could not continue their membership if a boycott policy were adopted. It appears that the Coop invariably would lose some members, and that people who might have joined would be likely not to do so. If that happened, it could have economic consequences for the Coop.

Since the last GM meeting some members have spoken about feeling uncomfortable in the Coop because they no longer see themselves as part of a diverse, harmonious organization. I have heard people express their concern that if a referendum were held, members of the Beth Elohim congregation might feel resentful at GM meetings continuing to be held there.

It becomes increasingly clear that a boycott is likely to leave deep, long-term scars on our Coop and our community.

The wounds have already begun to form.

*Ruth Bolletino*

## NON-RIGHT OF RETURN

### COOP MEMBERS,

BDS supports the Palestinian claim that international law vests Palestinian refugees and their descendants the "right of return" to the territory of the State of Israel. But critical appraisal demonstrates unequivocally that no such right is assured or granted under international law, neither international criminal, citizenship, refugee (per refugee covenants), nor humanitarian law. Nor are the descendants of original Palestinian refugees, under international law, true refugees (95% never set foot in Israel). Moreover many of the people claiming "right" of return were never in Palestine, and are descended from people who were never in Palestine. Critically, in international law refugee status and refugee rights are never heritable.

One basis for right of return adduced is UN General Assembly Resolution 194(III). But the resolution explicitly includes a condition whereby only refugees wishing to "live at peace with their neighbours" should be

allowed to return to the State of Israel, leading to the rejection of its legitimacy by Palestinians and Arab states for decades, expressly on grounds that such obligation would also indirectly compel them to recognize the existence of the State of Israel. Hence it is illogical to subsequently argue that a resolution rejected by both the Palestinians and the Israelis at the time of adoption should now be construed as the source of law which binds these parties today. Critically, however, General Assembly resolutions do not constitute binding international law, and are recommendation only, not binding legal norms (as per authoritative works on international law: Akehurst; Shaw; Brownlie; others).

Also adduced is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights or the 1966 Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Again, not applicable: international law experts have noted that the Covenant does not materially and essentially deal with those issues and cannot be invoked to support the claim to return, and does not obligate Israel to allow the entrance of Palestinian refugees who were never Israeli citizens or residents. Moreover, regardless of these legally unsupportable re-interpretations of international law, it is overlooked that the right to self-determination is also and explicitly guaranteed in international law, but recognized as *jus cogens*—compelling law taking precedence over other considerations—which therefore overrides other claims, as return of refugees to Israel would negate the Jewish right to self-determination in violation of the principle of *jus cogens*.

What in fact international law—including the resolutions adduced—recognizes is the full authority of the contesting governments to reach any compromise deemed just and appropriate—the principle of "just settlement"—and stipulates that the right of return demand must be negotiated by governments as part of political resolution, not resolvable in courts of law.

As I have argued before, the plight of Palestinian refugees everywhere—including in Arab states—will not be improved by irredentist and false—under international law—claims of right of return. It is time to address the real issues, for the sake of Palestinians, for Israelis, and most importantly, for peace.

*Constantine Kaniklidis*

## ABOUT THE PROPOSED BOYCOTT

### COOP MEMBERS,

I'm wondering about the proposed BDS boycott of Israel. Does this include Israeli technology or just its peppers and bath salts? How about Israeli citizens? Are they still welcome at the Coop?

*Chana Lew  
Israeli American and proud of it*

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

JOINING THE BOYCOTT  
WOULD BE A DISGRACE

## TO THE MEMBERSHIP,

In 1968, a little more than 20 years after the end of World War II and exactly 20 years after the birth of Israel, I was working at a summer camp in Minnesota for disabled children as a speech therapist.

One of my young charges was a 10-year-old girl with whom I developed an especially close relationship. She had a severe stutter and I had, in a common technique, shown her that she could speak completely fluently if she couldn't hear her own speech.

When she heard the recording of her fluent self she went pale and I questioned whether I should have used that strategy on her. But it created a bond between us and we worked very well together after that to help her achieve a better degree of fluency in her speech once she had been convinced that this was possible.

One day we were sharing stories about our lives and in one context or another I mentioned that I was Jewish. For the second time that summer she went pale and then revealed that she had never before met a Jewish person and thought we all had horns.

I remember being surprised that anyone in 20<sup>th</sup>-century America could hold such a belief. Obviously she had been fed this information at home or in church, deep in the countryside of Minnesota.

Twenty years later, in Park Slope, I became friends with nonagenarian neighbor, a deeply Catholic woman who had lived through two world wars and had lost a brother to the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918. When she told me that I didn't look Jewish I understood that she thought she was paying me a compliment.

Now, in 2011, I belong to a Food Coop some of whose members wish to affiliate this organization with one that seeks to destroy the Jewish State of Israel, "nonviolently."

I've been very lucky to have escaped the worst of anti-Jewish sentiments and stereotypes. Many of my ancestors weren't so fortunate. Anyone who has experienced or studied Jewish history should understand that there needs to be a Jewish State of Israel, and joining the Coop to the BDS movement would be a disgrace to this wonderful institution.

Sylvia Lowenthal

## THE COST OF A BOYCOTT

## COOP MEMBERS,

We are all owner/shareholders in a \$42M/year business. We have several dozen dedicated, paid employees who earn their livelihood from our Coop. Many of them have made the Coop their life's work. We have a responsibility to our employees.

Prior to any consideration of joining any boycott, we are entitled to a

full analysis of how boycott is to be run and its potential economic effect on the Coop. What are the criteria for excluding items? Is it only items we sell or items we use, such as our computers and software? Will Israeli citizens be allowed to stay in the Coop? How will it affect our sales and membership? What are the costs?

In Marrickville, Australia, a suburb of Sydney, the Council voted to join the boycott of Israel. Subsequently, they realized that doing so would cost \$3.7M. The boycott was immediately overturned.

Before this effort goes any further, I suggest the group proposing the boycott of Israel, provide this analysis.

Avishay Mazor

WITHDRAW THE  
BOYCOTT REFERENDUM

## COOP MEMBERS,

Fellow Coop members, we hope that you will join us in opposing any proposal for the Coop to hold a referendum on joining the Boycott, Divest, Sanction (BDS) of Israel movement. We have asked BDS six times to withdraw their proposal because it would be divisive, and thus detrimental to the Coop.

Our Coop welcomes and thrives on diversity of all kinds: not only ethnic, racial and sexual diversity, but political diversity as well—to be played out by each individual within his own sphere of activity outside of the Coop. BDS supporters are attempting to impose one very narrowly defined political position upon the entire membership within the Coop. An association with BDS takes the Coop off its path and turns a community center for good food and healthy choices into a political tool. That's not why we joined.

Once again, we ask those proposing a BDS referendum to withdraw their proposal.

If you wish to add your name to our list, send an e-mail to: [morehummus@gmail.com](mailto:morehummus@gmail.com). To learn more, go to [stopbdsparkslope.blogspot.com](http://stopbdsparkslope.blogspot.com).

More Hummus, Please

Rhudi Andreolli	Alan Brown
Maurice Appelbaum	Arthur Brown
Rebecca Appelbaum	Matthew Brown
Eva Aridjis	Darrin Cabot
Roberta Arnold	Nathalie Cabot
Shena Gitel Astrin	Rubi Cammarota
Connie Bell	Chana Crayk
Greg Bell	Meir Crayk
Steven Berke	Zusha Dean
Shalmon Bernstein	Sharon Eagle
Esther Bernstein	Audrey Elias
Danielle Rose	Mickey Elias
Bernstein	Eli Eliav
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Marjorie Ordene  
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Ruth Seliger  
Shayna Schmidt  
Rivkah Siegel  
Mushkie Silberberg  
Naftali Silberberg  
Adam Silver  
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Lisa Smith  
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Rosalie H. Weider  
Baruch Weisman  
Rivky Wilenkin

the last general meeting, that of how climate change is affecting what local farmers can produce and what we pay for it. The Coop would be far better served by working with others to sponsor legislation to find solutions to the food supply problems we already face, many of which will become critical in the coming years.

Nothing can be gained by airing the BDS issue other than much wind and members sneering at each other over something we cannot change. If the BDS supporters don't like Israel, they don't have to buy Israeli products. They have the right to vote with their dollars, not ours. Our focus ought to be squarely aimed at making the Coop stronger not fragmenting the membership over flawed premises.

Rodger Parsons

QUESTIONING THE  
BOYCOTT MOVEMENT

## TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

After attending the July 26 GM and reading the submission of the BDS group, I still don't know what we are voting on. They have provided very little substantive information. We are supposed to be voting on joining an already established movement. Who established this movement? They don't tell us. What groups are part of it? The Coop must not be aligned with known terrorist organizations, like Hamas, Islamic Jihad or Hezbollah. Can they assure me that these groups are NOT part of this movement? According to existing BDS literature, they are!

The result of their boycott is that the Coop would no longer carry goods that would supply "economic support" to Israel or as their paper distributed at the GM said, "Israeli goods." What goods are we talking about? They were asked about this at the GM but did not answer. Are we talking only about goods produced in Israel? by Israelis no matter where they live? Jewish products that they think support Israel? American goods since the U.S. supports Israel? Who will decide what items to boycott? How long will the boycott last? What will determine that the boycott is successful? Specific answers from this group are needed if we are going to have an informed decision.

Lila Rieman

BOYCOTT IS A SLIPPERY  
SLOPE

## COOP MEMBERS,

The difficulty with BDS is that it asks the rest of us to accept a flawed premise as a starting point—that Israel is an apartheid state. Whatever negative things one can say about the Little Land by the Sea, this label is patently false.

The shadows and mist from which BDS emerged ought to warn anyone off their petulant rant. The talking point is that the PSFC, by offering Israeli products, is supporting Israel. But that's like saying when we make a decision to include the things people want to buy, we support the regimes from which those things emerge, another false premise.

I may not like particular governments around the world. But I would be uncomfortable if cooperators were compelled by BDS or anyone else to hold referendums (costing \$10K per minimum) on whether we should punish all governments defined as "bad" by some self-appointed bunch of Poobahs. This is an invitation to a slippery slope. No, thank you.


A far more important issue arose at

WHAT'S BEHIND THE  
BOYCOTT MOVEMENT?ATTENTION LINEWAITERS'  
GAZETTE,

A recent anti-Israel demonstration at a local grocery store has taken an ironic twist. The Boycott Divestment and Sanctions group led a rally in front of a Publix Supermarket located in North Miami. Organizer Len



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Kaminsky insisted the protest was not anti-Jewish, but rather anti-Zionist. Kaminsky said he is a Jew who's very upset with the way that Palestinians are being treated by Israel. He is heading a boycott of Israeli products to make his point.

The question should be raised: what is BDS' intention and who are they sponsored by?

Painful as it is to know the leader of this rally is himself Jewish, it isn't surprising, given the prevalence of Israel-bashing throughout the media. He probably just believes what he has read in the major papers and seen on television news and the Internet.

Many Israelis who lack any knowledge of their own history believe that Israel usurped the West Bank from the Palestinians.

The technique of the "big lie" is quite effective. Its method is to repeat misinformation until it becomes an accepted fact.

Mainstream media constantly spews out skewed information about the Israel/Arab conflict. The words chosen and the photos used are far from objective, the so-called news articles are nothing more than opinion pieces.

Pro-Arab propaganda is parroted by journalists who make little effort to check out the facts. The canards run the gamut and include many false stories. Retractions are few and never seem to make the same front pages when these reports are proven wrong. The root of Israel-bashing is that it poisons minds and hardens hearts.

The relentless barrage of misinformation is insidious and dangerous. It has the power to create false impressions that cause great harm to Israel.

The few Jewish people who spoke voraciously at the General Meeting against Israel were indeed pitiful. Let them go and live in the many Arab countries and then speak of human rights and find out what are human injustices.

The facts are Jews have been thrown out of Arab lands, persecuted and have no rights of citizens in those countries.

Although Israel employs Arab work-

ers with full benefits and allows Arabs to hold positions in the Knesset (Parliament) and hold positions of judges in their Supreme Court!

Where are the human rights organizations for the Arab people and BDS protesting the killing of Arab citizens in Syria, Libya, where thousands are being killed?

A boycott sends a message to the terrorist organizations to continue shooting rocket missiles in Israel from Gaza to kill innocent men, women and children.

Renee Silver

## THE BDS 'COMMITTEE'?

## COOP MEMBERS,

I learned from the group's literature at the GM meeting on July 26th that the people putting forward the proposal about having a referendum on our joining the BDS movement are using the name "PSFCBDS Committee" as their name. I have checked with the General Coordinators who told me that the Park Slope Food Coop does not have a BDS Committee. Therefore, who gave them the permission to link the Coop's name to their cause? This is an important semantic issue that must be resolved since it implies that there is already some connection between the Park Slope Food Coop and this inflammatory group, the International BDS Movement.

This is clearly not the case judging from the discussion at our last General Meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Marion Stein

## ANTI-BOYCOTT VIDEO

## DEAR COOP MEMBERS:

If you want to know what BDS does to food coop communities, please watch this YouTube video. "Why BDS Scars Don't Heal" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUPYM09sCmg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUPYM09sCmg).

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion M. Stein

## Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

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



## 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.

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that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

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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.



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## SAT, AUG 27

8:30 p.m. Free solar-powered film series August 27<sup>th</sup> at "HOME". All films are screened outdoors at Solar One (23<sup>rd</sup> St. & the East River). For more information, please visit: <http://www.greenedgenyc.org/events/solar-powered-film-series>.

## WED, AUG 31

7:30-10:00 p.m. FOLK OPEN SING: Come sing with us this Wednesday of every month. Bring voice, instruments, friends. Children welcome. Cohosted by the Folk Society of NY, the Ethical Culture Society & the Good Coffeehouse. At the Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park West. Info: 718-636-6341.

## TUE, SEP 6

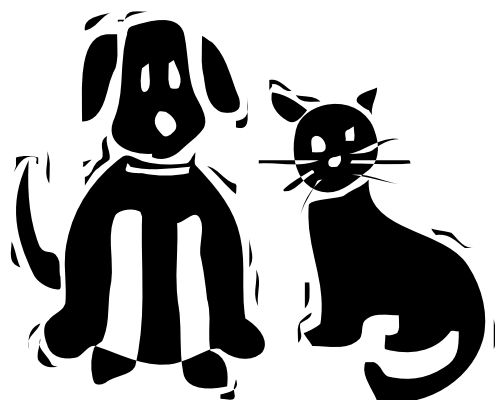
7:30 p.m. The Brooklyn Women's Chorus is having open rehearsals to invite new members. No auditions. Try it out for free, no commitment. Tuesday evenings at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture Prospect Park West at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. For information [brooklynwomenschorus.com](http://brooklynwomenschorus.com)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

## WED, SEP 14

7-9 p.m. Invitation by Powerhouse Arena. A book launch party for: *Thrive Foods: 200 Plant-Based Recipes for Peak Health* by Brendan Brazier. 37 Main Street, Bklyn, NY 11201. For information call 718.666.3049 Please RSVP: [rsvp@powerHouseArena.com](mailto:rsvp@powerHouseArena.com)

## FRI, SEP 16

7:30 p.m. Concert by Renown Progressive Troubadour David Rovics in Brooklyn. 2011 Park Slope United Methodist Church, 410 Sixth Ave corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St. Formore information go to: [www.nycsoaw.org](http://www.nycsoaw.org)



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