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## Occupy the Produce Aisle: Move Your Money Campaign Comes to the Coop

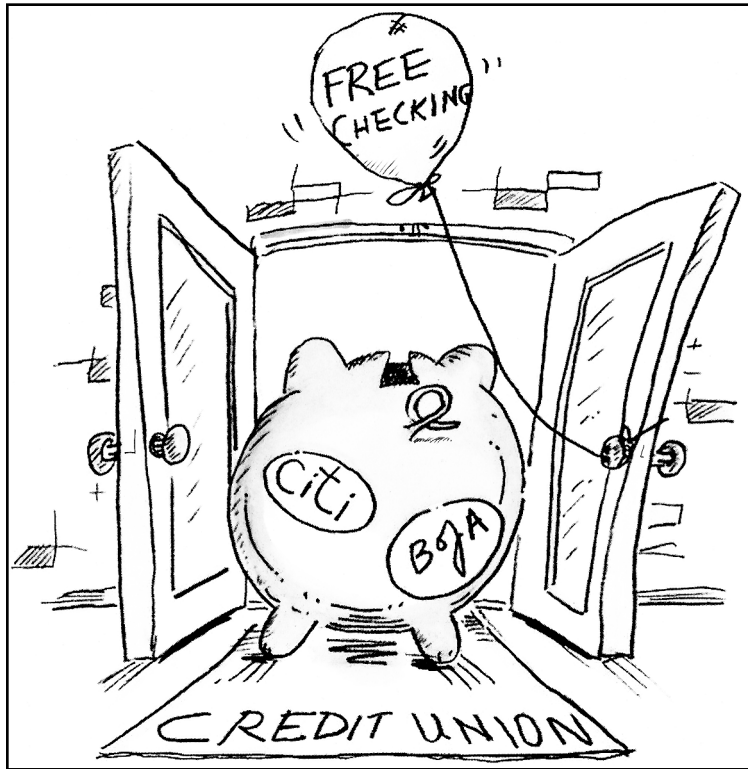
PSFC members can join the People's Alliance Federal Credit Union

By Allison Pennell

Well, it's safe to say that bankers are about as unpopular as you can get this fall, officially surpassing dentistry, traffic enforcement, law, and even politics as the most reviled profession around, according to a new Zogby survey.

What with all those bonuses and bailouts and the aborted attempt to impose monthly debit card fees this fall as well as a slew of new under-the-radar charges, banks have officially outdone themselves. Throw in Occupy Everywhere and November 5th's new holiday *Bank Transfer Day*, and this fall has marked the move of over 650,000 unhappy customers from big banks to local, non-profit credit unions and community banks. That's more than joined credit unions in all of 2010.

According to the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), more than 40,000 people joined credit unions on November 5 alone, bringing with them about \$80 million in deposits. *Bank Transfer Day's* Facebook invite is now up to almost 90,000 RSVPs. A few irate former bank customers note on the wall that their old banks didn't close their accounts as requested but did charge them hefty overdraft fees for having a zero balance.



Since 2010, members of the Food Coop have had a credit union to call our very own: the dauntingly-titled but user-friendly *People's Alliance Federal Credit Union* (PAFCU). Okay, yes, the name is a little scary but this credit union has a lot to recommend it, not the least being that credit unions are non-profit and cooperatively-owned. That means customers are ensured a level of fair dealing that the banks routinely fail to provide.

And as a credit union, PAFCU is regulated in terms of the investments they make and levels of risk involved.

They have no foreign investments but instead invest in securities through two funds with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Corporate Credit Union.

One Food Coop member to make the switch is Matt Silberman, who moved his accounts from Citibank in November. "I couldn't in good conscience keep my money in the hands of one of the chief architects of our recession. I joined a credit union specifically because I wanted to support banking that was not all about profit motives. The switch was very easy. The people are

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Sabrina Wilensky is general manager of CHRF, targeting low-income communities for fresh affordable produce.

## Farm Share Waters NYC 'Food Deserts'

By Hayley Gorenberg

Deep in the proceedings of a community credit union program called New York: Building a Cooperative City, a voice caught Coop General Coordinator Joe Holtz's attention and imagination. It was Sabrina Wilensky. She was part of a panel talking about connecting people in New York City with upstate agriculture. She was explaining Corbin Hill Road Farm's farm share program, designed to help address "food deserts" in New York City.

Wilensky is general manager of Corbin Hill Road Farm (CHRF), whose website calls the endeavor "a for-profit social venture that re-imag-

ines the relationship between communities, farmers, and investors." CHRF targets low-income communities for distribution of affordable fresh produce from rural communities in the Schoharie County area of New York, near Albany. Ultimately, CHRF intends its farm share program to help New Yorkers in food deserts "develop into healthy, economic citizens who will, one day, become owners of the company."

Holtz was intrigued. He had gathered on November 1 with other leaders in the American cooperative movement, the day after the United Nations officially inaugurated

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### Next General Meeting on December 27

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. \* The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

\* Exceptions will be posted.

## Coop Event Highlights

**Thu, Dec 1 • Food Class: Cooking with Duck** 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Dec 2 • Film Night: New World Order** 7:00 p.m.

**Sat, Dec 3 • Wordsprouts:  
Poetry Workshop for Children** 6:00 p.m.

**Tue, Dec 13 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:  
Asparagus!** 7:00 p.m.

**Thu, Jan 5 • Food Class: Post-Holiday Cleanse** 7:30 p.m.

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

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## Move Money

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friendly and the whole process took less than an hour."

On the plus side, while Citibank and Chase are ramping up monthly fees for customers who can't maintain ever-larger minimum balances, checking accounts are free at PAFCU with no minimum balance requirements. Online banking and bill payment is equal to most corporate banks, credit card rates are low at 10-11%, and the PAFCU network has four or five ATMs just in Park Slope alone. They even have cell phone apps and text services for locating participating ATMs.

The downside, says Matt, was the 11-day-wait for checks to clear the first month, having no credit line for overdraft protection, and a one dollar charge per ATM withdrawal, even in the Co-op network of ATMs. And you have to remember to use your debit card as a credit card for purchases to

avoid a fee. (At the Food Coop, where we only accept debit, the fee is charged and refunded monthly.)

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Another Food Coop member, Anayah Sangodele-Ayoka, recently switched from Bank of America to PAFCU. "I found that in NYC, it didn't matter that Bank of America had more branches or ATMs than the credit union because they have never really been in my neighborhoods (Bed-Stuy and Brownsville). When I went to close my Bank of America account, the representative tried to convince me to stay and switch to an account with no monthly fee so long as I never speak to another human. At the PAFCU branch, I appreciated that I was treated like a person and not just an account."

PAFCU's cooperation does



**Matt Silberman says switching banks was easy.**

PHOTOS BY INGRID CUSSON

not yet extend to coop mortgages, more's the pity, but they do offer straight mortgages, business, and car loans as well as IRAs and many options for setting aside vacation, education and health care funds.

Debbie Parker, a Coop Membership Coordinator, has taken advantage of the credit union's planning accounts, which allow her to deposit a portion of each paycheck into

earmarked vacation and health care funds.

Lisa Moore, a Coop General Coordinator, says she became aware of the benefits and discounts offered to credit union members after reading PAFCU brochures at one of their onsite membership drives. She also says their web page has a full list of discounts. What really grabbed her interest were the home and auto insurance discounts. "I thought I had a great home and auto rates with Allstate

(Geico and Progressive were never cheaper than Allstate for me). PAFCU has a relationship with Liberty Mutual and I saved a bundle... saving more than \$1000." Moore says they also have great rates on car loans.

The People's Alliance Federal Credit Union is New York based with 40,000 members, 6,000 residing in Brooklyn. The two nearest branches are at 67 Hanson Place behind the Atlantic Center Mall and near LIC Hospital at 69 Atlantic Ave. Hours vary. ■

## THE GAZETTE INDEXES

If you are interested in the history of the Coop or in when and how particular subjects have been discussed in the Gazette...

Send an e-mail to Len Neufeld, Gazette indexer, at [lenneufeld@verizon.net](mailto:lenneufeld@verizon.net), to request PDF files of either or both of the following indexes:

- ◆ An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the Gazette from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- ◆ An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in Gazette articles from 1995-98 and 2001 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (subjects for the years 1999 and 2000 are being added).

Many of the Gazette issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website. (The currently available issues cover the years 2006 to the present, plus selected issues from 1999, 2000, and 2005.)



What Is That? How Do I Use It?  
**Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods**  
 Monday, December 5, 12 to 12:45 p.m.  
 Monday, December 19, 12 to 12:45 p.m.  
 Friday, December 23, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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

**Look for tour leaders in produce aisle.**



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**Wednesday, December 7  
4 – 6 p.m. at the Coop**

**FREE**  
Non members Welcome

**You wouldn't believe what People's Alliance Federal Credit Union has to offer!**

Representatives from People's Alliance Federal Credit Union will be at the Park Slope Food Coop in the Meeting Room to sign up members for credit union membership.

Learn about:

- \$5 Minimum Savings Balance
- Loans Starting at 2.99%
- Holiday Club Account
- Debit/Visa Cards
- Mobile/Text Message Banking
- No-Fee Checking
- Internet Banking
- Kids Accounts
- Vacation Club Account

Any new member to open an account, any existing member to add a PAFCU product, or any member to refer a new member to the credit union will be entered to win a Drive Away Vacation Package.



**People's Alliance  
Federal Credit Union**

Stop by for a chance to win a surprise gift.

**Sessions also:  
Dec. 8, 4-6pm & Dec. 10, 9-11:30am**

# Farm Share

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2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives, coinciding with a campaign highlighting environmental sustainability. “I thought it was fascinating, people in the city owning a farm,” he said of CHRF.

“It’s a very popular thing to say ‘food deserts’ in certain circles,” Holtz continued. “It could be a rural area or could be an urban area stores have mostly abandoned. People talk about whether to get stores to come in, and I always feel something is left out: what about access that is not just physical access, but access of affordability, economic access. Just because the food is there doesn’t mean people can afford it.” If fresh produce is too expensive, Holtz observed, “really the desert is just as dry as it was, even if the water is there.”

Reflecting on the range of affordability at PSFC, Holtz said, “You don’t really need squash blossoms that much. I’m glad that a lot of us can afford to buy them, but I’m also glad we have a five-pound bag of organic potatoes for \$2.55 now. If other people could do that, that’s great.”

## A Growing Program

CHRF’s affordable produce, advertised largely on traditional paper fliers, reached 281 households in summer 2010, and shareholder numbers jumped to about 500 this past summer. Wilensky hopes for 1000 shareholders in the coming year.

CHRF farm shares give Bronx and Harlem residents direct access to high quality, fresh produce grown by local

farmers. CHRF has run a summer season (June-November) for two years, and just embarked on a winter (December-April) farm share program. Fruits and vegetables are grown in New York State using sustainable farming methods.

The produce in a CHRF farm share is fairly familiar and plentiful. “We’re trying to deal with produce that speaks across cultures,” said Wilensky. “Not daikon and kohlrabi and purslane, but sweet potato, garlic, collards—items recognized in the community. Tomatoes, potatoes, cilantro. When we pick produce we’re going for heft, not just specialty items. Most people just want enough food to feed their family.”

CHRF’s website explains that while the contents of each week’s share vary based upon what’s in season, a medium share in July (\$12/week for 1-2 people) might typically include 8 apples, 1 head broccoli, 1 bunch candy onions, 1 bunch chard, 1 head lettuce, 1 bunch seasonal herbs, 2 lbs potatoes. A large share (\$20/week for 3-4 people) would typically add another pound of potatoes, another head of lettuce, a bunch of kale, a bunch of spinach and a pound each of snap peas and zucchini. Overall, the goal is to provide shares containing staples (potatoes, corn, onions, etc.), some seasonal specialties (tomatoes, peppers, leafy greens), a “flavor item” (fresh herbs, garlic), and fruit. Shares are not customized, but each site has a “swap box” that invites shareholders to exchange produce.

CHRF’s membership terms are flexible, including rolling membership and vacation

holds. Shareholders can pay with cash, checks, credit cards, or SNAP (food stamps). Shareholders have to pay in advance, and though full payment is encouraged up front, there is a minimum of just a first week’s payment. Payment is scaled down for families using food stamps: during the upcoming winter program, a monthly share generally costs \$48, but the monthly price is \$30 if a family qualifies for food stamps.

*The goal: Connecting people in New York City with upstate agriculture.*

## Background of Leaders

Wilensky, a Brooklyn resident who buys food from the Flatbush Food Coop, has farm roots. When she was growing up in Northern California, her school had a small farm, and CHRF “is reawakening a lot of my passions for farming, and connecting to food, and making sure everyone has equal access to quality produce.” She added, “I’m a lifelong foodie. I’ve grown up eating the world’s best produce, so when I came to New York, it was a rude awakening.”

Wilensky connected to CHRF through her nonprofit management master’s program at the New School, where she was a student and then teaching assistant for the CHRF’s Dennis Derryck. Currently on sabbatical from the New School, Derryck is the founder and president of CHRF. His curriculum vitae reports his leadership of several start-ups and turn-arounds, such as Food and

Industrial Products Company, a holding company based in Liberia, West Africa, that imported food from across three continents and distributed it in “difficult geographic and political environments.” Other experience includes development of social ventures at the New School through his *Social Entrepreneurship through Design* course and his practicum, where his graduate students have won the JP Morgan Chase Community Development Competition four out of eight years.

CHRF’s website claims that “of the more than \$500,000 of equity raised to purchase the farm and launch the Farm Share, 72% came from African-Americans and Latinos, and 51% from women. When CHRF becomes profitable, Farm Share members will be offered the opportunity to own equity in the venture.”

CHRF consists of a 95-acre educational farm in Schoharie County, a farm share program in the Bronx and Upper Manhattan, and a distribution system (aggregation and transportation) for produce grown by a collective of farmers in the Schoharie County vicinity.

The outfit’s upstate and downstate partners for food production and distribution include Hunts Point Alliance for Children (HPAC), Abyssin-

ian Development Corporation, Barber Family Farms, Broadway Housing Communities, Cold Spring Farm, Cooperative Home Care Associates, Denali Farm, La Finca del Sur, Fortune Society, Harlem Children’s Zone, Interchurch Center, JCCA, Kate Miller’s Farm, Office of the Manhattan Borough President, Parson’s Farm, The Point, Riverside Church, Schoharie Valley Farms, SoBRO, Solstice Hill Farm, Urban Health Plan, Wellington’s Herbs and Spices, West Harlem Independent Democratic Club, and WHEDco.

The farm shareholders are a diverse group as well. “People run the gamut from being here because they want healthy food, to those who want to know the exact type of Brussels sprout seeds,” Wilensky said. To support healthful preparation, CHRF provides weekly recipes using the produce that’s delivered, and field staff to answer basic question about items.

For more information on Corbin Hill Road Farm, visit [www.corbinhillfarm.com](http://www.corbinhillfarm.com), e-mail [info@corbinhillfarm.com](mailto:info@corbinhillfarm.com), or call (718) 578-3610. ■

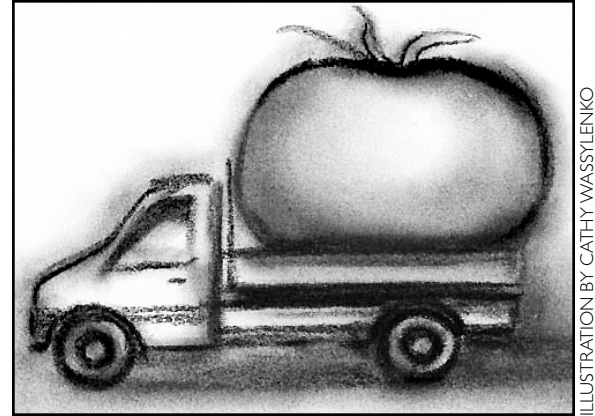


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## Sudoku

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 12.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MAY 2012 BROOKLYN FOOD CONFERENCE

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

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



**Copywriting**  
**Graphic Design**  
**Social Networking**  
**Web Development**  
**Outreach**  
**Research**  
**Fundraising**

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



# City Harvest and PSFC: Partners

By Nicole Feliciano

Good neighbors make good communities. For years, the Coop has been teaming up with local charity partners to give back in many ways—from helping fledgling coops get off the ground to making sure our excess food gets to the right partners.

## A Match Made in Heaven

City Harvest has been an important partner—a charity than can use food that might go to waste to help feed some of New York's neediest residents. In all, City Harvest relies on restaurants, food markets and other food industry segments to provide more than 30 million pounds of food.

City Harvest's public relations specialist John McCook says the Coop has been donating food since 1996.

Once received at City Harvest, our donations can make their way to soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and other relief agencies.

McCook says, "As City Harvest has grown, we have also shifted our focus to more nutritious food, especially fresh produce. A great donor is able to provide a minimum of 50 pounds of nutrient-dense food per pickup, which is what we get from Park Slope Food Coop. Most of what the Coop donates is produce—which we love to deliver."

Ken MacDonald, Coop Receiving Coordinator, works closely with City Harvest and many local Brooklyn Soup kitchens. Ken says City Harvest is the partner of choice when it comes to large quantities of food.

Donations to City Harvest



City Harvest is in the business of rescuing and distributing excess food.

PHOTOS BY LISA COHEN

and other food pantries and soup kitchens are collected every day. "Every morning we sort through what has been collected and try to make the donation work for the kitchen that day. Some kitchens can do a lot of post processing; others need to have food that is ready to eat. There is a lot of coordination that goes on," says MacDonald.

When it comes to what we pass along, the Coop is generous. MacDonald says, "City Harvest gets boxes of fruits and vegetables. Our members are picky because we have such phenomenal produce, so anything bruised (apples, pears, melons) or broken (peppers, zucchini, daikon) ends up in a soup kitchen. We don't really have much waste percentage wise. It's just that we move

so much food that about fifteen banana boxes of food a day goes out to a kitchen somewhere."

## Why City Harvest?

City Harvest has been in the business of getting fresh food to those most in need. It was founded in 1982 as a volunteer organization. In the early days, City Harvest went to local restaurants asking for leftover meals and other food to feed the hungry.

As City Harvest's McCook describes it, City Harvest is in the business of "rescuing and distributing excess food." Since the organization's founding, growth has been strong—sadly New York never seems to run out of needy individuals. Now City Harvest has strong ties not only with restaurants but

also with food corporations and markets.

The face of the hungry has changed over the years. McCook says, "These days, many people who rely on food pantries and soup kitchens have homes. Some are working, but they're unable to make ends meet because their hours were cut back or they have to choose between paying for groceries or a utility bill."

## Good Work Gets Noticed

The Coop carefully evaluates all of our partners and City Harvest is no different. To the outside observer, the organization is run with integrity and a focus on delivering results. Honors include the 2011 New York Times Company Nonprofit Excellence Awards for outstanding management practices. City Harvest has been awarded Charity Navigator's highest rating of four stars, and meets all Better Business Bureau standards for charity accountability.

*As City Harvest has grown, it has shifted its focus to more nutritious food, especially fresh produce.*

## By the Numbers

Right now more than 1.5 million New Yorkers live in poverty. Thanks to donations such as those from the Coop, City Harvest can deliver meals to over 300,000 men, women, and children each week.

All five boroughs depend on City Harvest. With a staff of more than 100 paid workers and 2,200 volunteers, the organization is on the streets of the city seven days a week.

It only costs City Harvest 27 cents to rescue and deliver a pound of food. 90% of City Harvest expenditures go directly to program services.

According to the Bureau for Labor Statistics, the dollar value for an hour of volunteer time is \$28.04 in the state of New York. This means that this year alone, the volunteers at City Harvest saved the organization close to \$250,000 in operating costs through 8,500 volunteer hours.

Depending on the day, the Coop can donate to 150-200 lbs of food to City Harvest.

Since 1996, the Coop has donated over 490,000 pounds of food to City Harvest.

## Who Benefits

Food is delivered to soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, AIDS care



Food is delivered to soup kitchens, homeless shelters, day care centers and other institutions.

## Attention Coop Squad Leaders!

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

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

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

## TRAINING DATES:

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

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

Please call 888-922-COOP (2667) box 89 or send an e-mail to [reply@psfc.coop](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.

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

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

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

**If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Ann Herpel or Joe Holtz at 718-622-0560 or [ann\\_herpel@psfc.coop](mailto:ann_herpel@psfc.coop).**

providers, senior centers, and children's daycare centers that serve hungry New Yorkers.

The good news is City Harvest is reaching a huge amount of New York's neediest residents. The bad news? Every day thousands of hungry people get turned away from shelters and food pantries due to lack of food supplies, and services.

### Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

Interested in getting more involved? City Harvest can't run without its dedicated network of volunteers. To get more information and find out about the next orientation, email [volunteerservices@cityharvest.org](mailto:volunteerservices@cityharvest.org). Volunteer responsibilities include: helping at mobile markets and food drives, office work and deliveries.

### More Ways to Help This Holiday

"We are now facing record demand for emergency food at the programs where City Harvest makes deliveries," said Jilly Stephens, City Harvest's executive director. Coop members can carve out time and make donations at the following:

- Care to Feed the Hungry? Food Drive: now—January 6, 2012

This is the city's biggest yearly food drive. Drop off nonperishable food items at any police precinct or fire station, or call City Harvest at 917-351-8700 or go to: [www.cityharvest.org/dnrc](http://www.cityharvest.org/dnrc).

- Greenmarket Buy-a-Bag: December 21, 2011 (Union Square, Broadway at E. 17th St).

Consider buying an extra bag of produce from the Union Square Green Market and donating it. City Harvest volunteers will be onsite to collect your food donations. Visit [www.cityharvest.org/other-ways-to-help](http://www.cityharvest.org/other-ways-to-help) for more information.

- Gingerbread House Competition: December 1, 2011—January 2012 (Le Parker Meridien Atrium, 119 W. 56th Street)

Take the kids and check out the dazzling gingerbread houses crafted by master chefs and bakers. Vote for the best creation with a \$1 donation to City Harvest. More info at [www.parkermeridien.com](http://www.parkermeridien.com).

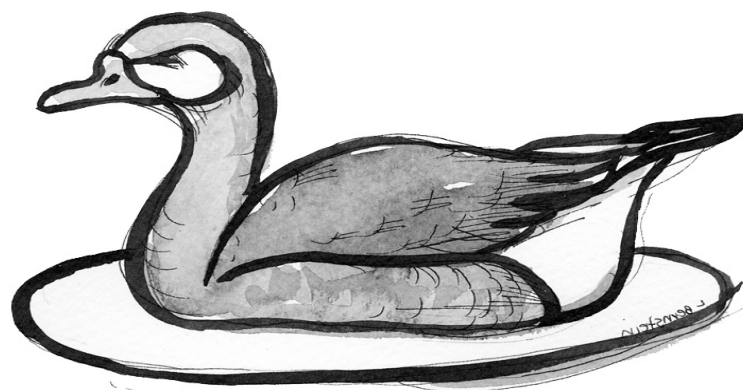
- Send Season's Greetings: Show loved ones you care with a holiday card made by City Harvest. Choose from two designs with customization available for an additional fee. Proceeds from sales help City Harvest feed hungry New Yorkers over the holi-

days and all year long. Go to: [www.cityharvest.org/holidaycards](http://www.cityharvest.org/holidaycards).

The good news is the Coop is a vital part of the philanthropic community. The bad news as City Harvest's MacDonald says, "It is very clear that the need for food is increasing. We are getting more calls from new soup kitchens or from kitchens that just need more food." ■



Jilly Stephens, City Harvest's Executive Director.



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**Looking  
for  
something new?**

**Check out the Coop's  
products blog.**

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

**You can connect to the blog  
via the Coop's website  
[www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)**

## CHIPS NEEDS ASSISTANCE WITH ITS COMPUTER SYSTEMS

**CHIPS would like a volunteer who would be able to advise on software, hardware and networking. Volunteer should be available to troubleshoot as necessary but also to help make decisions on necessary upgrades, etc. CHIPS wants the volunteer to assist in installing new software and migrating data from old systems to new.**

**CHIPS currently uses  
an old version of Quicken.  
Knowledge of Quicken, Quick Books  
and/or GiftWorks would be useful.**

**CHIPS uses Mozy for back up.**

**Interested persons can contact  
Pat Gauvey at [pjgauvey@aol.com](mailto:pjgauvey@aol.com).**

## The Diversity and Equality Committee Seeks New Members

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

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

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

#### Requirements:

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

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

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



## COOP HOURS

## Office Hours:

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

## Shopping Hours:

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

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

## Childcare Hours:

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

## Telephone:

718-622-0560

## Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

## LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

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

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

**Committee Reports:** Maximum 1,000 words.

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COOP CONCERT SERIES

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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

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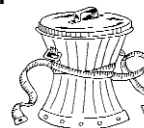
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WORKSLOT NEEDS

### Invoice Processing and Filing

**Double Shift: Meets once every 8 weeks, flexible**

This one-person job entails processing one week's worth of vouchers and invoices, then filing them carefully into the Coop's filing system. Ideal candidate will love working with paper, crave detail and creating order. Contact Charlene Swift in the Membership Office if interested.

### Wall Chart Updating

**Sunday, 8 to 10:45 a.m.**

This is the perfect job for a detail-oriented person who likes a quiet and pleasant work environment. You will be trained by a staff person who will always be available to answer questions. You are part of a team of two to three

people, but you will work on your own. Please speak to Camille Scuria if you would like more information. She can be reached at [camille\\_scuria@psfc.coop](mailto:camille_scuria@psfc.coop) or call the Membership Office Saturday through Wednesday to speak to her.

### Plastics Recycling Baler

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Baler will work as a member of the Environmental Issues Plastic Recycling Committee. Work includes operating the baler machine in the receiving area—NO OPENTOEED FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE WORN WHILE WORKING IN THIS AREA. Worker must be able work with Receiving Staff to coordinate the use of the baler and shared workspace, must be

able to follow detailed safety instructions. Some strength and lifting required. Training will take place on first scheduled shift. You will need to contact Cynthia Pennycooke, Membership Coordinator, via phone Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Membership Office or e-mail [cynthia\\_pennycooke@psfc.coop](mailto:cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop) prior to being assigned to this shift.

### Vitamin Worker

**Wednesday, 12 to 2:45 pm.**

On this special shift, you will be working with the Receiving Coordinator to check-in vitamin orders, organize vitamin area in the basement and on the shopping floor. You will label product and shelves, and related tasks. If interested, contact the Membership Office.

## COOP CALENDAR

### New Member Orientations

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

Have questions about Orientation? Please visit [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com) and look at the "Join the Coop" page for answers to frequently asked questions.

### The Coop on the Internet

[www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)

### The Coop on Cable TV

**Inside the Park Slope Food Coop**

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

### General Meeting Info

**TUE, DEC 27**

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

**TUE, DEC 6**

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.  
Submissions will be considered for the Dec 27 General Meeting.

### Gazette Deadlines

#### LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Dec 15 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 5  
Dec 29 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 19

#### CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Dec 15 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 7  
Dec 29 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 21

## ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

### Our Governing Structure

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

### Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 p.m.

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

### Location

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

### How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

### Meeting Format

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

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

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

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

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

### Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

#### • Advance Sign-up required:

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

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

#### • Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

#### • Certain Squads not eligible:

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

#### • Attend the entire GM:

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

#### • Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.  
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

#### • Being Absent from the GM:

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

### Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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

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FOOD COOP

# calendar of events

dec 1  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Cooking with Duck



Susan Baldassano, Coordinator

Chef **Olivia Roszkowski** will demonstrate how to fabricate (butcher) a whole duck into its components, brine and confit duck legs, pan-sear duck breast and prepare duck stock. She will also discuss the health benefits and advantages that come with including duck as a part of your diet. After completing the Chef Training Program at the Natural Gourmet Institute, she has worked as a line cook at Jean Georges' 200-seat Mercer Kitchen, as well as David Chang's Momofuku Ssam Bar. While at Momofuku, her days were spent confiting duck legs, rendering duck fat, pureeing duck liver mousse, glazing whole rotisserie duck breasts, slicing duck ham, grinding duck mortadella and crisping duck skin for their exclusive "Duck Bar" menu. *Menu includes pan-seared duck breast, served over greens in a smoky-chipotle vinaigrette; duck confit, served on a baguette with a cherry-ginger compote; ramen-style noodle duck soup.* **Materials fee: \$5.**  
**Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

dec 2  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night: New World Order



*New World Order* is a behind-the-scenes look at the underground anti-globalist movement. This growing movement targets the annual Bilderberg Conference and the 9/11 attacks as focal points in the alleged global conspiracy. Alex Jones, a celebrity radio host and underground cult hero, is the main character of the film. The film chronicles Alex (of *Waking Life* and *A Scanner Darkly*) and four other conspiracy theorists, on their ceaseless quests to expose the "massive global conspiracy" that they believe threatens the future of humanity. SeeThink Film's documentaries are deep psychological investigations that probe the minds of their varied subjects in search of "what makes people tick." These films are noted for humanizing the disenfranchised, be they conspiracy theorists, underrepresented artists or counter-cultures that have been ridiculed by mainstream society. SeeThink is a partnership of four filmmakers: Tom Davis, Luke Meyer, Andrew Neel and Ethan Palmer. All of the filmmakers will be in attendance after the screening, for a Q&A. *New World Order* was co-directed by Andrew Neel and Luke Meyer. Cinematography by Ethan Palmer. Produced by Tom Davis.  
**To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, squeezestone@hotmail.com.**

dec 3  
sat 12 pm

## Self-Defense for Women

Learn to fight off an attacker, have fun and improve your focus and energy! No one is too small, old, young, timid or lazy to learn to defend herself! Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Wear tights, leggings or jeans. **Berit Anderson** holds a black belt in karate and a brown belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu from Renzo Gracie Academy, NYC. She has been a Coop member since 2003.

dec 3  
sat 3 pm

## Conflict Resolution

This 90-minute workshop will help participants: reduce the stress that conflict can create; learn new techniques for changing responses to conflict from negative to positive; explore and develop individual conflict styles; and improve communication with family, friends and co-workers. We have a vision to change the way mediation and conflict resolution are incorporated into people's everyday lives. We believe in the power of communication to repair and transform broken relationships. **Lisa Kass**, Coop member for 19 years, and her business partner Michal Bilick, are professional mediators and co-founders of Brooklyn Mediates, an organization that teaches mediation and conflict-resolution skills throughout the borough.

dec 3  
sat 6 pm

## Wordsprouts: Poetry Workshop for Children



The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

And reading with **DuEwa Frazier**. Appropriate for children ages 4-11. Frazier is an author, educator and performer. She is the author of *Ten Marbles and a Bag to Put Them In: Poems for Children*, *Shedding Light From My Journeys* and *Stardust Tracks on a Road*. DuEwa is the editor and publisher of the Image Award-nominated anthology, *Check the Rhyme: An Anthology of Female Poets & Emcees*. She earned her M.Ed. degree in Curriculum and Teaching at Fordham University and her M.F.A. degree in Creative Writing at The New School.

**To book a Wordsprouts, contact P.J. Corso, paola\_corso@hotmail.com.**

dec 4  
sun 12 pm

## Images of Palestine

Three activists make a presentation about the current socio-political realities of Palestinians in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. Ellen Davidson, reporter and photographer, will show photos of her work with the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions. Coop member **Rebecca Manski**, who lived her first years in Jerusalem, returned to Israel/Palestine in 2003 to work as a consultant for NGO's in Haifa, Ramallah and Jerusalem. Coop member **Naomi Brussel** traveled in 2010 to Israel and the West Bank as part of a delegation sponsored by Rabbis for Human Rights/North America.

dec 6  
tue 8 pm

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dec 7-8  
wed-thu 4-6 pm

## See What the PAFCU Offers

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dec 10  
sat 9-11:30 am

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Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.



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**dec 10**  
sat 12 pm

## What Is Democratic Education?

Democratic education is a true educational alternative to the traditional orthodoxy of education now dominant in most public and private schools. The community is composed entirely of parents, students, educators and others who believe that freedom and democracy are not just textbook concepts, but a way of living and learning—for our children as well as ourselves. This approach is dedicated to the belief that all students must be free to develop naturally as human beings in a non-coercive educational environment where they are empowered to make decisions affecting their everyday lives and that of their community. Presented by Coop members **Bruce Zeines** and **Kate Hammon**, who are parents at Brooklyn Free School.

**dec 11**  
sun 12 pm

## Beyond an Apple a Day

Where can you find the answers to your health questions? Come to this workshop to learn about the best online resources for medical conditions, medications, complementary therapies and wellness. We will help you find accurate, timely information and avoid the bad apples in the bunch. Coop member **Arpita Bose** is a medical librarian and director of a hospital library in Brooklyn. Member **Melissa Morrone** is a public librarian in Brooklyn and a member of the librarians' collective Radical Reference.

**dec 11**  
sun 7–10 pm

## Pub Night



Come join the Fun Committee along with members of the Pinewoods Folk Music Club for our December tradition of a pub night/sing. No auditions, no requirements, just a ton of fun. There will be music-themed drink specials for attendees. Feel free to bring an instrument, but no instrument is needed to join in and raise voices and hearts. It will be a rousing evening of holiday cheer, celebration and plain fun. Join in! This public event is open to everyone, no reservations required.

**Event takes place at Bar 4 (7th Ave. and 15 St.).**

**dec 13**  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Asparagus!



For 30 years, Oceana County Michigan has been the Asparagus Capital of the World. Now its spear-struck residents and family farms take on the U.S. War on Drugs, Free Trade and the Fast Food Nation, all to save their beloved roots. Filmmakers Anne de Mare's and Kirsten Kelly's award-winning documentary originally titled, *Asparagus! Stalking the American Life*, is about a spirited rural community's struggle against U.S. Drug Policy, Free Trade and the Fast Food Nation. *Asparagus!* premiered in 2006 and won a number of Best Documentary awards. It was released on DVD in 2008 and was broadcast on PBS in 2009. The directors will host a Q&A after the screening.

**dec 16**  
fri 8 pm

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**To book a Coffeehouse event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741.**



**dec 18**  
sun 12 pm

## Live Green, Die Green

Now is the time to educate yourself on green burial and cremation options for your elderly parents, and ultimately—inevitably—yourself and others you love. Get the low-down on your final carbon footprint now! We will discuss burial vaults, caskets on the market, green cemetery spaces in areas just outside the city and more. Coop member and former magazine writer **Amy Cunningham** felt so moved by the memorial service she helped plan for her elderly father, that she decided to pursue a second career in funeral service. She is a recent graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service.

**dec 27**  
tue 7 pm

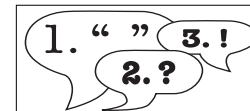
## PSFC DEC General Meeting



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.**

**jan 3**  
tue 8 pm

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**jan 5**  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Post-Holiday Cleanse



Join registered holistic nutritionist and chef **Talia Chai** as she demonstrates three quick and easy recipes that will boost your energy, improve your mood, and reduce the post-holiday bulge. She will discuss the benefits of cleansing and how to incorporate it into everyday life. She is currently enrolled in the Chef Training Program at the Natural Gourmet Institute, where she is learning how to make these whole, real foods taste delicious and look beautiful. *Menu includes warm and spicy ginger tumeric tea; super alkaline green vitality juice; simply satisfying everyday smoothie; nourishing miso soup with mineral-rich sea vegetables; raw cleansing salad. Materials fee: \$4.* **Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

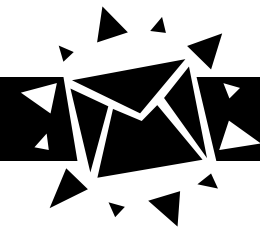
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**jan 6** Film Night

**jan 7** Sleep S.O.S. for Families

**jan 7** Knit & Sip

**jan 7** Child Art in Gaza



## RESEARCHING HUMOR AT WORK

### DEAR EDITOR,

I am an organizational researcher from the University of Bath, UK. I recently moved to Brooklyn and became a member of the Coop. I would appreciate your assistance in asking members to participate in my research and was hoping you could run a request in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*.

I am examining workplace humor and laughter and would like to interview members about their perceptions on humor and how it helps provide meaning to work. Interviews will last no longer than one hour and will be held informally at member's convenience. Those interested can contact me at guylevans@yahoo.com or tel 347-249-2532.

*Thanks for your help,*  
Guy Evans

## BDS: RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE?

### FELLOW COOP MEMBERS,

A letter in the previous *Gazette* claims that the point of BDS is to engage in dialogue. The BDS movement has very specific goals, and dialogue is notably absent. Is dialogue being sincerely sought by someone who denigrates the intelligence of his opponents? "If this wasn't such a serious issue," the writer says, "the arguments and tone in these letters would make me laugh".

The letter goes on to caricature my well-documented claim that BDS is essentially about the fate of a nation (already acknowledged by BDS's Omar Bhargouti and others), specifically the survival of Israel as a sovereign democratic state primarily for the Jewish people. Official Coop support for this movement would mean endorsing the Palestinian call to populate Israel with hundreds of thousands of Arabs, inevitably undermining through demographics the original purpose for creating the state, the need for which was compelled by the long history of European and Arab persecution, expulsion, and murder of their Jewish fellow countrymen.

The same writer suggests a grievance: "Will the Coop give BDS organizers the opportunity to make the case, in a respectful and peaceful way?" The answer is yes. So far nothing and no one is stopping them from advancing their agenda, which they are doing in numerous modes, so why the complaint? Nor would it be undemocratic if at a general meeting a majority voted against holding a referendum to support the BDS movement because of the issue's divisiveness, false premises and anti-Israel bias. There is nothing in our bylaws giving a universal and automatic right to have a referendum on anything and everything. Our deciding body is the general

meeting and after more than two years of advancing this proposal, and four months after discussing it at a GM, the BDS supporters are free to schedule it for a vote.

The letter concludes by reasserting the claim that BDS seeks to engage in respectful dialogue. To the contrary:

- BDS opposes negotiations/dialogue with Israel toward a two-state solution.

- Its call to boycott Israeli academics and cultural events effectively chokes free speech/dialogue.

- At their event promoting cultural boycott of Israel, when asked how Jews would survive in an Arab-dominated Greater Palestine the respondent answered "Not relevant". Dialogue?

- The largely pro-BDS audience cheered when told how a London performance of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra was virtually shut down by a mass of demonstrators who repeatedly disrupted the concert. Civil discussion?

And note that the climate BDS helps to create on college campuses, where the movement is very active, encourages even more incivility:

- At a UC Irvine event featuring Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren, protesters interrupted him with cries of "How many Palestinians did you kill?"

- And a Kent State University professor shouted "Death to Israel" at Ishmael Khaldi, an Israeli Bedouin and former Israeli diplomat.

Respectful dialogue?

Sylvia Lowenthal

## OPPOSING BDS

### TO OUR MEMBERS:

We, the undersigned 203 Coop members, support the well-being of the Food Coop and therefore oppose the introduction of BDS. We respectfully request our fellow Coop members to desist from promoting BDS at the Coop. To join us, send an e-mail to morehummus@gmail.com, to learn more visit [www.stopbdsparkslope.blogspot.com](http://www.stopbdsparkslope.blogspot.com).

*More Hummus, Please*

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## LET THE COOP BE (LTCB) VERSUS BDS

### DEAR EDITOR,

It's sad to see the conflict continue—the fight between the BDS people and the members who say essentially: Let the Coop Be (LTCB). The BDS folks want the Coop to join them in their condemnation of Israel as the master evildoer of the Middle East, when the list of really bad countries and groups include some of those who support BDS. Mostly what the LTCB people want is a reprieve from polarization and dragging the Coop into the mire of inner organizational enmity.

Sure the Coop has taken positions on issues before. The Coca Cola thing was a cause against which few would argue—corporate brutality. Taking a position against South African Apartheid was a harmless feel good thing. But these honorable acts were not essential to making the Coop run well. They were extra curricular activities that were fairly clear in their intent and reason, along with positions taken on other issues in the past.

The point is, however praiseworthy these political excursions were, they did nothing for the Coop itself. But perhaps most important, they did not turn Coop members against each other. The BDS proposal does.

The BDS people think that they have to 'educate' the rest of us with a 'dialog' where we sit patiently and listen to what is clearly a hard line anti-Israel rant. And like all self-righteous movements, there are factual as well as reality gaps in their position.

They want us to spend, at minimum, \$10,000.00 to hold a referendum on the matter. But it won't make it easier or more pleasant to shop. It won't improve organizational efficiency or reduce costs. It's an extra curricular activity. And it's something that the Coop neither needs or from which it can derive either tangible or intangible benefits. So if we derive no benefit from BDS—I ask LTCB. Let the Coop Be.

Rodger Parsons

## NO ROSE-COLORED GLASSES, THANK YOU

*My darling's a beauty, of that there's no doubt,  
A ravishing cutie who makes other girls pout.  
But in years to come—say forty or more—  
There's sure to develop in the comely score  
A situation that calls for pity,  
For she may be accounted merely pretty.  
So what's to be done and how to prepare,  
And how will I demonstrate I still care?  
My strategy's this: Whatever passes,  
I'll put away my reading glasses.  
Then lines and wrinkles (if she's got 'em)  
Will be invisible, as I can't spot 'em.*

Leon Freilich

## TOO MANY BDS LETTERS

### DEAR EDITOR,

Perhaps the *Linewaiters' Gazette* could create a special pull-out section in each issue for all of the letters regarding the BDS/Israel/Palestine/Boycott/Referendum issue. Then the rest of us could discard (recycle!) it without having to wade through it in search of commentary on ANY other topic.

Hope Anne Nathan



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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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In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

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

2. Nor will we publish accusations that are

not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

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

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

## Respect

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



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## SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

## Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *Asparagus! Stalking the American Life*

By Adam Rabiner

You may not be aware that the status of Oceana County in Western Michigan as the “asparagus capital of the universe” is in dire jeopardy. *Asparagus* is a very funny, yet deadly serious documentary about small town America, the rise and fall of a regional economy, geopolitical forces that are “stalking” American asparagus farmers, and, of course, the eponymous vegetable itself.

Since 1973, when boosters in the small town of Shelby decided to host the country's first National Asparagus Festival replete with a parade of floats, marching bands, and kids decked out in homemade asparagus costumes, asparagus has had a long and proud history in Oceana County.

While it was a mighty claim—after all Michigan at the time was the nation's third largest producer after Washington and California—the originators of this act of regional pride figured that “no one will question it.”

The festival and asparagus mania only grew from there. In subsequent years ditties were written, a disco dance (The Asparagus Stalk) was choreographed—inspired by a farmer's planting and harvesting movements, recipes were created (brats, roll-ups, cakes, deep-fried, pickled, stroganoff, deviled eggs, and stir fry, were some that I noted) and in 1981 an annual Mrs. Asparagus competition was created to identify the married woman who could best represent and promote asparagus officialis.

These envoys take their jobs seriously. The recently crowned Mrs. Asparagus is shocked and saddened to observe her state senator not so discreetly dumping his gift of asparagus in the trash can hidden under his desk and sends off an angry letter of reproach demanding an apology.

For many years residents of Shelby and other Oceana towns wore their asparagus on their sleeves (often literally—as this movie is filled with asparagus loving aficionados whose wardrobes are filled with asparagus-themed clothing and whose cupboards are replete with expensive, decorative asparagus-shaped ceramic dinnerware) confident of their status and importance. However, in 1991 Congress enacted the Andean Trade

Preference Act (ATPA) which lifted duties on imported asparagus from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru in the hope that coca farmers in these countries would stop producing cocaine and instead would switch to growing and exporting asparagus.

As the United States was flooded with inexpensive imported asparagus, ATPA's devastating impact on this country's asparagus farmers became apparent. In Washington State, three major canneries (Del Monte, Dole, and Green Giant) closed shop and reopened abroad, closures whose impact on local employment was as if both Boeing and Microsoft had shut down. At this point Oceana citizens dug in to combat U.S. drug policy, free trade, and consumer indifference—their livelihood was at stake.

*Asparagus* describes the uphill and valiant efforts of local farmers and boosters to save their prized and cherished way of life. Home-makers create recipes that they hope will be the vegetable's salvation, food processors research and design frozen and microwaveable products that they hope Wal-Mart will carry, and town folk lobby Washington, D.C. for a level playing field to compete against the advantages enjoyed by foreign producers who benefit from inexpensive labor and U.S. technical assistance. Despite a full-fledged campaign, major organizing efforts (for example convening an “Asparagus Summit” to strategize) and loads of passion, creativity, marketing and public relations gestures, it's an uphill battle against presidents who support free trade and favor a drug policy that has had some success, as well as consumers that remain

somewhat skeptical about asparagus's culinary virtues. At one point, one prominent advocate sadly acknowledges that Oceana has “one foot in the grave” and is circling the wagons.

*Asparagus* is a wonderful film because the people it depicts are so endearing. Whether it's a couple being interviewed about the aphrodisiacal properties of this noble green spear, eaten by kings and queens, who ask the filmmakers if they want personal or historical examples, or the school kids smelling their pee in the bathroom to see if they have the gene required to detect the odor produced from eating asparagus, to the former Mrs. Asparagus who joyfully sings a loving jingle that everyone in Oceana seems to know by heart.

The documentary ends inconclusively, with a defiant second-generation Mexican-American farmer, originally from Texas, staring at the camera undaunted and confident he will prevail. The beginning of a movement in the U.S. for organic, sustainable, and premium asparagus holds out some hope and this farmer has begun moving in this direction. Is this enough to preserve Oceana's mighty claim? Time might tell. Or a follow-up film. Or come to the Coop on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. and ask the directors themselves, Anne de Mare and Kirsten Kelly, who will be on hand for the lively and interesting Q & A with experts and filmmakers that follow each and every Plow to Plate showing. ■

*Tuesday, December 13. Park Slope Food Coop, 2nd Floor. 7:00 p.m. Refreshments (asparagus?) will be served.*

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

#### SAT, DEC 3

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

#### SUN, DEC 4

Composting at the Cortelyou Greenmarket. We're partnering with Compost for Brooklyn and GrowNYC to collect kitchen scraps at the farmers market! WHEN: Sundays from 10 am until 12 noon, through December 11th. WHERE: Cortelyou and Rugby Roads.

The ADIFF has created a documentary film series. On line info at <http://nyadiff.org/Globalization.html> Tickets: \$11/\$9 for students/ seniors. Teacher's College @ Columbia Univ 120th St and Bway. 2pm: DELICIOUS PEACE GROWS IN A UGANDAN COFFEE; 4pm THE BIG BANANA—NY Premiere; 6pm GREENING THE REVOLUTION—NY Premiere.

#### TUE, DEC 6

The Brooklyn Women's Chorus is

having open rehearsals to invite new members. No auditions. Try it out for free, no commitment. Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture Prospect Park West at 2nd St. For information [www.brooklyn-womenschorus.com/](http://www.brooklyn-womenschorus.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, DEC 7

FOLK OPEN SING: Come sing with us the first 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. 7:30–10 p.m. Info: 718-636-6341.

#### THU, DEC 8

Homebuyer education seminar, getting started, affordable mortgages and more. 6pm. M&T Bank, 354 Flatbush Ave. (corner of St. John's Place.) Brooklyn, NY 11238. To reserve space, call 718-469-4679. Sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush, a not-for-profit housing organization. [www.nhsoeastflatbush.org](http://www.nhsoeastflatbush.org).

#### FRI, DEC 9

The Keystone XL Pipeline and Beyond. The economic, environmental, and geopolitical implications of extreme fuels and the fight to stop them. Discussion and movie (White Water, Black Gold). Park Slope United Methodist Church, 6th Avenue and 8th Street, 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact [envirom@brooklynpeace.org](mailto:envirom@brooklynpeace.org).

#### SAT, DEC 10

Time 8pm-10:30pm - Peoples' Voice Cafe: Utah Phillips Remembered with Duncan Phillips and various acts. At The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (between Madison & Park); For info call 212-787-3903 or see [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org). Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members.

#### SUN, DEC 18

Free Concert at Brooklyn Public Library. Location: Central Library in the Stevan Dweck center. Time 4 pm. Free admission. Adela Peña and Harumi Rhodes, violins, Ah Ling Neu, viola, Roberta Cooper, violoncello, Peter Weitzner, double bass.

#### Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

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