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## Fleisher's Brings Artisanal Butcher to Park Slope



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By Danielle Uchitelle

When I first moved to Park Slope almost 20 years ago, there were three butcher shops within a few blocks of my apartment. Staffed by elderly men and their formidable wives, these shops were the essence of the old neighborhood, where I could come for a weekly meat indulgence and watch a butcher the age of my grandfather adroitly slide a beef chop across the whirring blade of a band saw, the floor strewn with sawdust. Then the neighborhood “came up,” the butcher shops closed, and for a few years I made sporadic trips out to Rockaway so that I could continue to discuss beef cuts and roasting techniques with the only real butcher I still

knew. More years passed, the membership of the Food Coop voted to embrace omnivorianism, and a refrigerated case full of packaged cuts of meat took up residence in the back of the store. And while the Coop’s selection of mostly organic, grass-fed meats and poultry did make for a good one stop shopping experience, something was still missing from my life. Where were the butchers of yesteryear?

A few months ago, Fleisher’s Grass-Fed and Organic Meats opened for business on Fifth Avenue just a few blocks from the Coop, answering the prayers of devotees of artisanal meats. Fellow carnivores, do not be put off by the hipster aura invoked by its knowingly nos-

talgie façade; step across the threshold of this narrow shop to join a throng of your fellow Coop members, neighborhood residents, and five-borough foodies to gaze in awe at counter displays filled with every imaginable cut of beef, pork, lamb, and poultry. A seductive tray of fresh ground beef, a thick slab of dry-aged steak glowing like a Tiffany ruby, sausages compounded from exuberant blendings of ingredients like chicken, lamb, apricots and turmeric. Fleisher’s is proof that even something as prosaic as a butcher shop can become transcendent when driven by passion, and that’s precisely what drives this unique new addition to the neighborhood food scene.

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## Organic Milk Shortage—What Does This Mean For the Coop?

By Gayle Forman

In mid-January, when Coop member Isabel Kyriacou went to do her family’s shopping, she stopped at the dairy case to pick up her usual supply of Natural by Nature milk. Only this time, it wasn’t there. “I bought the other brand, Organic Valley. It seems fine,” says Kyriacou. “But I prefer Natural by Nature.”

The fact that the Coop had Organic Valley on the shelves in the first place is evidence

of a nationwide shortage of organic milk. The week before Kyriacou did her shopping, Coop Receiving Coordinator Eddie Rosenthal, who buys the Coop’s milk, eggs and refrigerated juice, got word from one of our milk suppliers, Albert’s Organics, that our order for weekend milk delivery would be cut by a third, leading to a scramble for Rosenthal to fill in the gaps with a comparable prod-

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### Next General Meeting on February 28

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, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this *Gazette*, on the Coop website at [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com), and available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop.

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## Coop Event Highlights

**Sat, Feb 11 • Valentine Card Making for Everyone**  
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**Tue, Feb 14 • Safe Food Committee Film Night: *Beer Wars*** 7:00 p.m.

**Thu, Mar 1 • Food Class: Taste of China** 7:30 p.m.

**Fri, Mar 2 • Film Night: *Alice Neel*** 7:00 p.m.

**Tue, Mar 6 • Bicycle Commuting, Grocery Shopping by Bicycle** 6:30 p.m.

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



## Fleisher's

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The Fleisher's saga began almost 10 years ago in upstate Kingston, New York, when Jessica Applestone, the vegetarian wife of a vegan professional chef, began to look for an entry back into the meat-consuming world. She quickly discovered that it was almost impossible to find answers to the simple questions she posed about the source and quality of the cuts she contemplated purchasing. Jessica and her husband Joshua began visiting the few butcher shops they could still find, which led them to the farms that supplied the butcher shops, which led them into the arcane world of the rapidly disappearing art of butchery, which led, both improbably yet inevitably, to the founding of Fleisher's Meats in Kingston.

From the beginning, Jessica and Josh were determined to offer only the highest quality of meats, organically raised, hormone-free, and ethically treated, carved with skill and presented with pride. "We don't just sell meat," Jessica said as we chatted over steaming cups of tea in a coffee shop a few doors down the street from her Fifth Avenue store, "we sell trust." The Applestones visit each farm that supplies their shop, and closely inspect each animal they purchase. "When we're butchering, we're seeing the farm from the inside out," explained Jessica. "Part of our

job is to do the investigating for our customers so they can feel good about what they're buying from us."

High-quality meat is part of what Fleisher's offers. The other part is what Jessica calls "the butcher shop experience." Recently, I stopped by the store on Fifth Avenue to purchase a pound of stew meat. Curious about the type of meat used, I asked if it was the usual stew meat cut, chuck steak. The young woman behind the counter cast an appraising eye on the pile of red cubes in the refrigerator case and replied, "Well, this is a blend of 60 percent chuck, 20 percent round and 20 percent sirloin. But if that's not what you want I can make up a different blend for you." This is a place where you can go in to buy a pound of stew meat and end up in a discussion among carnivore cognoscenti on the ideal fat content of ground beef or the best way to roast a brisket. Yet Jessica recognizes that not every customer comes in knowing exactly what they want...or even how to ask for it. "Lots of people don't know how to order," explained Jessica. "It's like going into a hardware store where you don't know what you want." Part of their job, she says, is to make both the butcher shop novices and the red-meat foodies feel comfortable.

Once the Kingston shop began to thrive, the Applestones began looking for



PHOTOS BY INGSU LIU

someplace to open a second store. Both Jessica and Josh were immediately attracted to Park Slope. The demographics of the area are what initially drew them here. "It was a perfect fit. People are ethical, and they care about what they eat." Now living half her week in an apartment on Union Street and the other half in Kingston, Jessica has gotten to know the neighborhood well. From the moment they first opened their doors, she says, "everyone was so welcoming." When asked about the Food Coop, Jessica replied with longing that she'd love to join but with her long work days and frequent travel to Kingston, hasn't yet found a way to make the Coop's work requirement a part of her life. "It's ironic," she mused, "because I end up driving down each week with a week's supply of fresh vegetables in my car, yet I know that the Food Coop is just two blocks away."



Fleisher's has clearly found a niche in Park Slope among those who seek the highest quality fresh meats at reasonable prices. While there may be no sawdust on the floor, the knowledge and passion that goes into every sale would surely bring a

smile to the visage of those elderly neighborhood butchers of yesteryear. ■

*Fleisher's Grass-Fed & Organic Meats is located at 192 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn. It is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

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### 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

Friday, February 10, 8 to 10:45 a.m.

Monday, February 13, 12 to 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14, 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Monday, February 20, 12 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.





# The Death and Life of Christmas Trees

By Tom Matthews

**E**arly in January, they crowd the city streets: orphans, dying, abandoned. Last year's Christmas trees, kicked to the curb.

Christmas trees grow for an average of seven years before they're ready for their close-up. The trees are harvested in Oregon, the Appalachians or Canada, and trucked to New York for sale, priced between \$10 and \$20 per running foot. They enjoy a few weeks in the spotlight, climaxing as the center of attention on Christmas morning. Then the needles begin to fall. The trees become a nuisance, and out with the garbage they go.

But for New Yorkers who are friends of the environment, there's a happier ending to this sad story: Mulchfest.

## In Prospect Park

You can hear the noise from blocks away: a grinding, groaning, whining sound, as steel blades meet soft wood and turn evergreens into mulch. Walk a little closer, and the air is perfumed with delicious aroma of pine, minty and green. Join the crowd, gathered to celebrate the destruction that leads to new life.

At noon on Jan. 7, more than 100 people milled around the Third Street entrance to Prospect Park, and all along Prospect Park West more people came, bringing their trees on foot, in carts, balanced on bicycles or tied to the roofs of cars.

Parents watched small children fascinated by the Hurricane L2400 XL chipper and the burly Parks employees who fed the trees into the fearsome machine. Teens and young adults, volunteers from NY Cares, Leon Goldstein High School and the Yale Alumni Association, as well as from our own Coop (who can earn work credits), wrangled rakes and shovels and pitchforks, gathering the mulch in bags for free distribution or spreading it around the park. Older adults staffed tables covered with forms and flyers, answering questions, distributing literature and soliciting funds or engagement.

A coordinator from the Prospect Park Alliance was helping manage the chaos, but apologized when I asked a question. "I'm sorry," he replied. "I'm not authorized

to speak to journalists or bloggers."

Fortunately, his counterpart at a second chipping station, located at Prospect Park Southwest and Parkside Avenue, didn't get that memo (though I won't identify him, to protect him from trouble).

"This is my favorite event of the year," said the young man, smiling broadly, sipping on hot chocolate donated by Brooklyn Commune, a local restaurant. "It's good for the Park, good for the community and lots of fun. Many of the trees that get left on the streets just get tossed into the landfills. That's kind of depressing. Mulching the trees gives new life to the Park and peoples' gardens."

He paused to help a gang of teenagers unload a Park pickup truck full of trees and drag them towards the chipper. In they went, ground up at a rate of about a foot per second. "Hey, Kim," he called to a young woman nearby. "How many so far?"

"That's 199," she replied.

## Across the City

Mulchfest began in 1988, when a troop of Boy Scouts dragged a chipper into Prospect Park, according to a *New York Times* article. In 1990, the city took over and expanded the program; in 2011, there were 35 locations around the five boroughs mulching trees, and 35 more serving as drop-off points.

In 2010, 2,144 trees were mulched in Prospect Park, according to Paul Nelson of the Prospect Park Alliance. This year, it was up 17 percent to 2,592. Overall, 24,231 trees were mulched in New York City over the weekend of Jan. 7-8, compared with around 17,000 in 2010.

And it's not just trees. People brought wreaths and garlands, too. Volunteers patiently unraveled wire from the wreaths, and stripped plastic bags, tree bases, glitter and even left-over ornaments that were mixed in with the evergreens.

It's not just Christmas greenery, either. Alliance and Park workers took advantage of the chippers and the volunteer labor to clear away fallen tree branches and dead limbs from paths and playgrounds and mulch them, too. They raked leaves and picked up litter.

The recycling doesn't end with Mulchfest, fortunately. In the past, trees left on the



"[T]hey crowd the city streets: orphans, dying, abandoned."

streets were simply picked up and processed with other garbage by city sanitation trucks. But now there are designated tree pick-up days. In 2010, according to the *New York Times*, about 160,000 trees were recycled, instead of entering the waste stream.

## In Forests and Factories

But that's still a drop in the bucket. Christmas trees are a big business in the US, worth more than \$2 billion in 2011, according to a Nielsen Research study commissioned by the American Christmas Tree Association (ACTA).

Decorating evergreens as part of Christmas celebrations dates back to the 18th century here, but became institutionalized during the 19th century. The first retail Christmas tree operation opened in 1851 in New York City, naturally; and the first President to decorate a tree was Franklin Pierce in 1856.

Nielsen estimated that Americans would buy 21.6 million real Christmas trees in 2011, at a cost of \$984 million. (The average real tree costs about \$46.) There are nearly 350 million trees growing on 15,000 farms, covering 350,000 acres and employing about 100,000 people, according to a 2009 story by Lawrence Delevingne in *Business Insider*.

In addition, Nielsen estimated that 12.9 million artificial trees would be purchased, for a total of \$1.01 billion. (The average artificial tree costs \$78.) People choose artificial trees for many reasons—convenience, cleanliness, design and durability. They

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Mulchfest: trees give new life to Prospect Park and people's gardens.

## Filmmaker(s) Needed ASAP!



The Brooklyn Food Conference is seeking a filmmaker(s) to make a promotional, two-minute film for the Brooklyn Food Conference on May 12, 2012.

We are looking for candidates able to recreate a short film—partially using some past footage and photographs—and willing to shoot new footage including interviews with food activists in New York City. The film will be advertised on Kickstarter and YouTube.

Please send resume(s) and a brief letter of interest (300-word limit) describing your qualifications and ideas to Jesse Alter at [conference@brooklynfoodcoalition.org](mailto:conference@brooklynfoodcoalition.org).

Deadline for submission of film is March 15.

## Organic Milk

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uct. Which he did, by turning to another distributor, which supplied us with the extra Organic Valley. A few days later, Rosenthal learned that his Tuesday milk delivery would also be cut by a third. The following week saw deeper cuts, up to 50 percent on some Natural by Nature orders.

"They're giving us short notice, one or two days," Rosenthal said. Which means ordering has become something of a stressful calculation for him. For now, the Coop's large buying power and good relationship with our distributors has meant that we have been able to pick up the slack with Organic Valley's HTST (High Temperature Short Time, the pasteurizing process that the Coop prefers) milk. But with the shortages happening throughout the country, it's unclear how this will play out, and what it will ultimately mean for Coop members.

### Where's the Milk?

The reasons for the organic milk shortage are multiple and complicated, but, as with so many things, much of it boils down to supply and demand, and the cost of doing business. The

demand for organic milk is at an all-time high. According to the Agriculture Department, sales of whole organic milk increased 17 percent between January and October of last year, and sales of reduced-fat milk rose 15 percent in the same period. All of that is "good news," says Joan Harris, the Coop's sales rep at Albert's Organic. "People are starting to wake up."

But this boom in sales has hardly led to a financial boon for organic dairy farmers, many of whom are struggling. The cost of organic hay and feed have risen to an all-time high, making it extremely expensive for farmers to produce organic milk at the previously set price points. In light of this, some farmers have shifted focus away from dairy toward more profitable areas, thus decreasing the amount of organic milk being produced.

There's also the issue of organic dairies. Though it's boom time now, as recently as 2009, when the recession hit, demand for organic milk dropped. Farmers who had transformed into organic dairies in order to get contracts with processors like Horizon and Organic Valley saw their contracts cut. Some lost their farms. Now

that demand is back up, processors are scrambling to bring new farms on line, but there's a danger of going too far, having farms switch to organic during a shortage, only to find there's a glut of milk when the shortage ends.

### Blame It on the Weather

And the shortage will end. Because to some degree, milk shortages are as regular and cyclical as the seasons—and they're tied to the seasons, as well. Winter is traditionally a time when cows are "dried up," i.e. they are not milked in order to prepare them for the calving season in the spring, explains Jay Tottman, sales manager for Natural Dairy Products (purveyors of Natural by Nature). "Production drops. Volume drops," he explains. This year, volume is even lower because of crazy weather patterns. "It's been a crappy year, going from floods to droughts to floods." All of that comes to bear on how much milk a cow will produce.

At the same time, while cows are producing less milk in winter time, humans are consuming more of it. "Milk is a comfort food," says Albert's Organic's Harris. "It snows. You buy milk and bread. It's psychological." In

the summer, when cows are producing more milk, we aren't drinking it. And it's not like milk is something you can stockpile for the lean times.

The Coop's own sales seem to bear this out. During the weekend of January 21, when we experienced our first shortages of the year, milk sales were near record highs. "We sold 1,011 cartons of whole half gallons," Rosenthal says. "The record is 1035. It was the fourth highest week ever for milk sales."

### The Milky Silver Lining

To some degree, the shortage in organic milk—at least the degree to which it's weather related—represents some of the very reasons we buy organic: to consume food that is less processed, from animals that are more connected to their natural cycles, able to behave like animals. In the conventional milk market, the weather has less effect on the animals because they're kept indoors, away from the vicissitudes of Mother Nature. Moreover, if, say, a cold snap or a heat wave adversely affected milk supply, dairy farmers could simply manipulate milk production with growth hormones. When we buy organic, be it milk or

turkeys, there is no such manipulation. So, as Harris explains, a cold winter means smaller turkeys. Droughts and floods mean less milk. In effect, humans' food supply is at the whim of the animals, not vice versa.

If demand for organic milk increases, farmers say the price for it will have to go up. Some farmers say that milk needs to sell for five dollars a half gallon in order for them to make any money. (At the Coop, Natural by Nature now sells for just under four dollars a half gallon.) Harris also believes that we will see an increase in organic farms, dairy and otherwise. "I think we're going to see more farms becoming organic farms as demand grows," Harris says. "People's values are starting to shift, which is a wonderful thing. Maybe I don't need a huge gas-guzzling SUV. Maybe I can get a hybrid, save some money there and take care of what I put into my body."

### The Milky Future

For now, at least as winter continues, every week is a bit of a scramble for Rosenthal, if not for Coop members like Kyriacou. Our size and our buying power means that our distributors want to keep us happy and we are, to some degree, buffered from the shortages. In places like the local bodega, a small reduction can have a hugely adverse effect. "If the small corner store that sells three to four cases a week loses a case or two, that's 75 percent of their milk business," says Tottman.

So far, Rosenthal has been able to fill in the gaps with Organic Valley, but he has backup plans, and backup plans for those backup plans. If Organic Valley runs short, Rosenthal is looking into other sources of organic HTST milk. If those become unavailable, he says the Coop may turn to Organic Valley UHT (Ultra High Temperature) milk because milk that has been pasteurized at higher temperatures has a much longer shelf life and can be trucked across the country. If UHT is no longer an option, Rosenthal would start looking at organic, local milk as minimally processed as possible, and if that's not possible, then he'd pursue local non-organic sources. There's always a contingency plan.

And of course, there's always spring. ■



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SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

# Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: Beer Wars

By Adam Rabiner

Park Slope is a beer lover's neighborhood. Establishments like the Beer Table, Bierkraft, the Dram Shop, the Park Slope Food Coop, or even Key Food or bodegas have selections of high-end craft beer that even the snobbiest of beer snobs could tip their hat to.

But it wasn't always this way. In the 1970s or 1980s, Slopers may have been limited to Coors, Budweiser or Miller.

The documentary *Beer Wars*, which will be screened at the Park Slope Food Coop on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m., chronicles the recent history of beer in the United States, the rise of micro-breweries and the response to competition by the three large breweries that dominate the market.

Ironically, its director, Anat Baron, former head of Mike's Hard Lemonade, is allergic to alcohol. For this reason Baron's film is less an appreciation of the taste of a good beer than it is a riveting case study—told by an industry insider—of an oligopolistic, competitive, \$97 billion dollar industry controlled by large multinational corporations.

*Beer Wars* is the story of the craft brewing renaissance and focuses on the tales of two entrepreneurs: Rhonda Kallman, whose caffeinated beer, Moonshot (subsequently banned by the FDA), desperately needs an investor; and Dogfish Head founder, Sam Calagione, as he navigates the expansion of his microbrewery without compromising his principles.

Their artisanal beers are a tiny fraction of the market—the vast majority of the 6,550,000,000 gallons of beer consumed annually in the United States remain the light, indistinguishable lagers produced by Anheuser-Busch, Miller and Coors Brewing Company.

However, this tiny corner of the market is where the greatest growth and profits lie.

*Beer Wars* shows how the Big Three deploy every means at their disposal to defend their traditional turf and pursue new opportunities.

The documentary explores

some of the empires' strategies: spending \$1.5 billion on advertising and sponsorships to develop brand identities, developing a "beer lobby" to support the status quo distribution system that favors the largest producers, muscling out smaller rivals for retail shelf space, brand acquisitions and extensions, competitive pricing and mergers and acquisitions.

At the end of the day, Miller and Coors join forces to compete against Anheuser-Busch, which was swallowed up by its European competitor InBev.

The Supreme Court has ruled that corporations are people. Baron's film tells a different story. While Coors, with its after-hours gym and Miller with its employee pub, come across in a relatively positive light, the same cannot be said about Anheuser-Busch—except for the Budweiser Clydesdales horses.

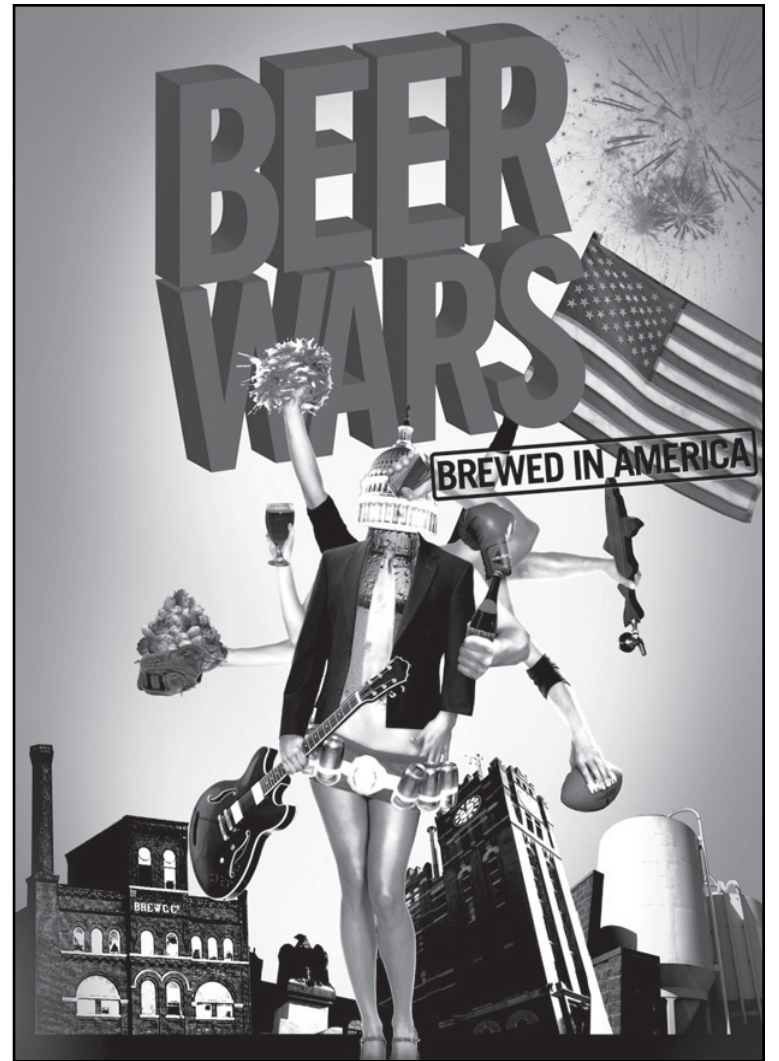
For the most part, Anheuser-Busch is depicted as a faceless entity lacking personality, but with an insatiable drive to grow at

all costs and employ every available tactic to dominate the market and crush its competitors. In sharp contrast, Rhonda Kallman and Sam Calagione are all too human.

Like other alternative producers and pioneers who are described as "freaky," "radical," "folk artists" and "outside the status quo," they are creative and passionate about their product and also worried about their debt, business plans, time spent on the road and in bars away from family, and whether Dogfish Head's expansion plans leave room for the planned bocce court.

There is a scene in the documentary that sums up how personal microbreweries really are:

Calagione is sitting in his office being interviewed and the phone rings. He picks up. On the other end of the line is a consumer the founder has never met or spoken to before. The beer drinker got Calagione's office line from a Dogfish



Head beer bottle (his number is printed on each one) and they chat.

Try reaching the king of the King of Beers at 1-800-DIAL-BUD... *Beer Wars* reminds us

that there is a big difference. ■

Watch *Beer Wars* on Tuesday, February 14, 7 p.m. Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St, 2nd Floor. Refreshments will be served.

## RETURN POLICY



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

### REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

1. The Paid-In-Full receipt **MUST** be presented.
2. Returns must be handled within 30 days of purchase.

### CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

No, we do not "exchange" items. You must return the merchandise and re-purchase what you need.

## CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

Produce*	Bulk* (incl. Coop-bagged bulk)
Cheese*	Seasonal Holiday Items
Books	Special Orders
Calendars	Refrigerated Supplements
Juicers	& Oils
Sushi	*A buyer is available during the week-days to discuss your concerns.

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Refrigerated Goods (not listed above)  
Frozen Goods  
Meat & Fish  
Bread

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BEFORE  
EXPIRATION DATE  
Packaging/label  
must be present-  
ed for refund.

Items not listed above that are unopened  
and unused in re-sellable condition

RETURNABLE

The Coop reserves the right to refuse returns on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions, please contact a staff member in the Membership Office.

## Textonyms

The numbers on modern telephone keypads are associated with groups of three or four letters:

2 = ABC, 3 = DEF, 4 = GHI, 5 = JKL,  
6 = MNO, 7 = PQRS, 8 = TUV, 9 = WXYZ

Many texting devices support "predictive text." That is, when number keys are pressed, the matching letter possibilities are looked up in a dictionary to find a matching word. For example, 2-2-8 might be turned into the word C-A-T.

However, the same keys (2-2-8) also correspond to other words—BAT or ACT. These alternative possible words are known as "textonyms."

Each of the words listed below has at least one common English word textonym. It may help to first turn the word back into a corresponding letter sequence. The first word is done for you.

ACHE	2243 = ACID, CAGE
GOOD	
PAGE	
TRUCK	
PHASE	
RUBBLE	
SUPPLE	
CIRCUIT	
SEETHED	
MATERIAL	

Puzzle author: Stuart Marquis. For answers, see page 16.

## Christmas Trees

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may even be “greener.”

Research funded by the ACTA (which represents retailers of artificial and real trees)

suggests that real trees do not necessarily deliver a clear environmental advantage.

Many tree farms use chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Oregon, the leading producer of real Christmas trees in the

U.S., has recently developed a sustainability program for their farms, certifying qualified growers as “Socially and Environmentally Qualified Farms.” But so far, only five farms have been certified, according to a report in Sustainable Business Oregon. (The trees sold near the Coop on Union Street from Wind Swept Farm in Vermont, are organic.) Once the trees are harvested, many are trucked great distances to market. And in the end, many, if not most, trees are discarded into landfills.

On the other hand, most artificial trees are made from PVC (polyvinyl chloride), a plastic that, according to the ACTA, requires only 70 percent of the energy needed for production compared to other plastics and has excellent recyclable properties. (But that is also the most toxic of plastics from a manufacturing perspective, and is banned by the Coop.)

Summing up the comparison, the ACTA suggests that the “break-even” point where artificial trees become more environmentally friendly than real trees comes at around six years of use.

### In the Spirit

But of course environmental impact is not the

only, and perhaps not generally the most important, criterion for choosing between an artificial Christmas tree and a real one.

Evergreens may be symbols of Christmas, but they also make real connections to the world outside. Indeed, Christians adopted the custom from much older pagan traditions. The use of evergreens to mark the winter solstice was part of cultures as diverse as those of the ancient Romans, the Celtic Druids and the Scandinavian Vikings.

It's as though death, as represented by the shortest day of the year and the onset of winter, might be fore-

stalled by the magical power of trees that stay green, alive, all year round. From that perspective, perhaps, there are deep human reasons to cling to real trees even in an increasingly artificial world.

The deep power of real trees seemed to animate Mulchfest, especially the children, fascinated by the machines that turned the mighty trees into a cloud of chips. I watched a pair of young brothers cling to the barrier that kept them safe from the whirring machinery. Their eyes were bright, and they were waving.

“Goodbye, Christmas tree! Goodbye, Christmas tree! See you next year!” ■



ILLUSTRATION BY MICHELLE SHAY

### The Park Slope Food Coop Agenda Committee (“AG”) is seeking qualified nominees to stand for election and serve on the committee.

The AG was established by the General Meeting (“GM”) to help facilitate the timely presentation of Coop business to the members attending the monthly meeting.

In addition to assembling the monthly agenda and maintaining records of items submitted, the AG works with members who submit items for consideration by the GM and may need assistance formulating proposals and discussion points.

The AG meets the first Tuesday of every month at 8pm at the Coop. Committee members are also required to attend five (5) GMs per year.

In addition, committee members caucus by telephone and via e-mail as needed to facilitate committee business.

Qualifications include a cooperative spirit, experience working in a committee environment, and an ongoing interest in the business of the Coop. Interested members contact Ann Herpel in the Membership Office.

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

## Board of Directors Election

### The General Meeting & The Board of Directors

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the monthly General Meeting has been the decision-making body of the Coop. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors.

The Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop state: “The portion of the Board of Directors meeting that is devoted to receiving the advice of the members shall be known as the General Meeting.... The members who gather to give advice to the directors may choose to vote in order to express their support or opposition for any of the issues that have come before the meeting.”

### Duties of the Directors

The Board of Directors is comprised of five elected Coop members and the senior General Coordinator present. Members serve three-year terms. Members of the Board are expected to attend GMs monthly. They receive Coop work credit for their attendance.

The Board of Directors conducts votes at the end of every GM whether to accept the advice of the members that night. Members of the Board are required to act legally and responsibly.

### Openings

There are three openings on the Board. We have two three-year terms open this year and one one-year term.

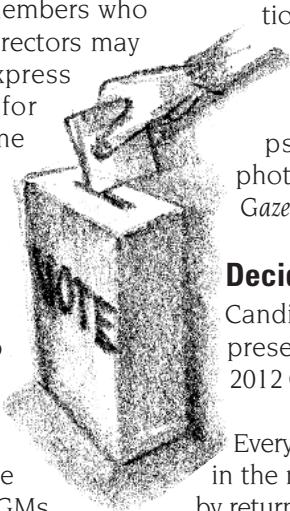
### Candidate Deadline

If you wish to place your name into nomination, you must declare your candidacy by Thursday, March 1, 2012. Please submit a statement of up to 750 words to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Please include a small photo for publication in the *Linewaiters' Gazette* and the member proxy mailing.

### Deciding and Voting

Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform at the March 27, 2012 General Meeting.

Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. Members may vote by returning their ballots by mail or by bringing them to the Coop. Members may also vote at the Annual Meeting on June 26, 2012.



## LEFFERTS FARM FOOD COOPERATIVE

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

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

### JOIN OUR PLANNING GROUP

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

### GET INVOLVED

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

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



## MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

## Is the Coop to Be Used to Promote Hate?

By Barbara Mazor

"Gaza reminded me of pictures of the Warsaw Ghetto," the speaker told the audience at a Coop workshop. To see the destruction in the aftermath of a war is shocking. But can Gaza really be equated with the Warsaw Ghetto?

A few brief facts illustrate the absurdity of such a comparison.

As part of their program to exterminate the Jewish population of Europe, the Nazis herded the 400,000 Jews of Warsaw, Poland into an area of 1.3 square miles. Gaza City, with a similar sized population, is 17.4 square miles. (The Gaza Strip has a population similar in size to Manhattan, and over four times the area.)

Over 100,000 people died in the Ghetto due to disease and starvation. Life expectancy in Gaza is about 73 years, an increase of more than 25 years since 1967.

The Ghetto was a holding area for deportation to death camps. As people were moved out, more population was brought in from the countryside. More than 300,000 people were sent to the camps from Warsaw. There are, of course, no extermination

camps in Israel.

Contrary to Nazi propaganda, the Jews did not have a plan to take over Europe. The charter of Hamas, the popularly elected government of Gaza, includes a call to kill Jews and destroy the Zionist presence.

The total weaponry of the Jewish Resistance in Warsaw was nine rifles, 59 pistols and a couple of grenades. During Operation Cast Lead, more than 700 rockets and mortars were fired into Israel from Gaza. The various terrorist organizations in Gaza maintained multiple weapons caches stored in civilian areas. This is in addition to the over 8,000 rockets fired from Gaza into Israel during years preceding Cast Lead.

An additional 50,000 people were killed during the final liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto. The 1,437 Gazan casualties during Operation Cast Lead account for less than 0.01% of the Gaza population. Nearly two-thirds of the casualties have been positively identified by Hamas as combatants. The damages of war should not be understated, but they should not be exaggerated, either.

If the analogy is so wrong, why would anyone use it? To

say Gaza is like Warsaw is to transmit the impression that Israel is like the Nazis, the paradigm of evil. Therefore, Israel and its supporters are evil; evil must be destroyed. The Hamas Charter is justified. Making such a comparison is vile. It reveals an animus to the Jewish state that is beyond the range of rational discourse. It was said in our Coop, and our Coop subsidi-

dized the event by providing free space and free publicity.

The event was conducted by the group working to have the Coop join the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions of Israel (BDS) movement. Taking advantage of our rules, they are exploiting our Coop for the perverse purpose of demonizing the Jewish State. In the process, they are tearing at the fabric of our Coop and alienating a growing portion of the membership.

They are not engaging in legitimate criticism of Israel. They are not engaging in peace building. Were they truly concerned for the welfare of Palestinians, they would be working for rapprochement and co-existence. Instead they work to demonize Israel and further polarize both sides. This is not the purpose of our Coop.

Please join me in calling for an end to the BDS activities at our Coop. Send an email to [morehummus@gmail.com](mailto:morehummus@gmail.com). ■

## 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.

## GAZETTE COMMITTEE REPORT

## Gazette Editorial Policies

By Stephanie Golden and Erik Lewis,  
Gazette Coordinating Editors

The *Gazette* editorial staff is working to be as consistent and transparent as possible. To this end, here is a summary of our editorial policies.

Please also be sure to review the editorial policies that are printed in every issue of the *Gazette*. Submission guidelines appear with the masthead, and the Anonymity, Respect, and Fairness Policies appear with the Letters.

Editors are the final authority on edited content: Reporters' articles, Committee Reports, Member Submitted Articles.

**Member Submitted Articles** (MSAs) are reviewed and edited by editors using standard editorial criteria. MSAs can be on any topic the writer chooses, except they cannot be blatant advertisements or promotions of businesses. Editors are not required to do

extensive line editing on MSAs. Articles that are very poorly written and/or incoherent will be rejected. MSAs must adhere to the Fairness, Respect and Anonymity Policies that also apply to letters. If an MSA is rejected, the writer may re-write and re-submit for the same issue (deadline permitting) or a subsequent issue.

- The difference between an article and a letter is that the article can be longer, but is subject to editorial scrutiny and possible rejection; the letter isn't, as long as it adheres to the guidelines. The choice between letter and article is the writer's choice. It has nothing to do with the topic of the piece, but only with its length.

- If an editor determines that a substantive change is needed to an MSA, the edi-

tor must make a reasonable effort to contact the writer of the article, and the writer must respond within a reasonable length of time. The editor will discuss the change with the writer, and, within the context of that discussion, decide what the editorial change will be. Bottom line—the editor has the final word on what goes into the article and what goes into the *Gazette*.

**Letters** are not edited. If a letter has no title, the editor can provide one. If it has a title, that title is generally used. We print every letter that meets the word count and the Respect, Fairness and Anonymity Policies' criteria.

Only one letter or MSA is allowed per member per issue. During times of intense dialogue in the *Gazette*, letters signed by five or more persons will be considered "petition" letters or "collective" letters, and their signers will be allowed to publish another letter in the same issue. Letters signed by four or

fewer signers will be considered to come from each signer, and the signers may not submit another letter or MSA in the same issue.

A Committee Report must report on the policies/activities of the committee. If not, the *Gazette*/the editor can reject it, and suggest that the writer submit a Member Article (subject to editorial review) with a smaller word allotment, or a letter (not subject to editorial review).

Political endorsements are confined to Letters, and prohibited in Member Sub-

mitted Articles.

Reporter articles will steer clear of political candidates during campaigns.

If a letter criticizing a *Gazette* article or decision requests a response, the editor or reporter concerned must respond in the same issue, in some form. That is, the editor or reporter has the right to say, "I decline to comment," or to write a fuller editorial note. If the critical letter does not call for a response, the reporter or editor may respond in the next issue by writing a letter. ■

## Length of Editorial Items:

Letters—no more than 500 words

Reporter articles—1200 words—extended in some cases at discretion of Editor.

Committee Reports—1000 words

Coordinators' Reports—1200 words

Member Submitted Article—750 words

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

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

## Childcare Hours:

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

## Telephone:

718-622-0560

## Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS'  
GAZETTE

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

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

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Friday  
Feb 17

8:00 p.m.

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**The Good Coffeehouse**  
COOP CONCERT SERIES

A monthly musical  
fundraising partnership of  
the Park Slope  
Food Coop and  
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...

**Second Saturday**  
**FEBRUARY 11**  
**10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**Third Thursday**  
**FEBRUARY 16**  
**7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.**

**Last Sunday**  
**FEBRUARY 26**  
**10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

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

## PLASTICS

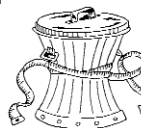
**What plastics do we accept?**  
**Until further notice:**

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

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

**PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN & DRY**

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



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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Plastics Recycling

Thursday evening, 6:45 to 9:30 p.m.

Join in the Coop's effort to be a better environmental citizen. Work outside in front of the Coop with other members of the Recycling Squad accepting returned plastic containers, making sure they are clean and meet the Recycling Squad criteria. Stack and pack plastic for recycling. Must be reliable and willing to work outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Office Set-up

Thursday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.

Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies,

recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

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 or call the

Membership Office Saturday through Wednesday to speak to her.

Laundry Prep and Miscellaneous Cleaning

Sunday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Coop is looking for members to collect laundry from around the building and prepare it for washing. After starting the first load of laundry, you'll complete the balance of the shift with miscellaneous cleaning tasks. Instructions and checklists will be provided. If you are interested or would like more information call Jana or Annette in the Membership Office.

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the 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).

General Meeting Info

TUE, FEB 28

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, MAR 6

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

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Feb 23 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 13  
Mar 8 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Feb 27

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Feb 23 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 15  
Mar 8 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Feb 29

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

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

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

**Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)** • Meet the Coordinators • Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature  
**Open Forum (7:15 p.m.)** Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.  
**Reports (7:30 p.m.)** • Financial Report • Coordinators' Report • Committee Reports  
**Agenda (8:00 p.m.)** The agenda is posted on the Coop Web site, foodcoop.com, the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.  
**Wrap Up (9:30-9:45)** (unless there is a vote to extend the meeting) • Board of Directors' vote • Meeting evaluation • Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• **Advance Sign-up required:**

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

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

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

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

• **Certain Squads not eligible:**

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

• **Attend the entire GM:**

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

• **Signing in at the Meeting:**

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

• **Being Absent from the GM:**

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

**The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business.** As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally pro-cessed 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

feb 11  
sat 1:30 – 4 pm

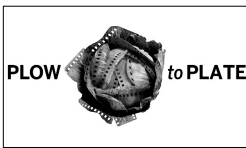
## Valentine Card Making For Everyone



Bring family and friends of all ages to a Valentine's Day Card Making party in the Coop's Meeting Room. We'll supply glue, markers, and paper; bring any other special art materials you would like to use. (And we'd love donations of art supplies such as buttons, fabric, recycled paper, magazines, newspaper and cardboard.)

feb 14  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Beer Wars



Director Anat Baron takes you on a no-holds-barred exploration of the U.S. beer industry that ultimately reveals the truth behind the label of your favorite beer. Told from an insider's perspective, the film goes behind the scenes of the daily battles and all-out wars that dominate one of

America's favorite industries. *Beer Wars* begins as the corporate behemoths are being challenged by small, independent brewers who are shunning the status quo and creating innovative new beers. The story is told through two of these entrepreneurs—Sam and Rhonda—battling the might and tactics of Corporate America. This is a revealing and entertaining journey that provides unexpected and surprising turns and promises to change the world's opinion on those infamous 99 bottles of beer on the wall. Special guests TBA.

feb 17  
fri 8 pm

## Trainwreck and Elijah Tucker



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American rock n' roll tradition, they often use elements of reggae, funk, soul, hip-hop and jazz. Some of their songs address issues of inequality and human struggles, some are a more philosophical exploration, some are love songs and some are just for fun. "The Wreck" is laid-back, true to itself and unlike anything you've heard before. With passion born of tribulation, **Elijah Tucker** reaches into uncharted corners of his heart and comes out grinning. With the sweet rawness of early Springsteen and Van Morrison, the twists of Todd Rundgren and David Byrne and the soul-striving of Stevie Wonder and Joni Mitchell, he makes sounds to swim in.

**Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45. The Very Good Coffeehouse is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. To book a Coffeehouse event, contact Bev Grant, 718-788-3741.**



feb 18  
sat 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.

feb 18  
sat 4 – 8 pm

## Knit & Sip Series

Calling all knitters and crocheters. Please bring yarns and needles and be prepared to knit and crochet hats, scarves and handwarmers. All finished items will be donated to "Occupy Wall Street." We will also accept yarn donations for our cause. **Naeemah Senghor** is a knitter, crocheter and raw-foodist and loves to organize swaps and community events. She has been organizing "Knit & Sips" all over Brooklyn. She has been a Coop member for several years.

feb 25  
sat 2 pm

## EFT Workshop

A sick person said it was too painful to get up after sitting in a chair for two hours. I said, "Do this EFT" (Emotional Freedom Techniques). She mimicked my fingers and tapped herself on the same eight places of her upper body. In less than a minute and before she finished, she stood up and was pain-free and amazed. Another person who had a phobia about elevators for 17 years was cured in four sessions. Another was worried and had fears about his fatherhood. He left courageous and confident after a single session. Another said she got her sister back after one tapping session, and said that she owed it all to me. Bring your anger, depression, fears, blocks and worries to the EFT Workshop. See the miracles. Presented by Coop member **Carolyn Meiselbach**.

feb 26  
sun 12 pm

## Staying Healthy at Your Desk

Is your time being sedentary harming your health? Whether for personal or professional reasons, most of us spend extended time at our computers or sitting at a desk. Learn to deal with extended time at your desk in a healthy and efficient way. Learn simple desk stretches and a correct desk set-up. Manage daily stress with quick and easy relaxation techniques. Maintain a healthy diet and daily exercise with some savvy preparation and planning ideas. Coop member **Shannon Sodano** is a nutritionist, yoga teacher and fitness instructor who leads health classes, seminars and retreats for individuals as well as companies.

feb 28  
tue 7 pm

## Film Screening: *Until When*

Set during the current Intifada, this 2004 documentary follows four Palestinian families living in Dheisheh Refugee Camp near Bethlehem. Fadi is 13 and cares for his four younger brothers. The Hammashes are a close-knit family who pass on the lessons of life with humor and passion. Sana is a single woman who endures long commutes to do community work, and Emad and Hanan are a young couple trying to shield their daughter from the harsh realities of the occupation. They talk about their past and discuss the future with humor, sorrow, frustration, and hope. *Until When* paints an intimate in-depth portrait of Palestinian lives today. Coop member **Suzy Salamy** is the co-producer/co-videographer of this film. She will be present at this screening.

feb 28  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC FEB 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:** Phasing Out Plastic Roll Bag Distribution on the Shopping Floor (45 minutes)  
**Discussion:** "Environmental Committee and concerned members recommend phasing out distribution of plastic roll bags on the shopping floor. They will present alternatives, which will help us comply with the Coop's Environmental Policy, and address our role in the financial, environmental, health, and social injustice of plastic production, recycling, and pollution."  
—submitted by Environmental Committee

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

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



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**Item #2:** Requiring the Use of Coop Carts & Baskets While Shopping (15 minutes)  
**Discussion:** “Creating a new policy requiring members to shop into Coop-provided carts and baskets only, rather than into their own bags, backpacks, carts, boxes, and strollers.”  
*Submitted by General Coordinators*

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.

**mar 1**  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Taste of China



In this vegetarian class, we will introduce students to Chinese ingredients and cooking techniques. Japanese-born chef and Coop member **Asami Mondrone** will demonstrate and discuss healthy substitutions for some traditional ingredients that are not health-supportive. She will discuss quality cooking oils, sweeteners, and thickeners. She will also demonstrate healthy cooking techniques. Asami has studied homeopathic cures, kinesiology, detox/cleansing, and whole-food nutrition. *Menu includes Szechuan-style tofu; steamed eggplant with ginger and garlic sauce or Chinese-style cucumber pickles; mango chia-seed coconut milk. Materials fee: \$4.*

**Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

**mar 2**  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night: Alice Neel



Portrait painter Alice Neel (1900–84) was a self-described collector of souls who recorded her sitters on canvas through six decades of the 20th century, among them Andy Warhol, Bella Abzug, Allen Ginsberg, and Annie Sprinkle. She sacrificed almost everything for her art, delving so far into the psyches of her sitters she would almost lose herself. Yet Neel was

also a dedicated mother, raising two sons in the bohemian world she inhabited. Filmmaker Andrew Neel, Alice Neel's grandson, puts together the pieces of the painter's life using intimate one-on-one interviews with Neel's surviving family and personal archival video. Editor Luke Meyer and producers Ethan Palmer and Tom Davis will be in attendance for a Q&A after the screening.

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

**mar 3**  
sat 11 am

## Healthy Thyroid

Learn how to heal your own thyroid and free yourself of weight gains, depression, indigestion, hair loss and possibly medication. Topics of this talk will include food that sabotages and food that heals the thyroid; how water impacts the thyroid; vitamins and minerals that matter; emotions, stress and the thyroid; how to pick a good endocrinologist and what to ask him/her; and how to interpret thyroid blood test results. Coop member **Magdalena** cured herself from years of Hashimoto's Disease, which is an auto-immune disease causing hypothyroid. She was told it was incurable. Today she teaches how to self-heal with food, supplements, water and stress management.

**mar 4**  
sun 12 – 1 pm

## Young Children in a Wired World: Technology & Your Kids

Join us for a workshop on technology and young children to discuss what we know about technology and literacy, attention, and health; how to choose the best from the rest; and the role you want tech to play in your family. Space is limited, so please RSVP via e-mail: [info@playdatesforparents.org](mailto:info@playdatesforparents.org). Coop member **Becky Plattus** is a social worker and early-childhood and parent educator. She has worked in various preschool, daycare, and early-childhood settings, providing consultation, counseling and education to children, parents, and educators.

**mar 6**  
tue 6:30 pm

## Bicycle Commuting, Grocery Shopping by Bicycle

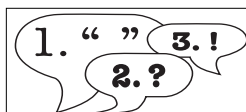


Would you like to use your bicycle to commute to work or haul your groceries, but don't know how to get started? Worried about locking your bike on the street? Wondering how that bicyclist in the checkout line manages to carry a full shopping wagon of groceries on a bike? Seasoned volunteers from the

Five Borough Bicycle Club will explain how to get two-wheeled transportation into your life. Presented by the PSFC Shop and Cycle Committee. Coop member **Ed Ravin** has been volunteering for bicycling organizations for the past 25 years. He is a current board member of the Five Borough Bicycle Club and a past board member of Transportation Alternatives.

**mar 6**  
tue 8 pm

## Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop

an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com). **The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

**mar 7-8**  
wed-thu 4–6 pm

## See What the PAFCU Offers

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

## still to come

**mar 10** See What the PAFCU Offers

**mar 10** Coop Kids' Variety Show

**mar 13** Safe Food Committee Film Night

**mar 16** The Very Good Coffeehouse Coop Concert Series

**mar 17** Food Justice in Palestine/Israel

**mar 18** Fitness for Moms

**mar 24** Esperanto

**mar 27** Finding the Work You Love

**mar 27** PSFC MARCH General Meeting

**mar 30-31** Blood Drive

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## A COMMUNITY EVENT: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE ISRAELI/ PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

### TO THE PSFC COMMUNITY,

We are observing a new anti-accommodation era in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict with an emergence of a new set of tactical and ideological assaults on efforts towards a just and durable peace. There is a new “lawfare”—the misuse of law as a political weapon—seeking to accomplish what warfare has not, the isolation and demonization of Israel as villain in the violation of international law and human rights, aided by the willful omission of the context and justification of legitimate self-defense. New actors have taken center stage in this obstructionist arena, most notably lawfare-exploiting NGO’s (non-governmental organizations) and global rejectionist movements using a new species of exoneration politics that considers manifest acts of terrorism as legitimate expressions of national resistance, while renouncing rational engagement and negotiation.

Progressive Voices for Peace in the Middle East (PVPME), a Brooklyn-based initiative, grew out of the recognition that these next-generation

obstacles to peace require effective confrontation through counter-lawfare initiatives and the need for a new rational and equitable discourse in addressing the clash of competitive nationalist aspirations for self-determination in the same land.

Imperative in this context is a new equity in geopolitics that eschews disproportionate approbation of one actor to the exclusion of all others while also acknowledging the competitive narratives of national ambition and identity in the Middle East, with the need for new engagement and negotiation. This requires new and progressive voices for peace and accommodation, and to that end PVPME is sponsoring The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict Today: Obstacles and Opportunities, bringing you a distinguished panel of speakers across a broad spectrum of perspectives:

**Michael Walzer**, Board of Directors, Americans for Peace Now, Author, *Just and Unjust Wars*. Americans for Peace Now (APN) is a progressive non-partisan organization working to achieve a comprehensive political settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**Brooke Goldstein**, Director of The Lawfare Project, which identifies, analyzes and formulates response to lawfare, the use and abuse of law as a weapon of war to achieve strategic

military or political ends.

**Zuhdi Jasser**, Founder and President, American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD), the most prominent American Muslim organization directly confronting the ideologies of political Islam.

**Yona Shem-Tov**, Executive Director, Encounter, which seeks to transform conflict between Israelis and Palestinians through face-to-face understanding, engagement and negotiation.

The Venue: Old First Reformed Church (entrance at 729 Carroll Street near 7th Avenue) Lower (ground floor) Hall.

Sunday, March 4th, 2012, 2:00 PM

Admission: Free, voluntary contributions of \$5 at the door appreciated to defray costs.

Respectfully,

Constantine Kaniklidis

Progressive Voices for Peace

in the Middle East (PVPME)

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME)

## FRENCH REPORT ACCUSES ISRAEL OF WATER ‘APARTHEID’ POLICIES

### COOP MEMBERS:

The French Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee recently published on its website a report “accusing Israel of implementing ‘apartheid’ policies in its allocation of water resources in the West Bank.” The report, based on visits to Israel and Palestine territories in May 17-19, 2011 cited meetings with several senior government officials including Water Commissioner, Uri Shani and Energy and Water Resources Ministries, Uzi Landau.

### Water Deprivation: Israel’s Weapon Against Palestinians

Summary points from report plus supporting data include:

1. Water is not allocated fairly to West Bank Palestinians. Palestinians consume an average of 50 liters per day, Israelis 200 liters per day. World Health Organization has determined that 100 liters of water per day are necessary to guarantee

basic health and sanitation.

2. Palestinians have no access to the territory’s underground aquifers.

3. Israel was perpetuating a “water occupation” against the Palestinians.

4. Israel’s settlement expansion is seen as a “water occupation” of both streams and aquifers.

5. The separation wall build by Israel illegally annexes about 10 percent of the West Bank where dozens of wells and springs are located and water is directed to benefit Israel.

6. Israel systematically demolishes wells and cisterns built by Palestinians to harness rainfall for their basic water needs. According to Shaddad Attali, head of Palestinian Water Authority, “the number of demolitions continues to increase, with at least 25 Palestinian wells and 32 Palestinian cisterns demolished in 2011 alone.”

7. Many water purification facilities planned by the Palestinian Water Ministry are being blocked by Israel. In 2011, “200 water and wastewater projects were stranded at one phase or another of the permitting process,” some since 1999.

### Background History: Six-Day War, 1967: “Water Domination” By Israel In Occupied Palestinian Territory

Following victory in 1967, Israel occupied East Jerusalem and Gaza. With the occupation of the West Bank and The Golan Heights Israel gained control over the Jordan River, the three massive groundwater basins known as the Mountain Aquifer and control over Lake Tiberias and the Jordan headwaters. The army (IDF) was given authority over all “water issues” in the West Bank.

Palestinians are forced, funds permitting, to purchase water supplied to the Palestinian Water Authority by Mekorot, a semi-privatized entity.

It has become “the single largest supplier of water in the West Bank.”

### “Water Apartheid” Impacts Palestinians;

Water, land and food are interwoven for Palestinians in the West Bank. Water deprivation is a political weapon to force the transfer of Palestinians off their land. Without an ade-



## LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

### Anonymity

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

### Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, fac-

tual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author’s firsthand 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.

## GAZETTE COMMITTEE REPORT

## New Letters Policy

By Stephanie Golden and Erik Lewis, Gazette Coordinating Editors

In response to member comments regarding the number of letters in the *Gazette* about the BDS issue, our Editorial Board has set a new policy.

A letter signed by five or more people will be considered a “collective” letter, and the signers can publish an additional letter in the same issue. A letter signed by fewer than five people will be considered a letter from each of the signers, and our long-standing policy of one letter or member article per person per issue policy will apply: the signers cannot publish another letter in the same issue.

At least at this point, we are reluctant to limit these letters any further, since our mandate is to keep the *Gazette* open to all points of view.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

quate water supply, agriculture is limited and nutrition and health standards suffer.

**PSFC Mission Statement:**

... 'We seeks to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others,'

... 'We oppose discrimination in any form.'

Israel's policies in the Occupied Palestinian Territories are an affront to international standards of conduct. PSFC should end the sale of Israeli products until policies change.

References: Haaretz 1/17/12, IPS 1/18/12, Harper's Dec/2011, pp.52-61.

Mary Buchwald  
Brooklyn For Peace

**EXPECTATIONS OF WALKERS****TO THE EDITOR:**

Coop members need to think realistically and clearly about walkers. Being walked to your home or car is a privilege, not a right, and should not be taken for granted. As a squad leader, I hear complaints: "I've been waiting for 15 minutes," "I saw the walker come in and he disappeared," (then I told my walkers, "No peeing on this shift!"), etc. If everyone comes in expecting to be walked, we'd need 50 walkers on every shift. Of course not everyone behaves in an entitled and demanding fashion, but I hear these complaints way too often. So please—don't plan on a walker when you are on a tight schedule. Expect to wait. It's fine to ask a squad leader about walker availability, but it needs to be a question, not an accusation or a demand.

Thanks in advance,  
Emily Cohen

**DEFEND ISRAEL SUPPORT BDS****TO THE EDITOR**

The summer when I was three, cousins came to the country, silent with blue numbers on their forearms, after secret agony too profound to explain. We were told not to make noise nor run. I waited for the numbers to disappear, but they never did.

From Black neighbors on either side of our wood-framed house in the central Bronx, I learned during the civil rights movement about how their ancestors were kidnapped and as cargo survived the murderous Middle Passage. Then on TV, napalm bombings of Vietnamese villages, and then the contra war against the people of Nicaragua.

As a human, I wonder about fear and rage, violence and cruelty. I study the history and psychology of fascism—trying to understand how human beings fall into this perversion. All yearn for fulfilling lives.

Fanaticism is a mental illness. A society/tribe/people will be contami-

nated by shared terror. Block weeping with mourning and grief and suffering is transformed into aggression and violence meant to punish and obliterate the threat. Institutions created after collective trauma can hold in place distortions. Individuals identify only the choices offered within a sick system. Retribution cannot co-exist with nurturing hope that the suffering will end.

Israel is a divided nation. *Occupation Has No Future*, directed by David Zlutnick (2010; 84 minutes) taught me that Israeli young people are drafted into the military. University entrance, jobs and status in their community depends upon satisfactory discharge of duties in the army. When assigned without their consent, being forced to be perpetrators of severe repression, brutalizes young men who serve in the territories under Israeli military occupation. *Israel vs. Israel*, by Terje Carlson (2010; 75 minutes) follows four militant Israeli resisters including a rabbi, an anarchist organizer, an older woman monitoring checkpoints, and a former soldier who served in Hebron on the West Bank. Both are painful to watch. Twenty-five-year-old Yigal Amir, a Jewish Israeli law student, assassinated Israeli President Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995. He told the judge that it was to halt the Mideast peace process.

We who call for BDS defend Israel. We offer support to those determined to nurture the hope of living in peace. We tell the peaceniks that the world is watching and that we care about the Israelis and about the Palestinians.

Gnawing reality is our government's financing and providing diplomatic cover to the horrendous treatment of the captive Palestinian people living under Israel's military occupation of Gaza and the West Bank; tragic the threats and violence from the fanatic segments of the community. Fatal will be our ignoring the increasing fanaticism, violence and repression of resistance to corporate control and rule by the mega-wealthy here in New York City, USA.

Susan Metz

**POLITICAL ACTIVISM OR PREJUDICE****TO FELLOW COOP MEMBERS,**

For the past few years, we have been inundated by comments from a group insisting that we boycott products from and condemn Israel because of human rights violations. When questioned about its relevancy to the Coop, we have been told that the Park Slope Food Coop has always

been a geopolitical organization, taking stands on countries that violate human rights as evidenced by a previous boycott, many years ago, of South Africa. Is the Coop truly a geopolitical organization where we do take such stands? Since our boycott of South Africa, I do not recall political activism of such nature directed against any other nation from whom we buy products. I have been a Coop member for over 30 years. Is this political activism or prejudice?

Lila Rieman

**'HIJACKED' LETTERS****TO THE EDITORS:**

In his January 26th letter, Thomas Glynn claims that the letters column has been "hijacked by the pro and anti BDS people," and proposes that the Coop has other important issues to discuss. Mr. Glynn might instead have remarked that the danger facing the Coop is not that the letters column may be hijacked, but rather the Coop itself if BDS gets its way. That is the group which is attempting to force the Coop to accept a boycott of Israeli products through a barrage of letters and meetings which reveal a partisan hostility to every aspect of Israeli society. Coop members who are tired of hearing about that one issue can take action by demanding a withdrawal of the BDS proposal, or firmly voting no if and when it comes to a vote.

Michael Rieman

**THE STATE OF THE MIDDLE EAST****TO THE EDITOR:**

About Israel: it's a society where religious and communal differences are widely tolerated even absent universal concurrence. A free press exists representing diverse constituents in a variety of languages. In a multiparty democracy, justice if not perfect but accountable to the rule of law. Islam is worshipped everywhere, and the state openly vilified in the Hebrew as in the Arabic and multi-communal press. Decisions of ministerial and religious authorities are challenged by a public unafraid of repercussion and immune to censorship. Notwithstanding imperfection, Israel is the most open of societies in the Middle East for all its citizens and communities.

Neighboring Syria is different: there a dynastic dictatorship of a minority sect and family imposes one-party rule. Syria remains at war with Israel. By means of political assassination and by arming anti-

government militias, Syria exerts chaotic sovereignty over Lebanon. In the last months of civil strife in Syria, 5,000+ citizens have died. Where is justice for the majority in Syria where Jewish life was long held hostage to retribution and ransom?

In Arabia, African and "white" slavery remain endemic, a free press and elected parliament do not exist ... as they do not in Jordan. Women have no rights independent of father, husband, brother, tribe.

Saudi tanks recently invaded to bloodily suppress and kill peaceable Shia-majority demonstrators in neighboring Bahrain. All the while, Saudi Arabia remains the principle disseminator of anti-Semitic literature throughout the world.

What is also true of Libya: revenge killings, savagery, and chaos, a chilling spectacle reenacted with variation across the Islamic world. In Misurata, rebel soldiers sodomized then mutilated the body of their captive dictator, naming him a dirty Jew!

Turning to Egypt, peaceful women demonstrators are raped as of old wantonly by the military, their vaginas "inspected" in "virginity tests."

In Iraq, where the US displaced one tyranny with a worse at a cost of 100,000 civilian lives, anarchy and civil war prevail beneath the surface of order. Worse is true of Afghanistan.

Pakistan under the Bhuttos fomented civil war in Kashmir and supported rogue operations of its leading nuclear scientist through whom a profusion of technologies passed outside its control into dangerous hands.

In Turkey, an ethnic minority of nearly 15 million, the Kurds, is legally deprived of the use of its own language. Regrettably there is more.

While I abhor the uses to which this letters column is put in an effort to force upon members a boycott of Israel ... I oppose the publication of even one more letter or article on the subject of boycott, pro or con ... I ask each co-operator who reads this to see beyond allegations of unfairness, and focus instead on the general state of the Middle East and of our world. What do you see?

Can any aspect of Israeli life be worthy of our boycott as this infamy of strife, injustice, censorship, suppression, violence, torture, killing and rape lives wildly on at its borders today?

Allen Tobias

**THOU SHALT NOT**

*I dreamed I died in my favorite place,  
The driver's seat of my Ford.  
And found myself outside heaven's gate,  
On which some words from the Lord.  
Although quite strange it was also familiar,  
A place so inviting you'd pick it,  
With even a Food Coop reminder—  
On the windshield, a parking ticket.*

Leon Freilich



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## WORKSLOT NEEDS

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**Laundry and Toy Cleaning**  
**Sunday, 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

This work slot has two responsibilities. You will load laundry into the dryer, fold it, and redistribute it around the Coop. While the laundry is washing/drying, you will clean toys in the childcare room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

*Happy Valentine's Day*



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## CLASSIFIEDS

## CLASSES/GROUPS

A DAY OF PLAYBACK Sat. Feb. 18, 1:30 to 10 PM. Wow Cafe Theater on E. 4th St. Taught by Susan Metz. \$35 fee. Details on the website of Wow: [www.wowcafe.org/](http://www.wowcafe.org/) Entirely participatory for artists, activists and service providers to enjoy, grow & contribute. 718-636-9089.

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## 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.

### FRI, FEB 10

6:30 p.m. Melissa Kantor will be reading at "The Voracious Reader" which is located at 1997 Palmer Avenue in Larchmont. Come one come all! We can talk about love. And heartbreak. And books.

### SAT, FEB 11

8-10-30 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe Rod MacDonald at the Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (betw. Madison & Park) For info call 212-787-3903 www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members

### SUN, FEB 12

11 a.m. Free Admission "Celebrating James Baldwin" with Award-winning Brooklyn writer Moustafa Bayoumi, poet Gale P. Jackson, and friends. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 PPW @ 2nd St. www.BSEC.org.

### SAT, FEB 18

8-10:30 p.m. People's Voice Cafe Randy Noojin in "Hard Travelin' with Woody"; Elena Skye & Boo Reiners at the Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St. (betw. Madison & Park) For info call 212-787-3903 www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$15-18 general/\$10 members



### SAT, FEB 18

3 p.m. The 27th NY Sword Dance Festival. The festival features 12 sword dance groups for a week-end of performances in public spaces around the city, including the Brooklyn Heights Library. See website: halfmoonsword.org, call (212)569-4374 for full schedule. Live music! Family friendly.

### SUN, FEB 19

2 p.m. Join Angela Davis, Jarvis Tyner and others honoring the life and work of Henry Winston, the first African-American chair of the Communist Party USA. Entertainment by Harmonic Insurgence and Vinie Burrows. Wine and cheese reception. 235 W. 23rd St., NYC. \$15 at the door, low income \$5.

2:30 p.m. NY Sword Dance Grand Finale at the Brooklyn Museum. Earlier performances at Park Slope churches. Visit website: halfmoonsword.org, call (212) 569-4374 for full schedule. Live music! Family friendly.

### TUE, FEB 21

7:30-9:30 p.m. Alan Friend leads an Old-Time jam at the Brooklyn Pharmacy & Soda Fountain. Bring your fiddle, banjo, guitar, and play old-time Appalachian music. Acoustic instruments only! Pharmacy is at 513 Henry St. (at Sackett St.). Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. Contact Alan to verify it's on: call (718) 965-4074. or alanfriend\_music@mindspring.com

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### SUN, FEB 26

4 p.m. at the Central Library Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture; BPL Chamber Players: The Brooklyn Rider String Quartet, Johnny Gandelsman and Colin Jacobsen violins, Nicholas Cords viola, Eric Jacobsen violoncello. Free Admission

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