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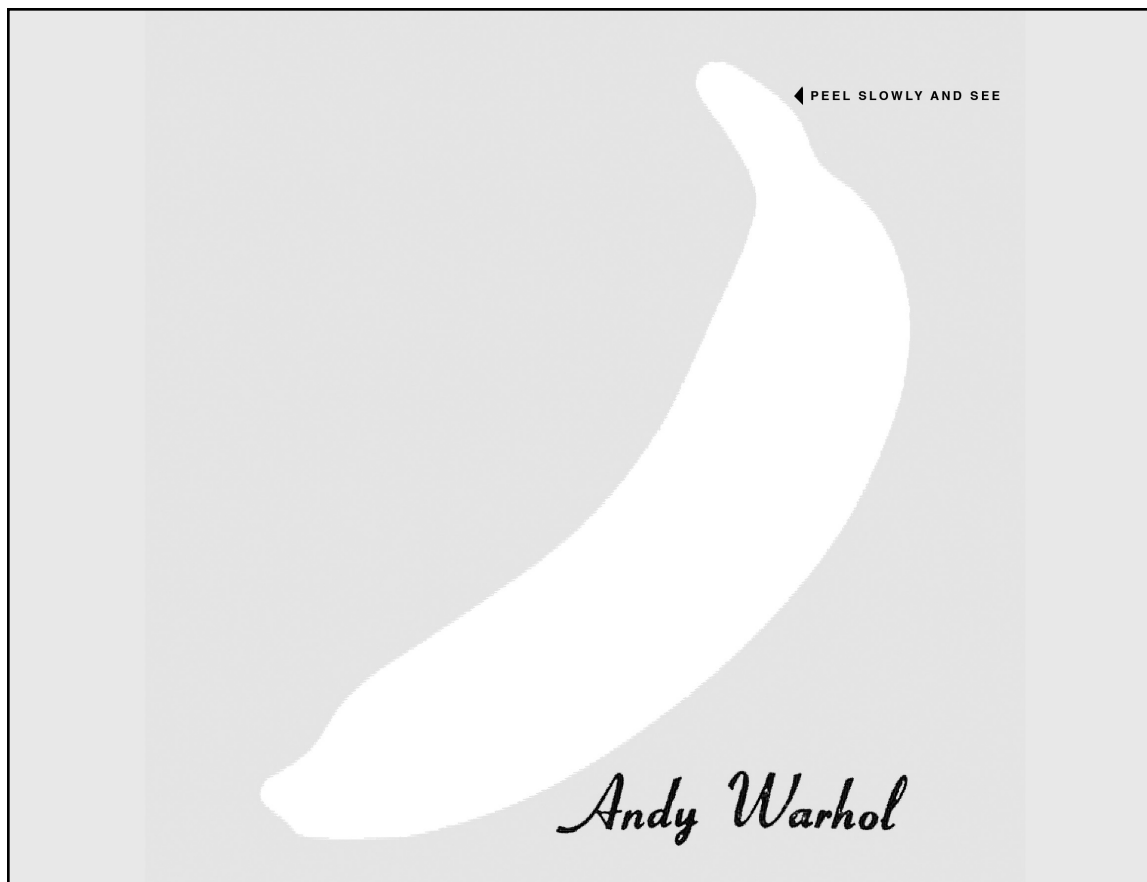
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# BANANAS



By Gayle Forman

**Y**ou probably don't know this, but the bananas you eat—with your cereal, in your smoothie, straight from the freezer, just plain as your mid-afternoon snack—most likely, every single one of them, are a single type of banana: the Cavendish. If you eat a yellow banana you bought from the Coop, or from your corner store, you are eating a Cavendish. And Americans eat a lot of Cavendishes: On average, we consume around 28 pounds of bananas per person per year. Coop members buy about 275 cases of Cavendish bananas a week.

You probably don't know this either: a century ago, the dominant banana (and, historians and biologists argue, better-tasting one) was the Gros Michel. According to Dan Koppel, author of the exhaustive book

*Banana: The Fate of the Fruit That Changed the World*, by 1900 Americans were eating fifteen million bunches of Gros Michels every year; by 1910, the number was forty million. But in the 1920s, something started to happen to the Gros Michels, a mysterious fruit blight, known as Panama Disease (the first strain of it, called Race 1) started infecting the Gros Michels. Over the next thirty years, a hundred thousand acres of Gros Michels were wiped out. For a while, there really were no bananas. You know that song, "Yes! We Have No Bananas"? That's why they had no bananas!

When the Gros Michel was essentially wiped out, all was not lost, because fruit producers—by then Chiquita had become a major player in South and Central America, thanks to

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## Building *Empires* Two Filmmakers Take Inspiration From the Coop, and Seek Its Help

By Thomas Matthews

**We** live in a world of empires, networks of communication, capital, culture and coercion, that work through and beyond the traditional power structures of tribe, sect and nation. So believe Marc Lafia and Johanna Schiller, filmmakers who are working on a documentary to trace and explore the reach and ramifications of our contemporary empires.

And, they report, the Coop has served them as both an incubator and an inspiration in their work. Now they are hoping Coop members will become participants in their project.

"The stakes are high," Lafia says, sipping a glass of wine at Brookvin on Seventh Avenue. The film's director, he has bright eyes, gray hair, a scruffy beard, and talks enthusiastically with his hands. He's curious, exuberant, thinking fast and speaking faster.

"The film consists of handsomely lit interviews in depth," Lafia explains. "Like a jazz score we come in with different voices at different angles, ricocheting and extending a line of thought, one speaker giving a varied view and angle, then another, then another, all of it performative of the network, a polyphony of voices [and] highly constructed montages," set to a diverse range of music.

"The aesthetic is a highly structured one," he adds. "Careful and formal, not the usual cut cut cut, music, music, music, tell people up front what you are going to say, say it again and then again. It is an aesthetic of form that interrogates the form by asking what are the questions and how are we asking them and how do things take shape."

He pauses for breath, then plunges ahead. "How do we have agency in our

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### Next General & Annual Meeting on June 26

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.\* The next General & Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl.

For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

To receive workslot credit for attending the monthly General Meeting, members must sign up in advance in one of the following three ways: on the Coop's website ([www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com)); add your name to the sign-up sheet in the ground-floor elevator lobby; or call the Membership Office.

## Coop Event Highlights

**Fri, Jun 1 • Film Night:**  
**My Perestroika** 7:00 p.m.

**Thu, Jun 7 • Food Class:**  
**Can It! Home Canning Basics** 7:30 p.m.

**Tue, Jun 12 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:**  
**Fed Up!** 7:00 p.m.

**Sat & Sun, Jun 23-24 • Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen**  
9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

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

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## BANANAS

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the banana—had another variety in their back pocket, explains Randy Ploetz, a professor of plant pathology at the Tropical Research & Education Center at the University of Florida.

The understudy who would become the star was the Cavendish, a near perfect banana. It had a nice shape, a firm texture, a good flavor. It travelled and ripened well and the color of its skin corresponded to its ripeness. Most important, the Cavendish was resistant to the early strains of Panama Disease.

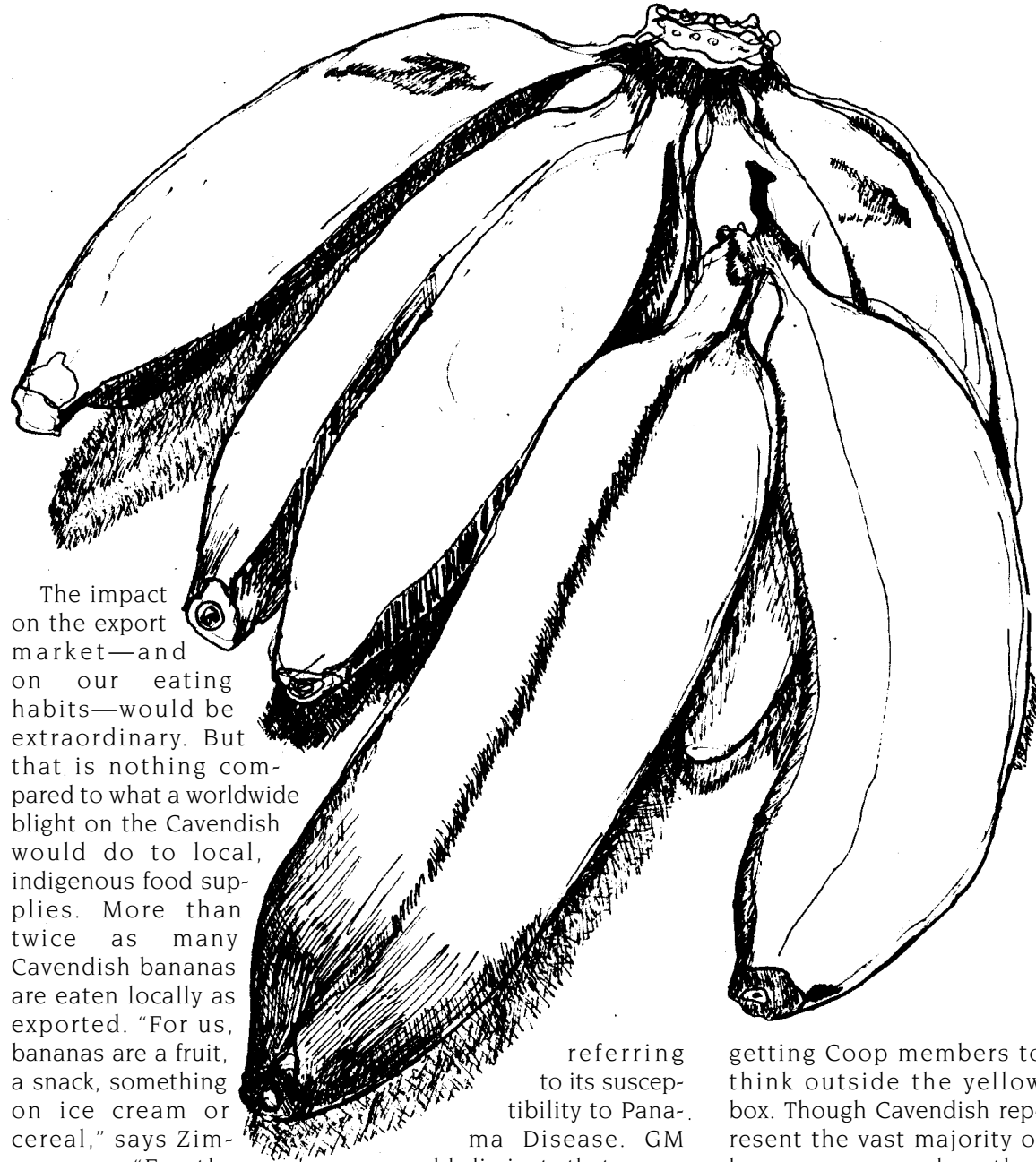
No more. Now, Panama Disease is back, in a new strain, known as Tropical Race 4. TR4 has shown itself to be particularly stubborn, resistant to known fungicides and poses a potentially devastating threat to the Cavendish. According to Ploetz, TR4 has the capacity to affect 80 percent of the world's bananas. It has already devastated banana crops in Australia and Southeast Asia. So far, TR4 has not spread to South and Central America—which produce the vast majority of banana exports—or to Africa—where bananas are a staple food. But scientists, farmers, and Coop coordinators alike are all keeping an eye on the disease's march.

"About ten years ago I first learned that Cavendish bananas would be extinct in ten years," says Coop General Coordinator and produce buyer Allen Zimmerman. "That didn't happen. But it isn't a wild speculation that says that this variety will be extinct. The banana that preceded it became extinct itself."

Ploetz is less positive that

the Cavendish will go the way of the Gros Michel, but he's not that hopeful. Right now, quarantine laws are the only thing that are keeping the TR4 out of South and Central America and Africa. But how long will those hold out? "Based on the way we move around, people are always moving stuff they shouldn't move," he says. But there are still many steps between infection and extinction. "How rapidly is it going to move? How rapidly would it expand? How quickly would it be before we realize we have this problem?" he asks. All of those issues could impact how quickly and effectively TR4 spreads.

But if the TR4 does infect the crops in South Central and South America and Africa the way it has in Australia, the consequences would be huge. For American consumers, it would mean the disappearance of yellow bananas as we know them. Cavendish bananas are a monoculture. There are other varieties of bananas grown—including plantains, and red bananas, which the Coop sells—but the Cavendish is king, which makes it particularly susceptible to disease. If it goes, the export market, for now, collapses. Unlike apples, which have unlimited varieties (scientists can graft different apples together to make ever new kinds) and other plants which can adapt to guard against new threats, bananas like the Cavendish "can't evolve," says Zimmerman. "They don't reproduce from seeds. They only reproduce from clones of original bananas. Scientists trying to breed a new Cavendish had to go through millions of bananas to detect a microscopic seed."



The impact on the export market—and on our eating habits—would be extraordinary. But that is nothing compared to what a worldwide blight on the Cavendish would do to local, indigenous food supplies. More than twice as many Cavendish bananas are eaten locally as exported. "For us, bananas are a fruit, a snack, something on ice cream or cereal," says Zimmerman. "For the vast majority in Africa, it's a massive staple, especially when you include plantains in the equation."

When the Gros Michels were obliterated, scientists already had the Cavendish standing by. Today, there is no backup breed in the event that TR4 does make its way into South America or Africa. What there is, however, is genetic modification: modifying the genetic makeup of the Cavendish to make it resistant to Panama Disease. The Cavendish "has this one Achilles' heel," says Ploetz,

referring to its susceptibility to Panama Disease. GM could eliminate that.

For Zimmerman, who is against genetically modified crops (the Coop does carry GM foods), the issue does become less black and white when you are taking into account the possibility of food shortages. Already, Uganda has introduced a genetically modified banana to stave off a different disease known as banana Xanthomonas wilt that was infecting 30 percent of Uganda's banana crops.

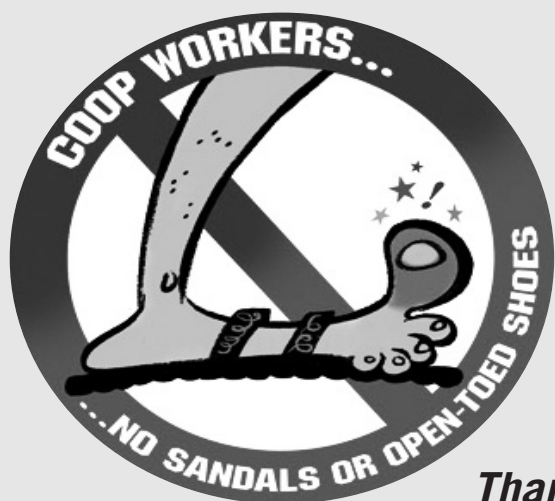
The problem, says Zimmerman, is that perhaps modifying the Cavendish to save the breed does save lives and stave off a food shortage. He fears that this will be the move that will make GM palatable, and will blow the doors wide open for agribusiness.

"Right now, there are major races going on," Zimmerman says. "One is to find some cross of bananas that preserves the desirable features of the Cavendish but develops some resistance to its diseases. The other is a race to see who can genetically modify bananas to give them protection to the bananas and preserve those qualities."

At the Coop, Zimmerman is hoping for a third option:

getting Coop members to think outside the yellow box. Though Cavendish represent the vast majority of bananas you can buy, they are by no means the only bananas out there, or even the only banana for sale. The Coop sells plantains, of course, though those must be cooked, as well as a red banana. Zimmerman says the red variety, which has a reddish purplish skin and is most ripe when it darkens, is sweeter, denser and more moist than a yellow banana, but Coop members so far remain reluctant to try it. During a recent week, the Coop sold 305 cases of yellow bananas—and two cases of reds.

Of course, necessity tends to dictate these things. And depending on how things go with TR4, it may well be that eventually, red is the new yellow. ■



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

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



# Is Fair Trade Unfair?

## Controversy Surrounds Fair Trade Certification Group

By Danielle Uchitelle

It seems like just a matter of time before everything we think we know gets proven to be the exact opposite of what we thought. Medicine that was supposed to help us ends up hurting us; what we thought was financial restraint ends up exposing us to withering risk; and those chocolates I steadfastly said no to could have prevented a heart attack. So it came with a sense of inevitability to learn that America's largest fair trade certification organization had become embroiled in a controversy over how fair, exactly, its fair trade really is.

As the largest fair trade certification organization in America, Fair Trade USA doles out the familiar black and white labels that show up on numerous Coop products, from coffee to chocolate to bananas. Their well-styled website describes fair trade certification as allowing "shoppers to quickly identify products that were produced in an ethical manner," a way for consumers to "reduce poverty through their everyday shopping." So far, so good. The organization defines principles that include fair price, fair labor conditions and community development. The controversy around Fair Trade USA centers on a recent decision to expand the scope of its certi-

cation to encompass not just small farms and farm collectives but plantation-style agribusiness establishments as well, a decision that has brought a storm of protest from other parts of the fair trade movement.

The problem stems from the very success of the fair trade movement. Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts and Walmart have all loudly proclaimed their commitment to purchasing fair trade products, and if you're Starbucks you can change the tides of supply and demand simply by deciding to purchase a higher percentage of what a Starbucks corporate press release calls "ethical coffee." More demand means that traditional farm collectives can't always produce enough coffee or chocolate or bananas to meet the demand—or at least, to meet the demand at a price that Starbucks and Walmart are willing to pay. Enter the plantation owners, who immediately grasped the benefit of being able to sell into this expanding market; and if it means they need to prove their fair treatment of the farm laborers who toil for them, they'll make certain they can prove it.

Fair Trade USA says its decision to accommodate plantation farms is simply a way to increase the size of the market

beyond the small farms and collectives that have been the traditional suppliers for these products. But some of those small farmers are fighting back against what they see as a tactic designed to reduce their influence in a growing market. "The decision of Fair Trade USA to include plantations in the system is a serious threat to the organizations," says Santiago Paz López, a representative for a fair trade organization in Peru as quoted in a recent newspaper article. "The small producers cannot compete with the plantations and large companies that have taken control of the market and of the decisions being made by Fair Trade USA."

It isn't only the small farm groups who are protesting; on January 1, Fair Trade USA formally severed its ties with Fairtrade International (FLO), a global association of more than two dozen organizations working with fair trade producers. Stating that "while Fair Trade USA and FLO share the same mission, we have differing perspectives and strategies on how to reach our goals," Fair Trade USA claims that their move will provide "the freedom to innovate and evolve the Fair Trade model with better results for all." This innovation will include, states Fair Trade USA, an expansion of certification services to what they delicately refer to as "coffee estates," large plantations that can help meet the global demand for fair trade products at a price that won't scare off casual shoppers at Starbucks and Walmart.

At the Coop, the Fair Trade USA label shows up on numerous products; however, there are other competing certification labels. It's certainly possible for ethically minded members to pick gingerly through the fair trade political thicket and come up with a satisfying number of chocolate bars. But occasionally we'll carry a product that only comes with Fair Trade USA labels; then you may have a moral dilemma on your hands.

Is Fair Trade USA undercutting the traditional small farm cooperatives, using the power of its well-recognized label to strengthen the same

plantation system that originally led to the fair trade movement, or are they the victims of their own success in enticing consumers to pur-

chase fair trade labeled foods? As with so much else in life, the answers aren't simple and mostly depend on whether you're growing the coffee, selling it or drinking it. As for me, I've given up coffee altogether; while Starbucks, FLO, and Fair Trade USA battle for the political high ground, I'm switching to soy milk. And please don't tell me it's bad for my health; I know that already. ■

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## Empires

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culture? We live in an age of globalization, and the end of the nation state. Our film takes the position that no single actor dominates the global stage, and looks at our networked condition. Where is the self? What is the social? How can we be the larger people that we want to be, instead of the fearful people we are constrained to be?"

### Birth of Empires

Lafia, 55, has been fascinated by the intersection of art, consciousness and power since adolescence, joking, "I'm a child of the 1970s." Born in Philadelphia, he moved to Los Angeles at 17, where a stint at UCLA in the film school led to a business venture in Silicon Valley, where he rode the dot-com wave, then wiped out. "I was the last guy at the company," he recalls, "vacuuming the floor."

In 2002, the Museum of Modern Art hired him as a consultant, and he reluctantly left San Francisco for Brooklyn, where he had friends. He began making films, built a life, bought a house and, in 2005, joined the Coop. "I moved to Park Slope for PS 321 and the Coop," he says.

In 2010, his wife, Irena Rogovsky, was working a shift at express checkout, and fell into conversation with another checkout worker, Johanna Schiller.

"The Coop is how Marc and I got together," Schiller recalls.

Schiller, 42, the film's producer, is slim, with fine features and neatly trimmed blonde hair. She and her husband, Issa Clubb, a Shopping Squad Leader at the Coop, also live in Park Slope. At Brookvin, Schiller

first deferred to Lafia, but as the conversation progressed, she became more animated, and after a while they were challenging each other's ideas and finishing each other's sentences.

"I had been working as a DVD producer for the Criterion Collection for 12 years," Schiller says. "But I had two small children, and the DVD world was not what it used to be. I needed a change, and I had a goal to produce a feature-length documentary film. Irena said her husband had a documentary in mind, and was looking for a producer. And so our partnership was born."

Schiller was born in Leferts Gardens, but her parents moved to the suburbs when she was small. After degrees at Oberlin and Rutgers, she moved back to Brooklyn in 1996, and soon found work at Criterion, where she worked on films by Ingmar Bergman, Jean Renoir, Roberto Rossellini and others.

"I checked out the Coop in 1996, but didn't join," she recalls. "I took a tour and thought, 'there are way too many rules.' I finally became a member in 2005. Now I couldn't live without it. I guess it just took some maturity before I realized how valuable it is."

### The Coop as Empire

Lafia and Schiller owe their partnership to the Coop. But more profoundly, they see the Coop as a model for an ethical empire, an example of a network that can work for good, and not just for profit.

"The Coop is a network," says Lafia. "It brings people together around certain values—food, community, commitment. The Coop moves the subject from 'I' to 'we.' That's a very important thing. When I ask for something in

the store, I don't ask, Do *you* have it? I ask, Do *we* have it? The Coop is an idea that is not only utopian, it works. It's a model that we can use in the bigger networks that determine our lives."

"The drawback is that membership is empowering, but also cumbersome," says Schiller. "It gets stereotyped as anarchy or fascism."

"That's an even larger issue," Lafia replies. "People want to defer, because it's easier, but then when things don't go their way, they get upset."

"I have hope," counters Schiller. "The Coop fosters a sense of community. It's fragile, but it's real. I believe the Coop model can be extended into the world of empires."

### An Empire of Cooperation

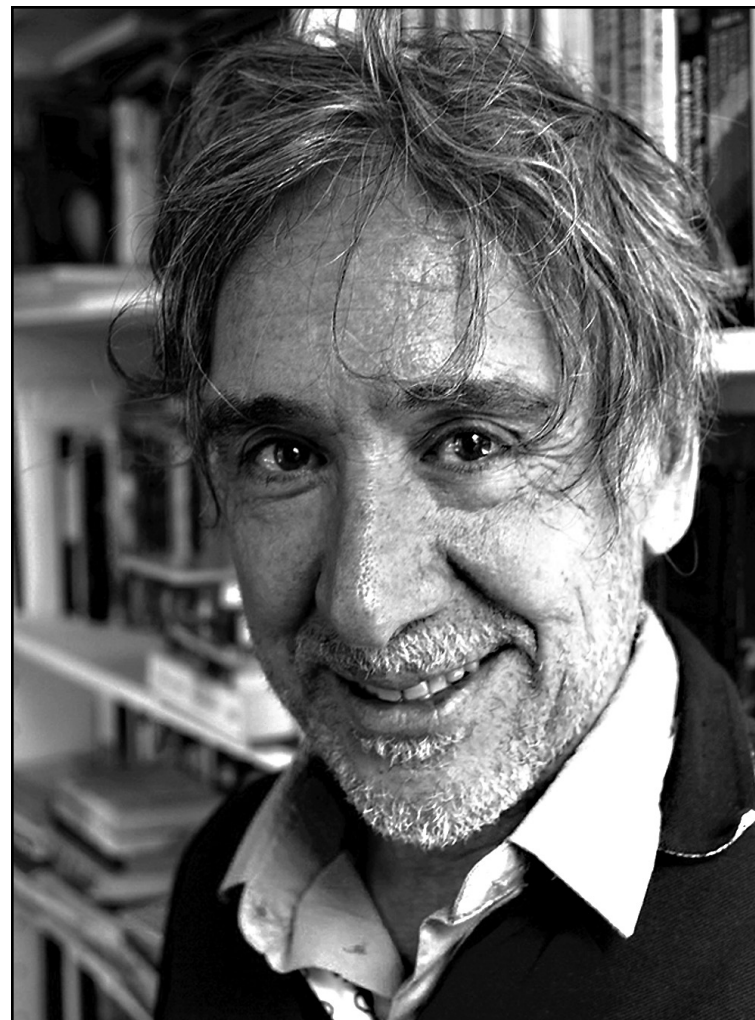
Schiller and Lafia have been working on *Empires* for nearly two years now. They have interviewed a wide range of intellectuals and artists around the world. Now they are plunging into the final editing. The problem is money.

"It's a new venture for both of us," admits Schiller. "Neither of us has made a full-length documentary before and we've done it in a bootstrap fashion, without any outside funding. Anyway, there's very little support for independent projects like ours through foundations or corporations."

Now they have turned to Kickstarter, the Web site that helps creators fund their projects through crowd-sourcing on the Internet. And they hope that Coop members will embrace the project, as a creative venture and as an extension of the values that the Coop embodies.

"It's a way to raise money, but it also fits in with our ideas about participation and empowerment," Schiller says. "We want the film to function like the Coop—encouraging people to become engaged. We want to involve people. Their input can become part of our vision."

"The project of the film amplifies and extends the ideals and processes of the Coop," adds Lafia. "If we could draw on the kind of energy that went into the BDS debate, for example, our film would be richer. Every donor becomes part of the project and part of the social network of the project's community."



Marc Lafia



Johanna Schiller

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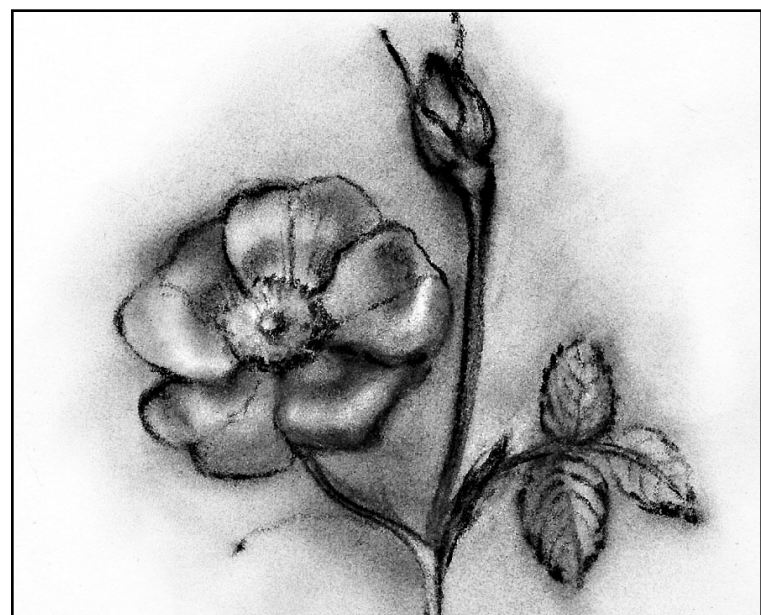


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"Our film intends to analyze the networks of empires, but we also want to encourage people to build their own networks," Schiller says. "It's about individual consciousness, the decisions to make small changes for the better."

"I'm a strong proponent of local initiatives," agrees Lafia. "That's why I love the Coop. Our film is devoted to

the ways in which we can give ourselves the agency to create a world that embodies our own values."

Their goal is to raise \$20,000 for *Empires* through Kickstarter; the deadline date for donations is June 7. More information about can be found on Kickstarter, at [www.kickstarter.com/projects/1407330738/empires-the-film?ref=live](http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1407330738/empires-the-film?ref=live). ■



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

# GCs' Board Endorsements: The Now and the WHY

## Welcome to 11,000 New Members

By Joe Holtz, General Coordinator

This is the 16th consecutive year that the General Coordinators have endorsed candidates. This year we are endorsing Monique Bowen, Eunju Lee and Audrey Miller Komaroff. In two recent issues of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* (1/12/2012 and 4/19/2012) a member requested that the General Coordinators stop endorsing candidates for the Coop's Board of Directors. What follows is a chronological list of some landmarks of the Coop's history of governance that sheds light on why the General Coordinators endorse candidates for the Board.

1973

- Coop opens in February but is not yet a corporation.
- Weekly meetings begin, eventually becoming the monthly "General Meeting."

1976

- At a food coop conference in Vermont, we learn that operating the Coop without incorporating is risky and exposes members to liability issues.
- "How to become a corporation" research begins.

1977

- The Coop incorporates under NYS Cooperative Corporations Law and thus must have an "all-powerful" Board of Directors.
- With our attorney, the Coop figures out a way to continue having meaningful General Meetings. In regard to Board meetings, the bylaws state, "The membership shall be given notice of each such meeting prior to such meeting. The directors shall inform those members who shall be present of the nature of the business to come before the directors and receive the advice of the members on such matters. 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."

1994

- In June, referendum proposal to buy 784 Union Street (where the checkouts now are) was defeated.

1996

- More than two years later, 784 Union St. is still for sale. At the October General Meeting, the Board of Directors does not follow advice of members (55 yes to 26 no) to form a committee to study the feasibility of acquiring 784 Union St., voting three to two against the proposal. The Board's decision appeared not to be based on a perceived legal or financial threat to the Coop.
- Member outrage in response to Board's October vote explodes. Members successfully galvanize to schedule a special "meeting of the membership" scheduled for January 1997 in order to reverse the decision of the Board that blocked the study.

1997

- At a January special meeting, members voted overwhelmingly to establish the study committee and establish that if a referendum is held on the issue of buying 784 Union Street, the members in favor would need to outnumber those opposed by a ratio of three to two (60%).
- In the aftermath, large numbers of members ask the General Coordinators to endorse Board of Director candidates to help members identify candidates that would most likely use their judgment in the best interests of the Coop.
- **In the spring, the General Coordinators endorse board candidates for the first time.**

1997-2011

- Candidates endorsed by the GCs win election each year.

2012

- The number of members in the mid- to late-1990s was in the mid-5,000s. The Coop could not have accommodated many more members due to lack of space. The General Coordinators take this opportunity to welcome the 11,000 members whose membership was made possible by the January 1997 special meeting that started the deliberative process resulting in the purchase of 784 Union St., the 2001 renovation and the subsequent influx of new members. These positive events, and the prudent decisions of the decade that followed, could not have happened without a governance process that includes reasonable advice from members followed by our Board of Directors using their good judgment on behalf of the Coop. Help write the next chapter. ■







## The International Cooperative Alliance Statement of Cooperative Identity

*(The Statement of Cooperative Identity has its origins in a published set of "practices" of the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers in 1844 and later became known as the Rochdale Principles. It was eventually renamed and has been periodically updated by the International Cooperative Alliance.)*

### Definition:

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

### Values:

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

### Principles:

The cooperative principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice.

### First Principle:

#### Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibility of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

### Second Principle:

#### Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

### Third Principle:

#### Member Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of the cooperative. At least part of that capital is

usually common property of the cooperative. They usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible, benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative, and supporting other activities as approved by the membership.

### Fourth Principle:

#### Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

### Fifth Principle:

#### Education, Training and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public—particularly young people and opinion leaders—about the nature of benefits of cooperation.

### Sixth Principle:

#### Cooperation Among Cooperatives

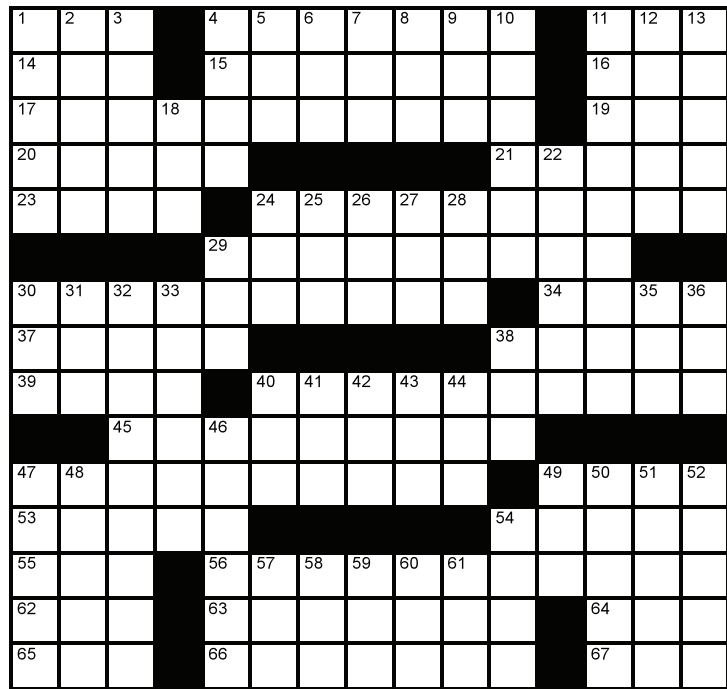
Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

### Seventh Principle:

#### Concern for the Community

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. Apt. coolers
4. Filly: horse: \_\_\_\_: sheep
11. Something to land
14. Poker game memento, maybe
15. Retton who was the first woman to appear on the front of a Wheaties box
16. Ruckus
17. "Visit Stockholm, where you'll only have...!"
19. \_\_\_\_ Tin Tin
20. Longshoreman, e.g.
21. Dangerous toy
23. Cabinet dept. with a lightning bolt on its seal
24. "Visit Italy, a place where you are always...!"
29. Tony-nominated "Pippin" actress
30. "Visit Cuba, where everyone is...!"
34. Nick at \_\_\_\_
37. Like some openings
38. Author Ferber and others
39. Color lightly
40. "Visit Nairobi,...!"
45. Lack of harmony
47. "Visit Prague, you've got to...!"
49. Ole Miss rival
53. Model glider material
54. Esau's twin
55. Architectural addition
56. "Visit Bulgaria, because...!"
62. Stephen of "Michael Collins"
63. Ruby of song
64. Sch. whose yearbook is the Gumbo
65. Griddle sound
66. Decorative bands
67. Tierra \_\_\_\_ Fuego

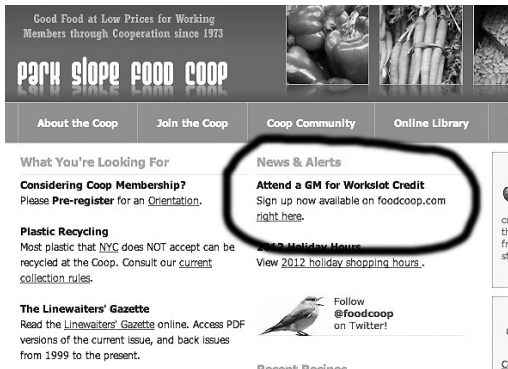
6. Miscalculate
7. Drano component
8. \_\_\_\_ carte
9. Pop's partner
10. Table clearer
11. Infant's babbling speech that starts to mix in real words
12. Intense dislike
13. "\_\_\_\_ nuit"
18. Architect Mies van \_\_\_\_ Rohe
22. Chastain who flashed her sports bra at the 1999 Women's World Cup final
24. Lobster \_\_\_\_ Diavolo
25. Yank's foe
26. "Bambi" aunt
27. Shocking swimmer
28. Carson Daly hosted it on MTV
29. Neither Rep. nor Dem.
30. Elev.
31. John-John's stepfather
32. Martha's 1960s backup group
33. Tomfoolery
35. \_\_\_\_ chi
36. Ballpark fig.
38. Deg. held by Jill Biden
40. China's Chiang \_\_\_\_-shek
41. Outer: Prefix
42. Cpl. or sgt.
43. "\_\_\_\_ don't say!"
44. Works at a museum
46. Cascade Range peak
47. Many truckers
48. Big name in retail jewelry
49. Sack
50. "It'll be \_\_\_\_ day in hell..."
51. Maine's state animal
52. Reality TV judge whose last name means "servant of God" in Arabic
54. Delights
57. Sharer's word
58. Not masc.
59. Cuba or Aruba: Abbr.
60. Summer drink
61. Rested

### Down

1. Bridal path
2. Lee of NBC News
3. Upholstery material
4. Part of EMT: Abbr.
5. Glob of gum

Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 20.

To receive workslot credit for attending the monthly General Meeting, members must sign up in advance in one of the following three ways:



◆ On the Coop's website  
([www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com))

◆ Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the ground-floor elevator lobby



◆ Call the Membership Office

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

## Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Friday, June 1, 8 to 10:45 a.m.

Monday, June 4, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

Monday, June 11, 12 to 2:45 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.





## SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

## FED UP!

By Adam Rabiner

After several years of reviewing films about the food production system for this paper, I thought there was little left for me to learn from documentaries of this type. Yet *FED UP!*, a movie that focuses on genetically modified foods and is brought to us by Wholesome Goodness Productions, served up (often amusingly, using old, archival footage) some information that was new to me—unappetizing morsels that are not so easy to digest.

For example, the film challenges an idea that I had regarded as indisputable—that modern industrial farming is more efficient than traditional small farms. It may be true that Concentrated (or Confined) Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) raise animals more cheaply and that farmers have dramatically increased yields for corn, soy and other commodity products. However, sustainable and organic farmers actually enjoy much higher revenues per acre than their industrial counterparts. While a big commodities producer can earn \$20 per acre, a small, sustainable farm can bring in several thousand. The comparatively paltry



ILLUSTRATION BY CATHY WASSYLENKO

earnings-per-acre of the large farms explain why they are so big and require government subsidies.

Through interviews with farmers, scientists, government officials and activists, *FED UP!* explores in great detail the potential harm of genetically modified crops to human health, the collateral damage to bees and butterflies, the contamination of traditional crops, and laments the splintered and weak regulatory oversight by the EPA, USDA, and FDA which does not require GMO labeling and disclosure.

About 70% of food contains genetically modified ingredients and is not labeled. That we know anything at all about the content of the food sold at the Coop is thanks to the painstaking work of the GMO Shelf Labeling Committee whose members literally called hundreds of

manufacturers. Unfortunately, this situation is not about to change any time soon. Many of the industry regulators are former employees of major agribusiness, biotechnology and chemical companies and vice-versa (a fact disturbingly illustrated in the film by a revolving door).

*FED UP!* leaves you pondering the paradox of plenty. The Green Revolution, meant to feed the world, left a planet hungrier than ever. The film makes a strong case that the answer to this dilemma is not to bioengineer more seeds, but to encourage more people to become farmers who will be able to feed themselves. Now that idea tastes good and is easier to stomach. ■

Watch *FED UP!* On Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m. Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, June 16  
2–6 p.m.

**FREE**  
Non members Welcome

# BIKE PART SWAP SOCIAL

at

## LOWLANDS BAR

(543 Third Ave. @ 14th St.)

**Bike parts and accessories swap for the Coop community and the public.**

Presented by the  
PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee.

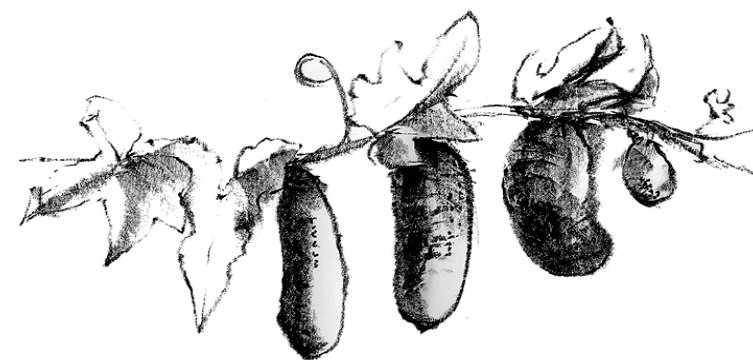


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## OUR SMALL, UPSTATE NY TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD IS FIGHTING A BEHEMOTH GAS COMPANY OVER FRACKING. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Middlefield, located near Cooperstown, NY, has only 2,000 residents, yet has many small sustainable farms as well as organic farms such as Raindance Farms. Middlefield Neighbors raised over \$50,000 in 2011 to fight a gas company-funded lawsuit against our town, a suit that tried to quash a ban we enacted on fracking. We won, as noted in press around the world, but the gas company - with its deep pockets - is now back to appeal the loss.

The outcome of the appeal will affect every person in New York state. A loss will be a huge loss for home rule, and will throw open the doors for multinational gas companies to steamroll in. A win on our part will provide case precedent that may stop the gas companies, and that will certainly make the DEC, the NY State Legislature, and Governor Cuomo take notice.

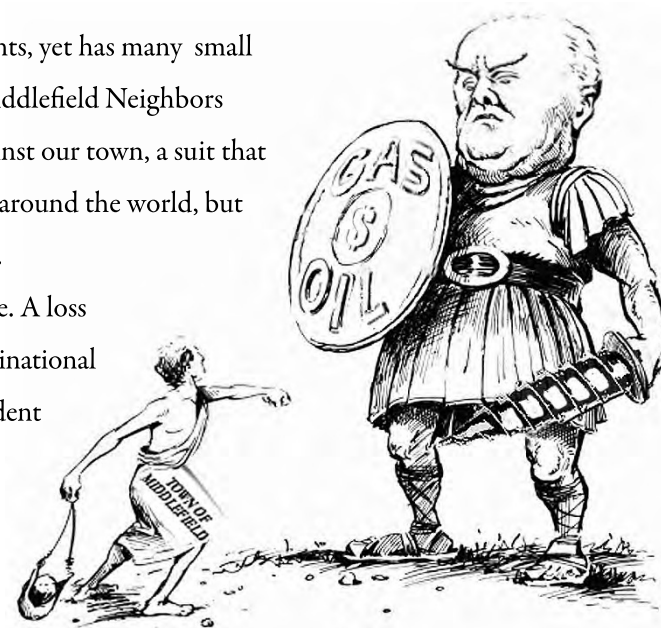
Help defend tiny Middlefield against the voracious frackers before they destroy upstate NY, our water, our towns, and our agriculture.



Help us reach our goal of \$30,000 by sending a tax-deductible donation, of any size, to: Town of Middlefield, P.O. Box 961, Middlefield NY, 13326, with notation of "Gas Suit Fund." Or call 607-282-0404 and speak with Peg Leon for more info. All donations go directly to the town and are held in a dedicated fund to only fight the appeal. Thank you.

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LEARN MORE AT [WWW.SUSTAINABLEOTSEGO.ORG/THE-MIDDLEFIELD-PAPERS](http://WWW.SUSTAINABLEOTSEGO.ORG/THE-MIDDLEFIELD-PAPERS). OUR THANKS TO THE PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP FOR GENEROUSLY DONATING THIS AD SPACE.



## Candidates for Board of Directors of the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc.

Three spots on the Board are open. Two of the openings are three-year terms. The third spot is a one-year term. To vote you may use a proxy or attend the Food Coop Annual Meeting on June 26, 2012. Every member will receive a proxy package in the mail in late May. You will have the opportunity to meet the candidates at the Annual Meeting. Candidate Statements (unedited and presented in alphabetical order):

### MONIQUE BOWEN



Dear Fellow Members: With the support of the General Coordinators, I write to ask for your support of my candidacy for an open seat on the PSFC's Board of Directors.

My family has been Coop members since 2003, and our relationship to the Coop has been an important aspect of our lives in Brooklyn. Even my children consider that monthly trip to childcare for their father's shift to be their work slot, too! I have had many jobs at the Coop

but mostly identify as a recovering cashier who currently enjoys office work, but I am also trained as a childcare worker, an attendance recorder, and as a member of the Hearing Officers Committee.

I think I make a sensible choice for the Board of Directors as I am 1) a reasonable person who listens well, 2) able to acknowledge the will of the membership without first prefacing my own opinions and perspectives, and 3) clear about the role of a Director at the Coop as voting to approve what the membership has decided as opposed to what my own wishes might be. Generally speaking, I have attended a number of General Meetings over the years and appreciate that those gathered tend to abide by this same working model. That being said I also understand

that Board members must be able to discern when the advice of the membership might endanger the fiscal or legal health of cooperative and thus must be able to make decisions accordingly.

In my life outside of the Coop, I have worked for twenty years at nonprofit and educational institutions in NYC and CT, have earned post-graduate degrees in psychology, and have a great deal of experience working one-on-one and in groups to solve problems, to mediate conflicts, and to counsel others as they make important life and professional decisions. I take a calm, thoughtful, commonsense approach to most things and try to collaborate with others whenever possible. Thank you and I hope to have your support. ■

### AUDREY MILLER KOMAROFF



I'm Audrey Miller Komaroff, I currently sit on the Board of Directors. I've been a Coop member since 1975, and I've happily seen the Coop grow from 400 members to its present size of over 16,000.

I've always gone where I felt the Coop needed me. I

was the first cashier trainer. I was one of the twelve people who excavated and started the "Garden of Union." When the Coop expanded Friday shopping hours, I became a squad leader on the first 8:00 a.m. shift.

I have been a positive and cooperative member through all our changes in the last 37 years. The General Meetings opened my eyes to our policy making procedures, and I've enjoyed them. The Coop is a very unique and successful venture that I love being a part of. Having served on the board

for many years, I would like to continue for another three years.

I value the General Meetings and the expertise of the General, Receiving and Office Coordinators. I wholeheartedly believe in the cooperative spirit where each person gives of themselves for the benefit of the whole. The core beliefs of the Coop have made it strong and prosperous. I'm sure these shared ideals will serve it well in the future. My candidacy is endorsed by the General Coordinators. ■

### EUNJU LEE



I joined the Park Slope Food Coop soon after moving to Park Slope in 1994. It was also the year I became pregnant with my first child and, as every Park Slope mother knows, the Coop is synonymous with healthy child. But, the Coop is more than a place that provides "Good Food at Low Prices." For

18 years, I have had the privilege and delight of membership in a like-minded community. And just as my son has grown to a mature 17 year-old, my relationship with the Coop has deepened and matured. This is why I am seeking a position as a member of the Coop's Board of Directors.

Initially, I was an FTOP worker, doing shifts in shopping, receiving, childcare and the office. In 2000, I joined the staff of the Coop as a Membership Coordinator. I worked in this position for seven years. Five years ago, I left to pursue other passions and am cur-

rently working as a hospice social worker. My current work shift is to haul and process compost from the Coop to the Red Hook Farm. Because of my long and varied relationship with the Coop, I feel I have a breadth and depth of knowledge about the Coop, its mission and values, staff and membership. As a Membership Coordinator, I had many opportunities to hear both praises and profanities about the Coop from the membership. Serving on the Board will again give me access to the voices of the membership and allow me to respond accordingly. This is why I am seeking a position as a member of the Coop's Board of Directors.

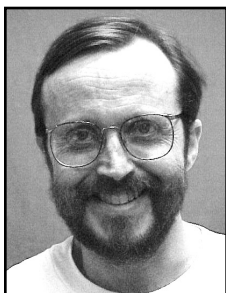
The Coop has changed dramatically since 1994. I recall the dust and havoc of construction as we expanded. As the square footage of the shopping floor grew, so has the membership. Despite these changes, the core of the Coop remains a community of people who believe in the values of working for our food, in looking forward seven generations when making consumption choices, and in building inclusive local communities. I am proud to be a part of these wider values. I have reaped the benefits of the

Coop and believe it is now time for me to give back. This is why I am seeking a position as a member of the Coop's Board of Directors.

As a member of the Board, my main function will be to listen to the membership and to ensure the Coop's vitality in a manner that is consistent with its founding values. Unlike other boards, our Board of Directors is not and should not be an insulated body of stakeholders. Rather, the Board functions to gather the diverse voices of our members, to thoughtfully weigh differences, to seek cooperation and respectful dissent, and to articulate positions with circumspection and reason. As a social worker, I am often required to suspend my opinions in order to really hear the other person. I have learned how to be comfortable in conflict and the importance of a measured response. I hold a Master's degree in social work and another in organizational development—assets I would bring to my role as a board member.

My candidacy has been endorsed by the General Coordinators of the Coop and I welcome that support. I would be honored to have yours. ■

### TIMOTHY PLATT



Why I am running for reelection to the Coop Board. I have been a member of the Park Slope Food Coop for 18 years and over the course of that time I have come to see this, our shared community as very special and very important in my life. I was first introduced to the Coop by my wife when we first met. She

introduced me to her favorite people and to her favorite places. The Food Coop was one of those special places that she brought me to as she did her own food shopping here. I joined too and have been actively involved ever since.

I have worked in a wide range of jobs at the Coop, and both as a member of regular work shifts

and as FTOP, and I continue to do so. I currently work receiving shifts for my wife, am on the GM Chair Committee, and since this past November and its special election I have served on the Board too. I look for ways to be involved and where I can make a positive difference.

That much primarily says something about the What of my being a Food Coop member and a member of its Board. But my purpose in writing this letter to the *Gazette* is to say something as to Why I am on the Board and why I would seek reelection to it. That is definitely not for work slot credit as I go to every GM anyway, and I am already receiving work credit for my Chair Committee participation there. There are no double credits for both Chair Committee and Board participation. I do this because this gives me greater opportunity to be actively involved in the Coop as a positive, supportive voice.

I bring that same approach and that same sense of

responsibility to my work shifts in receiving, and to my committee participation and I have always brought this to the Food Coop when in any way working with other members.

I have served the Food Coop and its members in other ways in the past, to share some more of my history here. I, for example, joined and became deputy chair of the committee that updated and codified the rules for the General Meetings, and with one goal—to insure that those meetings are as representative of member thought and opinion as possible and to give every member as much of a voice in the Coop and its running as they wish to share. That is how I participate in the Coop at our store. It is how I participate in our Coop General Meetings, and both as a Coop member and as a member of the Chair Committee and that is how I function as a Board member. If reelected I will

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## TIMOTHY PLATT, CONTINUED

continue to do so as well.

I will add that I come to this with extensive outside board experience. I have served five years as President of the board at the housing cooperative

that my wife and I live at, as well as serving in other board positions. My goal as an officer and board member there has also always been about giving every member a voice and an opportunity to participate.

I ask you for your vote. But perhaps more

importantly I ask that you feel free to walk up and speak with me as I do want to hear about the issues that concern you and I do want to know and understand your perspective and experience as a fellow member of this, our Park Slope Food Coop. ■

## JESSE T. ROSENFELD



My name is Jesse Rosenfeld and I am running for the Board.

A member since 2004, I have worked as cashier, 2nd floor guest registration, cheese and olive bagger, FTOP stock boy, and babysitter for the PSFC. Plus a graphics artist for the Lefferts Food Coop (work still pending approval). My outside profession is in the IT industry where I am a consultant for the City of New York, and help social workers and directors operate a paperless office system.

I am also secretary for PSFC, I won in a landslide as I was the only one to volunteer my services.

My attendance record is up to date and I am a frequent attendant to GMs without needing them as a make up. I attend because I love the Coop and want it to run as efficiently as possible.

I repeat, I love it here. The Coop is an important part of my life, even more so since I live only three

blocks away. I spend a lot of time here, just as a shopper alone. I like being part of an organization that is a standard-bearer for food and environmental justice.

I have demonstrably worked for our cooperative spirit where everyone gives their efforts towards the benefit of shared success. We're strong and prosperous, and I want to see that continue.

I will stay in touch with membership issues in the following manner: I'll be attending every GM anyway as secretary, I will read the *Gazette*, I will stay in touch with General Coordinators, and board members, plus of course, stay in touch with the floor membership by listening to fellow members and their concerns. I hope that I would have time during my shopping hours to stop and talk to people who have such concerns. I also intend to be familiar with our monthly financial statements.

I've demonstrated additional concern for the Coop by joining the anti-hydrofracking movement which opposes upstate gas drilling and is proven toxic to water supplies and agriculture that support the businesses from whom we buy our goods, not to mention our own drinking water right here in Brooklyn downstream from the drilling. The issue is not black and white, but it directly affects

each and every one of us as a Coop member.

Having worked officially so far with mostly products, I felt a pull this time to involve myself more with people.

The previous Secretary was a member of the Board and I would like to follow in that Coop tradition, to ensure that there will be a Board member and the Secretary at every GM.

I see the need for Board members to be alert to the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the Coop, and to make these clear to Coordinators and the general membership.

I see the Board's role as one of oversight and financial responsibility rather than one of advocacy.

When the Board of Directors vote, I will always base my decision to the best of my ability on criteria that are no different from any other board member.

Will a proposal ratified by the General Meeting put the financial and legal health of the Coop at risk?

Does the proposal violate the spirit and letter of the Coop's own by-laws or NYS articles of incorporation, and our own mission statement?

Thank you for taking a few minutes and I look forward to your vote. ■

## ALBERT SOLOMON



In my letters I've been asking for a shout-out: Do U think I should run for the Board of Directors this year or not? I'm sure that most of my loyal supporters would say Yes, but still I'd soooo appreciate hearing from you—see my EMail and phone below.

Yes, it's been seventeen years and many letters rejected by the *Gazette* since I first started protesting about our deeply disturbing "government" and I'm certainly tired of it but still I go on . . . How do you feel about the Co-Op (note my own personal spelling)? Do you think a change in government could do anything to help us? If U do, vote for me. If U don't, vote for me anyway as I'm a nice guy. I'll be putting a video statement up on Youtube shortly—just search for "solomonbod" and you should find it. Use the quotation marks. Also if U wanna see a quite lovely piano recital, search for "Tschudy" and look for "Richard Tschudy plays Scriabin." And search for "victory in court Juanita" to see a 4 min video of which I'm proud. I'm not approved by the Management and I'm quite proud of that!

Not that the Management are a bunch of scoundrels but they've been supporting a delu-

sion that has been doing a lot of damage to our self-respect as people who expect to participate in decisions of our beloved Co-Op. They think that a town-meeting form of government is appropriate to a large, anonymous, urban, decentralized organization like ours. MMmmmm, yes it is a recognized form of government but if it's so good why isn't it used in cities, states, and nations? Why do we have the City Council when we can all go to a meeting at Madison Square Garden (or the Meadows—or both!) once a month for three hours and make all our decisions? Nice idea, huh? And it's SSSsssoooo attractive to anarchists becos, of course, there are no representatives. We represent ourselves, right? Isn't that wonderful—what could be wrong with that?

Well I don't mean to burst your bubble but I've even spoken to anarchists who don't think much of this. You see, anarchism isn't just a simple idea that boils down to no representatives, it's really quite well-developed. Look at Occupy Wall Street—we see that one aspect of anarchism is that groups be leaderless. Is our hierarchy of area coordinators and general coordinators and the \$10,000-plus coordinator (Mr. Holtz) leaderless? No. Are all or most of our members knowledgeable and concerned and take an active part in our affairs? No. Do we have different people in different leadership posts at different times? No, in fact we have a near-hereditary corps of top managers,

and that's why I called this piece "Divine Right of Queens and Kings."

Is there a great number of small groups where members can talk together at length and in depth and have spokespeople attend the general meetings with their concerns in mind? Nope. We have a single meeting once a month at 7 p.m. on a Tuesday for three hours only where a very limited number of people can speak who are chosen by the Chair. That seems OK, right?

Well I'm not recommending pure anarcho-syn-dicalism but I do hope you'll notice something that has some of the same features. It's called representative democracy! Not perfect but a lot better than what we've got. I think people would feel a lot better about the Co-Op if they could elect someone who shared their views, their politics, their race, their religion, their veganism, their kashruth or—whatever they wanted to express as members. And to whom they could talk and about whose votes they would know. Our meetings are anonymous—even though people go to them. How do we do that? It's magic, folks!

You want to know what I would do as a director. I would be a busy bee! I would do everything to oppose the current Deceptarchy and urge representation.

Luv u.

Serving you as always, I remain—  
albert ■

## THE ROLE OF THE BOARD

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."

The Board of Directors conducts a vote at the end of every General Meeting on whether to accept the advice of the members as expressed in their vote(s) during the GM.

## THE ELECTION PROCESS

Each year the Coop must, by law, hold an Annual Meeting. This is the only meeting where proxies can be used. Those members who cannot attend the Annual Meeting may be represented, if they wish, by a proxy.

If you submit a proxy but come to the Annual Meeting in person, your proxy will be returned to you when you register.

Members who have a current membership as of Saturday, June 16, 2012, are eligible to vote in the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting either in person or by proxy.

Proxy packets are mailed to members in late-May. If you do not receive a packet, pick one up at the entrance desk or outside the Membership Office. ■

**COOP HOURS****Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Shopping Hours:**

Monday–Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m.

Saturday  
6:00 a.m. to 10:00\* p.m.

Sunday  
6:00 a.m. to 7:30\* p.m.

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

**Childcare Hours:**

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

**Telephone:**

718-622-0560

**Web address:**

www.foodcoop.com

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

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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.

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

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**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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**Wednesday, July 4**  
**shopping hours:**  
**8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Monthly on the...**

**Second Saturday**

**JUNE 9**

**10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**Third Thursday**

**JUNE 21**

**7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**Last Sunday**

**JUNE 24**

**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:**

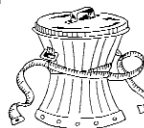
- #1 and #6 type non-bottle shaped containers, transparent only, labels ok
- Plastic film and bubble wrap, transparent only, no colored or opaque, no labels
- #5 plastic cups, tubs, and specifically marked caps and lids, very clean and dry (discard any with paper labels, or cut off)

**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

Saturday and Sunday, mornings

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

Monday, Tuesday or 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 in the Membership Office for more information.

Plastics Recycling Baler

Saturday, 1 to 3:45 p.m.

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

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

Vitamin Worker

Friday and Saturday, 6 to 8:45 p.m.

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

COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

Attending an Orientation is the first step toward Coop membership. Pre-registration is required for all of the three 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.

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General Meeting Info

TUE, JUNE 26

GENERAL & ANNUAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, JUNE 5

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m. Submissions will be considered for the July 31 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

June 14 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 4  
June 28 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, June 18

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

June 14 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, June 6  
June 28 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, June 20

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, June 26, 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 receive workslot credit for attending the monthly General Meeting, members must sign up in advance in one of the following three ways: on the Coop's website (www. foodcoop.com); add your name to the sign-up sheet in the ground-floor elevator lobby; or call the Membership Office. You may sign up 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 paper sign-up sheet is kept in the Membership Office. Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Certain Squads not eligible:

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

• Attend the entire GM:

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

• Signing in at the Meeting:

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

• Being Absent from the GM:

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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



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FOOD COOP

# calendar of events

jun 1  
fri 7 pm

## Film Night: My Perestroika



*My Perestroika* follows five ordinary Russians living in extraordinary times—from their sheltered Soviet childhood, to the collapse of the Soviet Union during their teenage years, to the constantly shifting political landscape of post-Soviet Russia. Together, these childhood classmates paint a complex picture of the dreams and disillusionment of those raised behind the Iron Curtain. **Robin Hessman** received her graduate degree in film directing from the All-Russian State Institute of Cinematography (VGIK) in Moscow. She received an Academy Award® in 1994—with co-director James Longley—for their student film, *Portrait of Boy with Dog*. In the U.S., Robin co-produced the Peabody-award-winning documentary *Tupperware!* and later founded Red Square Productions. She was Filmmaker in Residence at WGBH in Boston, where she developed *My Perestroika*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, played in MOMA's New Directors/New Films series and received numerous awards. Robin is an Associate of Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian Studies and a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

To book a Film Night, contact Faye Lederman, [squeezestone@hotmail.com](mailto:squeezestone@hotmail.com).

jun 2  
sat 11 am

## Caregiving 101

The U.S. Census showed the largest population increase was for senior citizens. Almost 288,000 live in Brooklyn. About 70% of 65+ will need long-term care at some point in their lives. An estimated 1 million NYC residents are caregivers to adult friends and family. This session will explain answers to the pressing questions, what is long-term care, who pays for it and where is it? Key information on ways to plan ahead to protect autonomy and authority and reduce the heavy emotional burden decision-making can be on loved ones will also be included. Long-time Coop member **Mary Blanchett**, MSA, is a licensed nursing home administrator who worked in long-term care for 27 years.

jun 2  
sat 8 pm

## Third Annual Band Nite

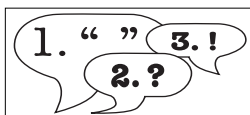


Come support fresh talent at the Food Coop's Third Annual Band Nite at Bar Four, 444 Seventh Ave., corner of 15th St., 718-832-9800, [www.bar4brooklyn.com](http://www.bar4brooklyn.com). With performances by: The Raytones, Maya Solovey, 13th Floor Klezmer Band, Mappa Mundi. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Admission is FREE. For more info, check out the FUN Committee blog: [pscfun.wordpress.com](http://pscfun.wordpress.com).

Band Nite takes place at Bar Four, 444 Seventh Ave., corner of 15th St.

jun 5  
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, July 31, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place at Eighth Avenue.**

jun 7  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Can It! Home Canning Basics



Home canning is a great way to preserve an abundant harvest, or simply put up some of the more seasonal gems to eat during the winter months. Canning is easy to do safely, as long as you follow some simple rules. For more than four years Michaela Hayes has been working with Just Food as a community trainer, facilitating workshops on home canning. As a professional chef, she developed the pickling position while at Gramercy Tavern. You can see Michaela's "One For the Season" food-preservation column quarterly in *Sweet Paul* magazine. Based in Brooklyn, Michaela teaches pickling, canning, and fermentation through her company, Crock & Jar, which sells products at specialty markets. *Menu includes: pickled radishes; canned tomatoes; blueberry jam.*

**Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

jun 8  
fri 7 pm

## Handling Social Pressures On Teens & 'Tweens

Share stories and hear perspectives that can help you manage the many social pressures on pre-teens and teens. **Sharon C. Peters**, MA, is the director of Parents Helping Parents and a step, birth, and adoptive parent. In her work she meets with individual families and leads workshops at her Park Slope office and for schools and community organizations throughout New York. She is a grateful long-time Coop member.

jun 9  
sat 3 pm

## Having Trouble Getting Pregnant?

Learn how to: resolve mystery infertility; eliminate toxins that impair fertility; make IVF and IUI work the first time; cook meals that help you get pregnant; identify the foods and supplements that boost your fertility. Clear blocked tubes. Normalize your cycle. Dissolve fibroids and cysts. Do fertility acupressure at home. Prevent miscarriage. Boost men's sperm count and quality. Pre-registration suggested: to register call (646) 483-4571 or e-mail [GreenGemHealth@gmail.com](mailto:GreenGemHealth@gmail.com). **Rebecca Curtis** M.A., M.F.A., HHC, AADP, is a certified holistic nutritionist and the founder of Green Gem Holistic Health. **Mary Hart**, M.S., L.Ac., is a nationally board-certified acupuncturist and the founder of Healing Heart Acupuncture.

jun 9  
sat 7 pm

## Funeral Planning As a Spiritual Exercise

Learn about the latest funeral service trends and get a better inkling of how beautiful a reasonably-priced funeral or memorial service can be. We will discuss new ways to memorialize the deceased, the merits of green burial, home vigils, cremation pros and cons. You'll leave this workshop with a stack of helpful memos and papers, funeral planning information, current prices, thoughts on advance directives, medical durable power of attorney, and a better grip on how you want to be remembered. Coop member **Amy Cunningham** is a graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service.

jun 10  
sun 12 pm

## Better Movement With Ortho-Bionomy®

Come learn about this osteopathically based bodywork that is extremely gentle, yet effective. You will learn how a focus on client comfort and moving away from pain gives the body an opportunity to self-correct without any force. This subtle modality can reduce pain, correct structural imbalances, aid in recovering from injuries and create a better relationship with the body's structure. Coop member **Brenda Varrasso** has been a New York State-licensed massage therapist and student of Ortho-Bionomy® for five years. She is currently an Associate-level Ortho-Bionomy® practitioner.

**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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**jun 12**  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Fed Up!



Seventy percent of the food we eat contains genetically modified ingredients. Millions are spent arguing that technology is our only hope for feeding the world. Farmers are disappearing as people go hungry. Toxic chemicals continue to poison us. Using hilarious and disturbing archival footage and featuring interviews with farmers, scientists, government officials and activists, *Fed Up!* presents an entertaining, informative and compelling overview of our current food production system from the Green to the Biotech Revolution. *Fed Up!* explores the effects of pesticides, the resistance of biotechnology companies to food labeling and the links between government officials and major biotechnology and chemical companies.

**jun 16**  
sat 12 pm

## Effective Tools for Rapid Personal Transformation

Want to move on—away from old emotional baggage to new, joyous ways of living? If you are open to transforming your old patterns of fear, worry and anxiety and leave room for joy, happiness and fun, it can be done. And it's easy and fun! The body is like a magnet, and when these experiences are in cellular memory, the body attracts the same experiences. Doctors and other professionals have used these techniques for daily stresses, eating disorders, robbery, rape and emotions such as anger, anxiety, fear and others. These remembrances can destroy the quality of life if not cleared. This unique, life-changing technology will be demonstrated. Coop member **Marija Santo-Sarnyai** is a Geotran practitioner.

**jun 16**  
sat 2 pm

## Bike Part Swap Social



Bike parts and accessories swap for the Coop community and the public. Presented by the PSFC Shop & Cycle Committee. *Event takes place at Lowlands Bar (543 Third Ave. @ 14th St.)*

**jun 16**  
sat 3 pm

## What the Tooth Fairy Never Knew!

This workshop on nutritional, homeopathic, preventive dentistry is geared for those who want to take responsibility for improving or maintaining their dental health; and, to learn about the connection between dental problems and systemic diseases. You will be taught how to analyze oftentimes undiagnosed etiologies of dental diseases, TM joint problems, headaches and loosening teeth. Dental controversies like mercury fillings, root canals and placing nickel on your children's teeth will be included in this symposium. Dr. **Stephen R. Goldberg** DDS, is a Nationally Certified Clinical Nutritionist (CCN), Acupuncturist and Oral Myofunctional (Swallowing) Therapist.

**jun 23**  
sat 3 pm

## Bowenwork: Gentle Touch, Powerful Results

Bowenwork® is a unique, holistic bodywork that stimulates the body's own healing response. Gentle moves across muscle and connective tissue send signals to the body to relax and move toward balance. There will be a demonstration. Bowenwork® relieves pain, relaxes body and relieves stress, enhances immune system, improves blood circulation, improves joint mobility, improves nutrient absorption, promotes detoxification, increases lymph drainage, and is safe for all ages and conditions. **Moraima Suarez** is a Coop member, certified Holoenergetic® Healing Practitioner, certified Bowenwork Therapist, Reiki

Practitioner, and Quick Pulse® Practitioner. She has studied and practiced the healing arts for more than 20 years and has her healing practice in the Park Slope vicinity.

**jun 23-24**  
sat-sun 9 am–7 pm

## Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

CHIPS Soup Kitchen, located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street, is the recipient of much of our edible but unsaleable perishable food. They also need donations of nonperishable foods. This food will go to CHIPS to help them feed people in the neighborhood who are in need of a nutritious meal. Consider contributing nonperishable foods and commercially packaged foods; canned fish; canned fruits and vegetables; pasta sauce; pasta; pre-packaged rice; pre-packaged beans; canned beans; canned soups; Parmalat milk; dry milk; peanut butter; cooking oil; or boxed raisins. Give donations to the collection table outside the Coop.

**jun 26**  
tue 7 pm

## Reduce Sugar Cravings

When we eat too much sugar, our digestive organs become overburdened and function poorly. Acupuncture treatment can reduce our desire for sweets and help us make healthier food choices. Learn more about acupuncture for changing our dietary habits. This workshop will include a demonstration of the "reduce sugar cravings treatment." Presented by **Ann Reibel-Coyne**, a licensed acupuncturist and PSFC member.

**jun 26**  
tue 7 pm

## PSFC JUNE Annual and General Meeting



The Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by the GM.  
*Meeting location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Pl. at Eighth Ave.*

### Annual Meeting Agenda

**Item #1:** The audited financial report for the year ended January 29, 2012.

**Report & Vote:** Following a presentation by our outside auditor, Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, members will have the opportunity to pose questions to the auditors. Members will then vote whether to accept the audited statement.

**Item #2:** Board of Directors Election

**Election:** Three spots on the Board are open. Two of the openings are three-year terms. The third spot is a one-year term.

**Item #3:** Ratifying ByLaws Amendment

**Proposal:** To ratify the following amendment to the Bylaws of the Park Slope Food Coop as originally passed at the September 2011 GM: "Election of officers shall be held at the June meeting of the directors from among those candidates nominated from the floor at such meeting. In the case of an officer position becoming vacant, there shall be an election held at the next directors' meeting to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term."  
—submitted by the General Coordinators

**Comment:** Bylaws amendments made between Annual Meetings go into immediate effect. They must then be ratified by the following Annual Meeting to become permanent changes to the Bylaws.

### General Meeting Agenda

**Item #1:** Renewing the Services of the Auditor

**Proposal:** "To retain the services of Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP, to perform an audit of the Coop for the fiscal year ending February 3, 2013."  
—submitted by the General Coordinators

**Item #2:** Election of Officers

**Election:** Following the election of members to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, the General Meeting must elect officers of the corporation—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be, at the time of election, members of the Board of Directors. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer can be elected from the membership at large.

## still to come

**jul 8**

Introduction to Infant Massage

**jul 10**

Safe Food Committee Film Night

**jul 13-14**

Blood Drive

**jul 15**

Are You New to Medicare?

**jul 22**

Researching Your Neighborhood

**jul 22&24**

New Animal Welfare Committee:  
Animal Welfare Issues at the Coop

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HONORED, AGAIN

## TO THE EDITOR:

I have the dubious honor that the Letter to the Editor in the previous issue from Mel Spain was the third time I've been skewered in the *Gazette*. Even though I was never given the opportunity to respond in the same issue in which criticism appeared (a violation of the *Gazette's* Fairness guideline, I believe), I'm gratified. Clearly I'm doing something right.

Mr. Spain's comments might have been far more effective, however, if he had read my letter and responded to what it actually said. While he accused me of trying to suppress free speech and criticism of Israel while at the same time giving praise to Israel, in fact what I advocated was that all letters dealing with the Palestinian-Israeli situation stop. I wrote, "Like all countries, Israel certainly can be criticized. I and countless others don't agree with all its policies. Neither do all Israelis." (By the way, if you want to hear some really contentious—but informed—criticism and attacks, read about what goes on in sessions of the Israeli parliament.)

As for the overblown claim that the mythical ogre "The Israel Lobby" suppresses criticism of Israel, reality does not support it. Extremist anti-Israel views are expressed all too freely in the media, on the Internet, and in nearly every university campus around the world. In view of this well-documented rise of virulent anti-Semitism in Europe and elsewhere, the fabled all-powerful "Israel Lobby" is surely astonishingly ineffectual. In these times the real courage might well be not to view Israel as evil incarnate.

I have no problems with criticism of Israel (or of me, for that matter) provided that it's done fairly—that is, based on facts. But when some pro-BDS letters are simply opprobrium and fabrication aimed at discrediting Israel with no concern for truth or context, a line is crossed from fair to foul.

Ruth Bolletino

## BAGS AND JUICES

## TO THE EDITOR:

Two issues I would like to raise. Regarding the issue of bags for bulk produce. The alternatives suggested seem unwieldy (e.g., opaque muslin bags) and may not work for items like rice, for example. How about biodegradable, corn-based "plastic" bags? These will rot nicely once discarded. Biobagusa.com has rolls of produce bags, for example, as does Brenmarco. Forgive me if this has already been discussed but it sounds like a reasonable alternative and the prices are comparable, I understand.

Second: What happened to the juices??? First it was the Apple/Rasp-

berry. Now, there's no more Blueberry, Apricot, Peach—all gone. WHY? These are great, delicious and healthful products! It is really depressing and sad and incomprehensible to me. Please bring them back!

I hope these are useful suggestions!  
George M. Carter

## ANOTHER ATTACK ON FREE SPEECH IN THE GAZETTE

## TO THE EDITOR:

The letter of Sylvia Lowenthal (*Gazette* 5/17/12) continues the attack on the freedom of Coop members to communicate their ideas in the *Gazette's* letters columns. In the May 3rd *Gazette*, Ruth Bolletino wrote that the newsletter should not accept any further letters regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Now Ms. Lowenthal says the same thing, citing as support for their position the action of the LGBT Community Center in excluding any groups involved in the issue from using its space. It is hard to see any relevance of LGBT's exercise of its real property rights to the suppression of ideas in the press operated by the *Gazette*.

Both Ms. Bolletino and Ms. Lowenthal were signatories to the series of repetitive letters to the Editor over a period of months opposing the referendum of the Israeli boycott. (May I refer to the group as "the PSFC Israeli Lobby"?) They now appear to be part of a movement to muzzle those who wish to express their views on the conflict. Rather than ignore the letters criticizing Israel and not reading them, as all are free to do, they want to stop them from being printed.

Curiously, another regular signatory to the series of group letters opposing the referendum was Constantine Kaniklidas. He saw fit to send a letter to the Editor published in the same 5/17 issue in which Ms. Lowenthal's letter appears, continuing his attack on the boycott Israel movement. We thus have Ms. Bolletino and Lowenthal advocating that there be no discussion of the Israel-Palestinian conflict in the *Gazette* while Mr. Kaniklidas disagrees, since he wants to continue the pro Israel argument. It would appear the PSFC Israeli Lobby talks rather inconsistently about freedom of the press in the *Gazette*, when it comes to Israel.

Mel Spain

## LEFT, RIGHT

*The liberal's open-minded  
And always ready to spout,  
But at times the gap's too wide  
And his brains go tumbling out  
The conservative hails the past,  
That's what his favorite sport is;  
His playing, though's, infected  
By lingering rigor mortis.*

Leon Freilich

## "PREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES ARE A GOOD MEASURE OF INTENT"

— Noam Chomsky

## TO THE EDITOR:

We ask the Department Of Education (DOE) to change their plans to assign to the small office building at the residential intersection of Park Place and Underhill Avenue up to 200 high school students suspended from their regular placements.

The following letter from the Park Place Underhill Avenue Block Association went to District 13 Superintendent Barbara Freeman on April 22nd:

"While that building is suitable for and has served for years as offices, we believe that neither the structure nor the environment can properly meet the needs of young people as a school. Placing students in that building could cause unnecessary painful friction with the community."

We met with Superintendent Freeman on May 7th. She told us details handed to her by the Office of Portfolio of the DOE, and then we toured the building. With no kitchen nor cafeteria, no auditorium, nor library nor gym, with inadequate bathroom facilities and small, ill lit and poorly ventilated instructional spaces, it is obvious that the site cannot serve as a school.

Mark Morales of the *Daily News* got our message wrong when he wrote the piece published on Friday, May 11th, "Prospect scares residents". Fear mongering is easy. Those responsible are the decision makers for setting up a situation whose negative results we already know. We had students in that building last year. They burst out in

the afternoon. Security personnel ordered them to immediately leave the area.

Behind the building is the Underhill Avenue Playground, well equipped for small children. The stoops of historic brownstones ascend to dwellings of the affluent. Imagine being confined all day and then exposed to those privileges! Remember teenagers? I do. I taught at Prospect Heights High School for 21 years. Not kids and not adults. Their feelings are easily hurt, and they know that their future depends on schooling. They get angry at being neglected. Those responsible for provoking those reactions are the Mayor and other decision makers, for setting up a situation whose negative results we already know — friction and conflict with residents and then possibly with authorities.

The DOE is legally and morally responsible to see that young people's educational needs are met. They deserve to have an attractive and appropriate school, not being set up to get into conflicts for which they then continue to be blamed and punished. All of us need their talent and energy. The gift of education from one generation to the next holds a society together. In our opposition to this plan we defend their rights, our tranquility and the future of our community.

The context of school suspensions is documented in a report published in 2011 by the NY Civil Liberties Union and the Student Safety Coalition called EDUCATION INTERRUPTED. [www.nyclu.org/files/publications/Suspension\\_Report\\_FINAL\\_noSpreads.pdf](http://www.nyclu.org/files/publications/Suspension_Report_FINAL_noSpreads.pdf)

Susan Metz

## LETTERS POLICY

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

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

You may submit on paper, typed or very legibly handwritten, or via email to [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto:GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop) or on disk.

## Anonymity

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

## Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, fac-

tual coverage:

1. The *Gazette* will not publish hearsay—that is, allegations not based on the author's first-hand observation.
2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.
3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the one for which it was submitted.

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

## Respect

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



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## THE MONTH OF "MAY" IN THE PALESTINE-ISRAEL CONFLICT

**COOP MEMBERS:****Middle of May**

During the middle of May, Israel celebrates an event that they call the War of Independence. The same occasion is observed by Palestinians, who call it Al-Nakba, or the Catastrophe of 1948.

**Al-Nakba**

By the armistice of 1949, 800,000 or two-thirds of the Palestinians were either displaced internally, killed or forcefully expelled from the 600 Palestinian villages destroyed for the creation of Israel. Professor Naseer Aruri comments: "The fact that Israel was 'born in sin' of the dispossession of another people has never been seriously discussed in public ... despite an abundance of irrefutable facts from Israel's own 'revisionist historians.'"

**Palestine 1948, Before the State of Israel**

Dr. Hanan Ashrawi sheds light on Palestine up to 1948 that are worth noting:

(1) Under the British mandate, Palestine was one of the important economies.

(2) Dedication to education is deeply rooted in the Palestinian culture and remains so today. By 1914, there were 379 private schools in Palestine. In 1858, the first girls' school, Al Moscobiye opened in Beit Jala. In 1869, the Quakers opened the Friends School which continues to be among the most advanced education institutions in Palestine.

(3) Between 1911-1948, there were 161 newspapers, magazines and publications. An important newspaper, "Falastin" was published in Jaffa by Issa al-Issa.

(4) Dozens of bookstores sold books written by Palestinian and foreign authors. These included: "The Arab Women and the Palestine Problem" by Matiel Moghannam, a feminist leader, and "The Arab Awakening" by George Antonious. They were popular in Palestine, England and the US.

(5) There was a strong women's movement in the 1920's that lobbied for Palestinian self-determination at the beginning of the British mandate. Women were prominent educators, journalists and writers.

(6) Palestinian creativity inspired artists throughout the region. Composers like Yehya Al-Lababidi, and famous Arab singers like Farid Al-Atrach, Um Kalthoum and Mohamad Abdel Wahab performed regularly in Haifa, Jaffa and Jerusalem. Cinemas from Gaza to Akka showed the latest films.

(7) Major book collections were lost to their Palestinian owners. 30,000 books were collected from

West Jerusalem. 50,000 books were removed from homes in Jaffa, Haifa, Tiberias and Nazareth. Khalil Sakakini lost his entire library. Today many of these books are found in the National Library of Israel marked 'AP' meaning "Abandoned Property."

**Israel's Accountability**

In the words of Dr. Ashrawi: "Al-Nakba is the collective memory of Palestinians, shap(ing) their identity as a people. It is an inescapable story of loss, dispossession and a great historic injustice. Israel must come to recognize its historic accountability in creating Al-Nakba for neither denial nor distortion can serve the cause of peace."

**References:**

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Mary Buchwald  
Brooklyn For Peace  
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*The following letter ran in the May 17th issue with some inadvertent omissions. We print the corrected letter in full below. — The Editors*

### MORE FALSE AUTHORITIES: EAFORD (CERD/ICERD)

**TO THE EDITOR:**

[All citations, shown in brackets below, refer to same-numbered sources from the evidence-based report "False Gods: EAFORD (CERD/ICERD)", at <http://eaford.evidencewatch.com>, part of my site on "The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: The Evidence" (<http://me-evidence.evidencewatch.com>)].

Joining already discredited NGOs hiding under the halo of putative "human rights" organizations with outrageous distortions of international law [22-25], EAFORD (International Organization for Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, formerly, CERD and ICERD) is actually (including on their own admission) a Libya-founded anti-Israel extremist propaganda group focused on resurrecting the equation of Zionism with racism and South African apartheid, established in 1976 at the International Symposium on Zionism and Racism (Tripoli, Libya), with close ties to the former Muammar Gaddafi regime, as noted by Anne Bayefsky, distinguished professor of international human rights law with the International Law Association Committee on Human Rights Law and Practice

[1,2,3]. EAFORD continues to promulgate the "Zionism is Racism" slander of UN General Assembly Resolution 3379 despite its revocation in 1991 [6,7,8]. Like many other rejectionist anti-Israel groups, EAFORD—like BDS—was born and shaped out of the hateful and well-documented racism and virulent anti-Semitism of the first Durban Conference and NGO Forum in 2001 [9,10,20,21].

This is the same EAFORD that posted the outrageous Agenda Item 7, "Israeli Illegal Trafficking in Organs of Dead and Kidnapped Palestinian Victims" that advances the blood libel that "Israeli physicians remove organs

[from Palestinians] they think marketable" [11]. This calumny was based on an article by Donald Bostrom in the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet [12] who subsequently admitted to CNN [13] and The Jerusalem Post [14] that he had absolutely no proof of any of the outrageous insinuations (note: Bostrom won Honest Reporting's "2009 Dishonest Reporter Award" [15]). The charge was supposedly based on allegations from the family of Palestinian victim Bilal Ahmed Ghanem, but the family themselves admitted they never made such claims (they performed no autopsy and could not know) [16].

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## The Linewaiters' Gazette is revamping its organizational structure and looking for qualified members to fill the new work slots!

**The two new positions are:  
Co-Coordinating Art Director  
(CAD) and Co-Coordinating  
Production Manager (CPM).  
Both are supervisory positions on the  
production teams. In total, the Gazette  
will be adding two CADs and four CPMs.**

Responsibilities include:

- Supervise the members working in the Art Department or on the weekend Production Teams
- Screen applications for members wanting to join the Art Department or the Production teams
- Develop training tools
- Monitor and assess performance of team members
- Provide feedback to team members
- Have a working knowledge of Quark, InDesign and Photoshop (Co-Coordinating Production Manager only)
- Improve and manage *Gazette* processes in order to produce a quality newspaper
- **The Co-Coordinating Production Manager must be available to work on Saturday and Sunday, once every eight weeks.**

If you have any questions about the positions or the time commitment, or are interested in applying, please contact [ann\\_herpel@psfc.coop](mailto:ann_herpel@psfc.coop). Include in your e-mail your relevant experience and skills. Applicants must be members in good standing and have an excellent work history.

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Furthermore, experts have found the organ harvesting allegations to be ludicrous and medically impossible, since given the injuries described (including gunshot to chest and abdomen), the organs would not be usable for transplant (as noted by Dr. Andrea Meyerhoff [17], Associate Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; and by Dr. Francis Delmonico [18], internationally renowned transplant specialist at Harvard).

Yet despite the complete exposure of all these hateful fabrications and despite the call from UN monitoring human rights NGO UN Watch [19] among others for the President of the UN Human Rights Council and the High Commissioner for Human Rights to stop circulating the "anti-Semitic" libel, EAFORD (and UNHRC) has to date failed to respond and remove the slanderous accusations.

This is fitting: BDS supporters endlessly repeating their falsehoods, "backed up" by equally false authorities.

In my next report, I expose another ultra-extremist propaganda machine, Electronic Intifada.

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## THE FALSE AUTHORITY OF ELECTRONIC INTIFADA

### TO THE EDITOR:

[All citations, shown in brackets below, refer to same-numbered sources from the full evidence-based report "False Gods: Electronic Intifada)", at [www.ei.evidencewatch.com](http://www.ei.evidencewatch.com), part of my site on "The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: The Evidence" ([www.me-evidence.evidencewatch.com](http://www.me-evidence.evidencewatch.com))].

In keeping with BDS supporters' tradition of false authorities we also have equally illicit citations to the "authority" of Electronic Intifada (EI), an extremist, rejectionist anti-Israel propaganda machine.

Launched in February 2001 as a project of the Middle East Cultural and Charitable Society (MECCS) [1], and founded by four activists affiliated with the militant International Solidarity Movement (ISM) [2], Electronic Intifada receives funding from ICCO [3], a Dutch inter-church development organization receiving 95% of its annual budget from the Dutch government [4].

EI Executive Director and cofounder Ali Abunimah, a founding steering committee member of Al Awda, the Palestinian Right of Return

Coalition, rejects a two-state solution in favor of a one-state illusion for which "coercion is necessary" [5], acknowledging that in a one-state solution "we couldn't rule out some disastrous situation" for Jews [6]. He has repeatedly confirmed his view that a return for refugees would end Israel's existence as a Jewish state" [7], and so both Abunimah and Electronic Intifada are ferociously opposed to the peace process [8-9].

Electronic Intifada labels PA President Mahmud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad as "collaborators", and PA participation in peace talks as "collaboration" [8], reminding readers that collaboration is punishable by death in the Territories. Electronic Intifada extensively contributes to the hate-sponsored war to delegitimize Israel via articles that:

(1) compare Israelis to Nazis claiming that the Nazi Holocaust has "long [been] deployed by Zionists to silence Israel's critics" [10-11],

(2) compare the Israeli press to the odious Nazi tabloid "Der Stürmer" [12],

(3) use apartheid rhetoric to accuse Israel of ethnic cleansing [13] and genocide [14,22], and

(4) in true yellow journalism spirit we have regular "commentators" like Daniel McGowan defending Holocaust denial and revisionism [15].

and promotes a culture of anti-Israel violence, blatantly inciting to active bloodshed and assault against Israelis, asking "Isn't it the time for another Palestinian revolution in the form of a third intifada" [16], and justifying terrorism as a form of nationalist resistance [19-21,23,25]. Electronic Intifada cofounder, and frequent contributor to Mondoweiss, Nigel Parry, justifies Palestinian violence against Israeli settlers [19] while drawing an obscene moral equivalency between Palestinian assaults against civilians (a manifest violation of the Law of Armed Conflict/LOAC), and Israeli counter-terrorism initiatives [21], interlaced with extols to the "hope" of Hezbollah and Hamas [23,25], while another cofounder, Laurie King-Irani, odiously charges the "Israel Lobby" with viewing the September 11th atrocity as a "gift" and a "real day of victory and glee" [24].

Electronic Intifada: an extremist, peace-rejectionist, pro-violence and terrorism-apologist anti-Israel hate and propaganda machine. It serves not the cause of Peace, nor the cause of Palestinians, nor of equitable Justice in the Middle East.

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The Coop has a regular show on Brooklyn Cable Access Television and will soon be expanding to podcasting via the Internet. The shows features members and issues related to the Coop and the larger Brooklyn community. Past shows include health, improv performance, live music, cooking classes and ideas for living ecologically.



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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:

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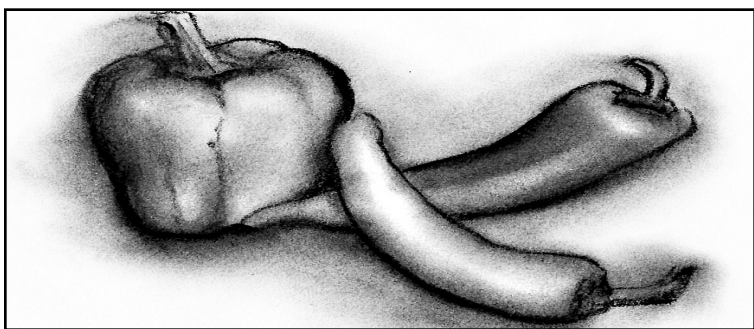


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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

An asterisk (\*) denotes a Coop member.

### SAT, JUN 2

11 a.m. Saturday mornings, Damo I Jin—a 'tendon-changing' form of Chi Kung ("life-force energy practice")—returns to Prospect Park, weather permitting. Newcomers are welcome to join the class any week. For more information, contact [quicksilverdance@yahoo.com](mailto:quicksilverdance@yahoo.com) or 212-946-1537.

### THU, JUN 7

8p.m. June 7th thru June 9th Marie-Christine Giordano Dance premieres In and Out Location: Danspace Project, St. Mark's Church, 131 East 10th Street, NYC 1003, [www.mcgiordanodance.org](http://www.mcgiordanodance.org) Tickets: \$18 and \$12 for Dancers/ Students/Seniors (866)-811-4111 or online

### WED, JUN 13

7-9 p.m. The Power House Arena, Book launch party: People's Pops, 55 recipes for ice pops, shave ice, and boozy pops from Brooklyn's coolest pop shop By Nathalie Jordi, David Carrell, & Joel Horowitz 37 Main Street, Bklyn, NY 11201 For information, call 718-666-3049 Please RSVP: [rsvp@power-housearena.com](mailto:rsvp@power-housearena.com)

### THU, JUN 14

6-9 p.m. Rooftop Solar Electric Workshop For Residential/ Coops/Condos/Commercial. Why go solar now? Costs? Savings? Can I? Bring your Con Ed bill, get estimated. At Commons Brooklyn, 388 Atlantic Avenue (bet Hoyt and Bond) \$35, dis-

counts online. Space limited. Register: [www.citysolaus/workshopschedule.php](http://www.citysolaus/workshopschedule.php). Contact 347-254-0019, [info@citysolar.us](mailto:info@citysolar.us)

### WED, JUN 20

7 p.m. Community Bookstore, 143 Seventh Ave. Is Starbucks really green? Is Trader Joe's really organic? Find out when Coop member Fran Hawthorne discusses her newest book, "Ethical Chic: The Inside Story of the Companies We Think We Love" (Beacon Press). Free (Auto-graphed books are for sale).



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### REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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2. Returns must be handled within 30 days of purchase.

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

## CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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**NEVER  
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ONLY IF SPOILED  
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**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.

WELCOME!

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

Danna Agmon	Shymala Dason	Tim Haney	Louis Katzman	Rui Pereira	Fares Shahbain	Anna Webber
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David Arkema	Rachel Dor	Michelle Weiss Harari	Solomon Mandaloui	Janet Potter	Taigi Smith	Joel Wilhelmi
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Matthew Belanger	Daniel Fernandez	Cindy Howlett	David Moody	William Roberts	Amanda Tseng	Karin Zahavi
I-Hsuan Chen	Maud Frisenfeldt	Antony Huchette	Yianni Naslas	Elayne Rush	Quentin Tucker	
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Christina Ciocca	Lucile Gingembre	Daniel Hyman	Travis Noyes	James Schaffer	Janet Vitebsky	
Morell Cutler	Candice Gorman	Anthony Johnson	Leticia Palomo-Lopez	Duann Scott	Bernhardt Vogelmann	

THANK YOU!

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

Elizabeth Abbs	Gisele Castaño	Anna Frangos	Patrick Knight	Nicholas Miller	Jacquelyn Scaduto	Amy Tai
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Flavia Benedito	Jana Cunningham	Asya M. Gorokhovskiy	Nim Lee Lew	Poppy O'Neill	Kia Sison	Therese Tripoli
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Crossword Answers

A	C	S		E	W	E	L	A	M	B		J	O	B
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