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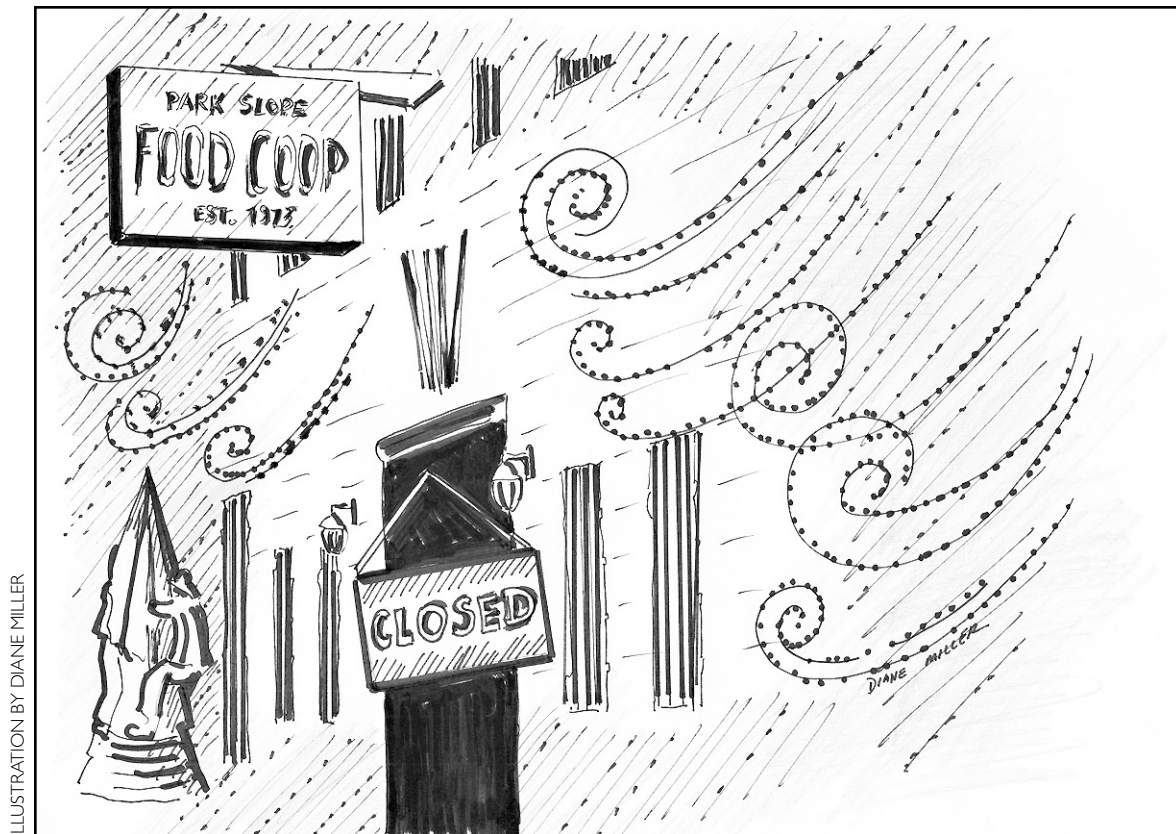


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## Sandy and the PSFC

By Lily Rothman

On Saturday, October 27, early in the morning, at a time when Coop shoppers might any other week choose to buy their groceries and avoid long waits to pay, the checkout line stretched through paper goods, through the frozen section, through the bulk and back around through produce. And there was another unusual sight that Saturday morning: the carts of those waiting on the epically long line had a high number of

items in common. Beans. Canned vegetables. Canned fish. More beans. Hurricane provisions.

### After Sandy, Coopers Help Stock Their Neighbors' Shelves

Barely a week later, on Sunday, November 4, canned goods were headed in a different direction: out of carts and shopping bags, into boxes bound for Red Hook and the Rockaways. At a donation table in front of the

Coop, members who had gone in to shop could, on their way out, donate extra purchases of food, baby goods, cleaning supplies, batteries, flashlights and water to Brooklyn residents who were not as fortunate as those who live close to the Coop and did not experience power outages or a loss of heat. The goods would be taken to donation centers in Sunset Park, Red Hook or Clinton Hill by drivers who

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## Coop Event Highlights

- Thu, Fri Nov 29-30 • See What the PAFCU Offers**  
4 - 6 p.m., Thu; 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fri
- Fri, Nov 30 • Wordsprouts: Memoir-Writing Workshop With Donna Minkowitz** 7:00 p.m.
- Thu, Dec 6 • Food Class: Healthy Hanukkah Treats** 7:30 p.m.
- Fri, Dec 7 • Film Night: A Matter of Taste: Serving Up Paul Liebrandt** 7:00 p.m.

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

## Jerusalem, a Cookbook And Love Letter to an Ancient City of Diverse And Delectable Tastes

By Liz Welch

Congregation Beth Elo-Chim was packed on October 24. People filled practically every pew to hear the Israeli-born London-based chef Yotam Ottolenghi and his Palestinian partner, Sami Tamimi, discuss their latest collaboration: *Jerusalem*. Named for the city both men were born and raised in, this is the second cookbook the two men have worked on together. Their first, *Ottolenghi: The Cookbook*, was named after the popular restaurant the two opened in 2002 in Notting Hill, after meeting in London years before when both worked in the kitchen of the restaurant Baker and Spice. Born in 1967 in the same city, the two had never met before that moment, but were amazed to discover they had parallel histories and paths that led them from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv to London, where each arrived in 1997.

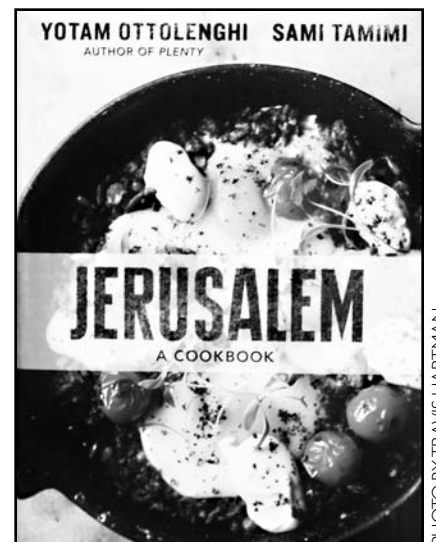


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### Next General Meeting on December 18

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.\* The December General Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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

\*December's meeting is December 18 (not December 25). This is an exception.

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**New location for General Meeting:  
MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth & Fifth Sts.**



## Sandy and the PSFC

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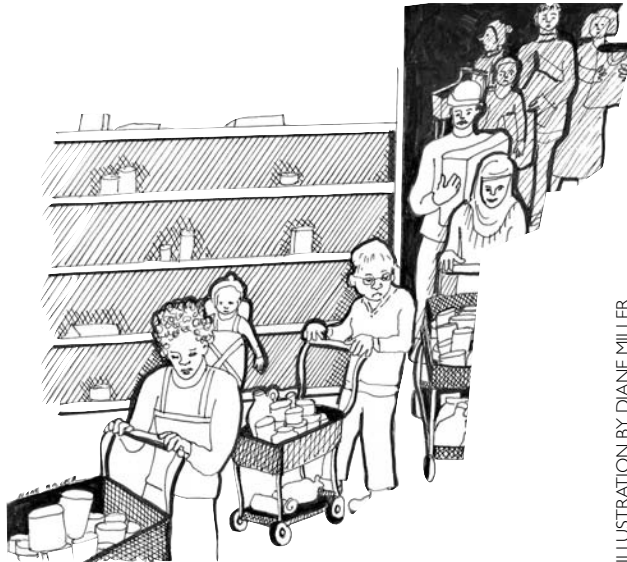
volunteered outside the Coop. Inside the building, members working shifts wore signs or made announcements encouraging shoppers to donate.

"I'm a native New Yorker. This is my city—and even if I wasn't a New Yorker, it's a human thing," said Coop member Nura Rose Sala, after contributing canned goods to the cause. "When people are in trouble, you help them."

The collection drive sprang up from the grassroots, organized by members, in the days following the storm's arrival. And that's fitting. A Coop General Meeting has never prohibited the Coop's direct involvement in charity, but a member's motion to donate to a particular cause has never been successfully passed. Coop members are thus encouraged to do the organizing and donating among themselves—and, with the Coop itself recuperating quickly, it worked well as a location for that organization to happen. "I was so impressed that we were up and running so quickly," said Sala.

### Weathering the Storm at the PSFC

The Coop had closed on Sunday evening before Sandy hit, when Mayor Bloomberg instructed everything non-essential to close, and remained closed until midday on Tuesday, October 30. "You don't want to create a place where people have to come," explains staff member Elinoar Astrinsky. When the store did get up and running again, the staff worked what she says was "ridiculously hard" alongside members—receiving three 18-wheelers, full of more than \$200,000 worth of goods, in one day instead of half a week, for example. But, while the Coop escaped relatively unscathed and was nowhere near



as affected as those destined to receive the cans being collected at the Coop entrance, nobody got a free pass from Sandy.

### PSFC Phones Were Down

For one thing, while the Coop did not lose power, the storm's effect that was perhaps most immediately felt was that, at some point on Monday—when nobody was in the building—the phone lines went down. Staff members used their personal cell phones to try to help keep Coop communication flowing. But without a working phone number for incoming calls, it was difficult, particularly after Internet service failed on Tuesday. "Members were not able to call in to schedule FTOP, change workslots, ask about their member status and, in the beginning, even check if the Coop was open," explains staff member Ann Herpel. Phone service was finally restored on Friday, November 9.

### Coop Suppliers Feel Sandy's Wrath

Further damage not felt by the Coop right away but with the potential to be much worse over time, happened to local Coop suppliers who were hit badly by Sandy. One has only to look at the impact on cheese to see Sandy's effect on the Coop's food-supply chain. Weeks after the storm, a cashew-cheese supplier based in Williamsburg was still not operational; neither was local cheese maker Ben's Cream Cheese. Many of the imported cheeses sold by the Coop arrive through New Jersey ports that were flooded; in particular, products from Epicure Foods Corp had not yet returned to their delivery schedules weeks after the storm.

*For some, the damage was beyond measure.*

It's not just cheese. One bulk supplier lost what General Coordinator Elinoar Astrinsky says was millions of dollars worth of nuts. She predicts that the price of nuts and dried fruit will soon increase for Coop shoppers and says "most people, when they raise the prices, it's not going to go down." The lack of gasoline was another problem, even for those who were able to produce their goods. Terrace Bagels, for example, couldn't make deliveries.

For some, the damage was beyond measure—even nearly a month after the storm had passed. Astrinsky says that the Coop's worst-hit supplier was probably Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pies, which is based in Red Hook. Steve's electricity was restored on November 13, but even so, the damage to equipment and perishable supplies was immense. Although Steve's is working incredibly hard to restore their facility, the company was not able to recover in time to make pies for Thanksgiving, a major setback for a pie company. The Coop has been trying to find temporary replacements for the products shoppers will miss while these Coop suppliers get back to a functional state.

On a happy note, though, the Coop's produce supply was largely unaffected by the storm.

## Coop Job Opening: Membership Coordinator

### Description:

The Coop is hiring a Membership Coordinator to fill an afternoon/evening and weekend schedule. Membership Coordinators divide their time between shifts of approximately 6 hours in the Membership Office, Technical Support shifts of approximately 6.5 hours working on the shopping floor, and oversight/coordination of the Coop's administrative functions. Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience, comfort with computers and computer technology, and the ability to do detailed record keeping. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, oversee the work of others, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, pay attention to several things at once and maintain high standards of accuracy.

As a retail business, the Coop's busiest times are during traditional holiday seasons. Applicants must be prepared to work during many of the holiday periods, particularly in the winter.

**Hours:** Approx. 39 hours in 5 days/week: Thursday–Monday. Weekday schedule will be afternoon/evening hours (some shifts until 11:00 p.m.). Saturday and Sunday hours will vary, though shifts are between 5 and 8 hours in length.

**Wages:** \$25.29/hour.

**Benefits:** —Health insurance  
—Pension plan/401(k) plans  
—Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years  
—Health and Personal time  
—Four paid holidays: New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

### How to Apply:

Please provide your résumé along with a cover letter explaining your relevant qualifications, skills and experience. Materials will only be accepted electronically. E-mail resume and cover letter to [hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop](mailto:hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop). Please put "Membership Coordinator" in the subject field. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Please do not call the Office to check on the status of your application. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis until the position has been filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

### Probation Period:

There will be a six-month probation period.

### Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least six months immediately prior to application.

No Membership Office experience necessary to submit application materials. However, in order to be considered for an interview applicants must have worked at least four shifts in the Membership Office. After submitting your materials, if you wish to schedule shifts in the Office please contact the Coop at [hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop](mailto:hc-membershipcoordinator@psfc.coop). Please put "Schedule Shifts" in the subject field.

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

### Keeping Shelves Full to Aid Donation Effort

A stocking headache brought by Sandy has been to have enough on the shelves so that shoppers who want to donate goods to those who were devastated by the storm can do so. "That's been a huge logistical challenge," says Astrinsky. However the staff and members managed, it worked: Astrinsky reports that 160 carloads worth of goods were purchased at the Coop and then dispersed via Occupy Sandy and other organizations to people in the Rockaways and elsewhere. A member tweeted on November 4 that during her checkout shift, every person purchased items for the Occupy Sandy drive.

Phoebe Berg, a member who was helping at the donation table on that first Sunday, said that she had been involved with Occupy and thought to start an effort to help at the Coop. But when she arrived with a sign, the effort was already underway. "The recovery centers are overwhelmed [with volunteers], but we can give," she said. "The Coop's response has been overwhelmingly positive."

### Help for Members Affected by the Storm

The Coop is also trying to assist members who were more directly impacted by the storm, whether because of workslot disruptions caused by the Coop's closure or due to a household suffering losses or dislocation from Sandy. Members who had shifts scheduled during the storm must still complete the required 13 shifts a year but will only owe one make-up, not two, for any missed shifts between Sunday, October 28, at 7 p.m. through Thursday, November 8. (FTOP shifts were cancelled.) In addition, members hosting anyone displaced by the storm can get temporary shopping authorizations for their guests, and members whose own lives were seriously affected by Sandy can receive a special dispensation excusing them from all shifts for a period of time. ■



## MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

## Tabling for Hurricane Sandy Donations

By Jezra Kaye, Jenna Ritter and Harriet Taber



Coop members Gabriela Ammann, Jenna Ritter and Jezra Kaye lend a hand at the Coop's Sandy-relief donation table on Sunday, Nov 4—day three of ten days of donations.

Hurricane Sandy's devastation was fast and furious. And, while it may be hard to remember now, in the days immediately following the storm, there were few clear and organized ways to help.

But that changed at the Park Slope Food Coop when, just four days after Sandy hit, a table appeared on Union Street with bold hand-lettered signs inviting passersby to give food and supplies and to volunteer time.

In the 10 days that followed, more than 200 Coop members offered to help this effort. And members collectively donated and delivered more than 170 car- and van-loads of food and supplies to Red Hook, the Rockaways, Coney Island and Occupy Sandy's two city-wide distribution centers: Sunset Park's Jacobi Church and 520 Clinton Avenue.

How did all of this happen?

### Coop Members Step into the Breach

On Thursday morning, three days after Sandy, Coop member Chanelle Elaine started the ball rolling when she approached PSFC staff members about how to involve the Coop in Sandy

relief. She learned that, while the Coop couldn't make an actual donation, it was fine for members to organize a drive.

Chanelle was volunteering in the Rockaways, so Carolina Kroon stepped in to open up the now-famous table. She didn't yet know

that Occupy Sandy was setting up distribution centers, so that first night's donations were kept at her apartment and sent to the Rockaways with friends the next day.

On Friday, the second day of operations, enough food was collected to fill three vans, a pickup truck and a station wagon. Thanks to new team member Phoebe Berg, the food went out to the Occupy Sandy hubs, where it was used to make thousands of hot meals that were taken straight to Zone A. And by Sunday night, 50 to 60 more car- and van-loads of donations, mostly from PSFC members, were collected and distributed by a volunteer staff of tablers and drivers who used their own vehicles—and gas!

The not-so-motley crew of Coop women that quickly

formed to run this effort include Phoebe Berg (archivist and activist), Chanelle Elaine (a writer/producer at think-feel.tv), Carolina Kroon (photographer and veteran of the Lesbian Avengers), Jezra Kaye (public-speaking coach), Jenna Ritter (a teacher of yoga for healing and stress relief), Harriet Taber (a linguist by training), Jen Wanous (chef) and Julie Hollar.

Our goal has been to (a) make it easy for PSFC members to donate; (b) get as many donations as possible to where they would be of most use; and (c) do it in a way that protects the Coop from having its shelves stripped by generous members. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of several Coop staff, and we want to give special shout-outs to Joe Holtz and Dalia Yarrow.

Kudos as well to the many volunteers who joined us. With their help, the table was staffed, pickups were scheduled, signs were made, donations were sorted and turnaround time was kept to a minimum. In fact, donations were collected and delivered for eight hours a day for 10 days straight without interruption.

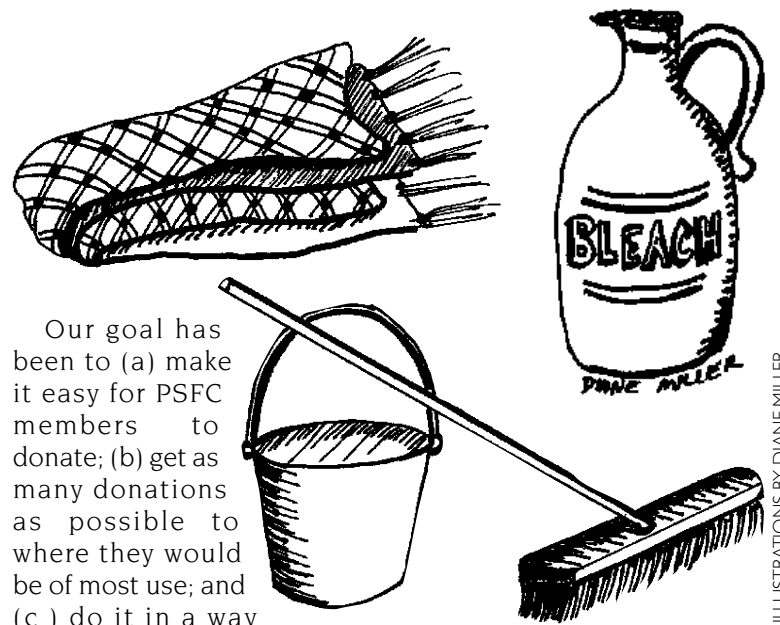
This didn't go unnoticed. When Carolina, who also volunteered at an Occupy hub, mentioned that she had been working at the Coop, she was told, "You guys are a legend!"

### What's Next for The Donations Table?

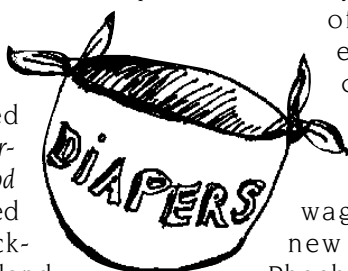
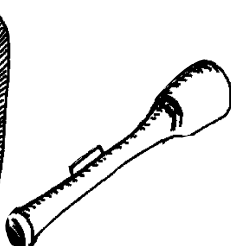
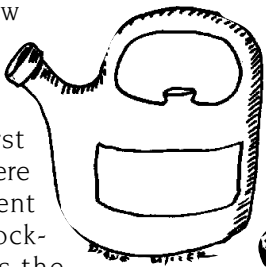
Lots of people are asking what's next for this effort.

"That'll depend on what we see and hear on the ground," says organizer Phoebe Berg. "We might be back at the Coop by the time this article appears. Or we might set up in front of a hardware or building supplies store."

Whatever happens, though, PSFC members can be proud that—in addition to the individual volunteering that hundreds of Coop members have done—we've played a collective and cooperative role in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. ■



PHOTOS BY CAROLINA KROON



Three vans, a station wagon and a pick-up full of largely Coop-donated food/supplies lands at the lobby of 7400 Shorefront in the Far Rockaways on Saturday, Nov. 3, to distribute to those in need.

Jerusalem

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Ottolenghi had a master's degree in philosophy and literature, but after taking a course at the famed culinary school Le Cordon Bleu, he decided to pursue a career in cooking. Tamimi, however, always knew he would work in a kitchen. His first job, at age 15, was at the Mount Zion Hotel, which, he told *Gourmet* magazine in 2009, was the "lowliest and hardest job in any kitchen."

Different Tongues, But a Shared Palate

That extraordinary story—how two men from Jerusalem, one Arab, the other Jewish, met in London and went on to create one of the most popular restaurants in the once culinary bereft city—is the genesis of their first cookbook. But why they have both committed their life's work to cooking is the reason they wrote the second one. As they write in the opening pages of *Jerusalem*, "Everything we taste and everything

we cook is filtered through the prism of our childhood experiences: foods our mothers fed us, wild herbs picked on school trips, days spent in markets.... Fresh pita with ground lamb, chopped parsley, chopped liver, black figs, smoky chops, syrupy cakes, crumbly cookies." The line makes me hungry, the book makes me want to cook.

*Jerusalem's* introduction begins with an anecdote about both authors' favorite recipe in the collection: "a simple couscous with tomato and onion based on a dish by Sami's mum, Na'ama." It then describes a similar dish that Yotam's father made. Since the Ottolenghis are part Italian, the recipe called for small pasta balls called ptitim. "Both versions," the authors write, "were beautifully comforting and delicious." This single dish highlights how an ancient and complex city is home to an extraordinary culinary tradition born from the crisscrossing of cultures, an intermingling catalogued in a section called "Jerusalem Food," which lists Russian Orthodox priests; Polish Hasidic Jews; nonorthodox Jews from Libya, from Tunisia, from France; Palestinian Muslims from the West Bank; and Sephardim from Morocco. Oh, and Russian nuns, too. And this is only a small sampling of the groups who have called the place home.

*"Food has the potential of creating some sort of healing."*

"Confusing?" the introduction asks before setting the premise for the book and its intention: "This is Jerusalem in a nutshell." Both authors realized when first meeting and now, more than a decade later, that "the flavors and smells of this city are our mother tongue." During the hour-long discussion at Beth Elohim, Yotam and Sami talked about that language as both grew up with cumin and cardamom, pomegranates and okra, ground lamb and za'atar. Burnt eggplant salads are popular in both cultures, as are semolina cakes, and both men admit they can weep over a perfect hummus—and include a recipe in the book. The short recipe follows a two-page introduction in which a pull quote offers a hopeful anecdote to the recent controversy at the Coop over the sale of Israeli-produced hummus. "It takes a giant leap of faith, but we



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are happy to take it," the authors claim, "to imagine hummus would bring Jerusalemites together, if nothing else will." They also reminisce about the perfect cucumber tomato salad—called Arab or Israeli depending on point of view, but as both authors point out, equally delicious all the same.

Two Cultures Can Sit At the Same Table

This is the narrative thread of *Jerusalem*, where all of the recipes, regardless of their conflicting cultural heritage, often use the same ingredients to make exquisite food. During the Q and A session of the Beth Elohim event, presented by Brooklyn by the Book and co-sponsored by the synagogue and Park Slope's Community Bookstore, a young woman asked about the power of food to bring people together. Yotam was the first to respond. "We try not to be naïve," he said, "but we do think that food is the one thing people share without knowing it. Jews and Arabs don't go to the same schools or work in the same places, but they do eat the same food." Sami spoke next, adding, "Food has the potential of creating some sort of healing."

*Jerusalem* is both a stunning cookbook—with mouth-watering recipes such as Lamb Stuffed Quince with Pomegranate and Cilantro and Charred Okra with Tomato, Garlic and Preserved Lemon, accompanied by stunningly vibrant photographs—as well as a love let-

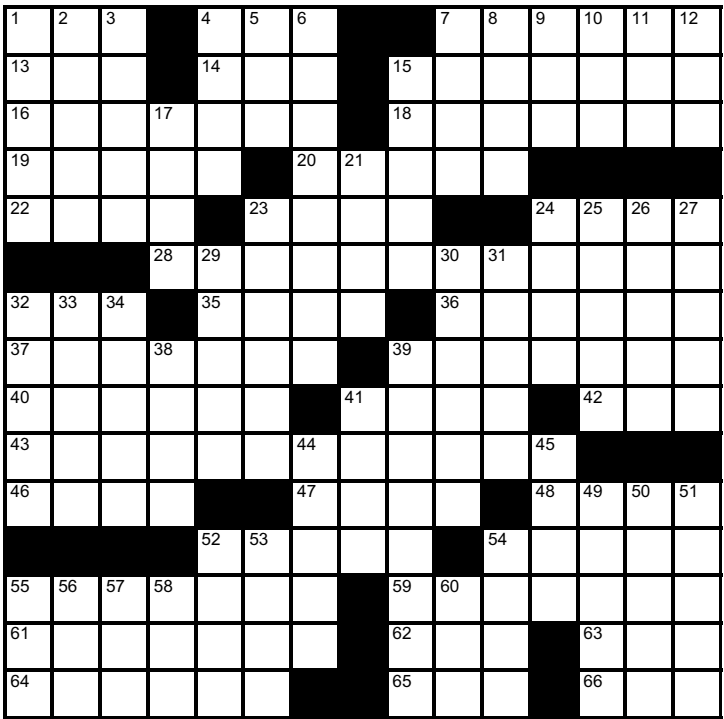
ter to the city where each man grew up and first learned to love and celebrate food. It includes a history of the city, which gives both cultures' perspectives, including about the 1947 war. As the authors explain, "This war has different names: for the Jews, it is the War of Independence... for Arabs, however, it is called a nakba, 'the catastrophe'."

The authors write about their real reason for collaborating on the cookbook. The authors hope, "perhaps naively" they admit, that the city can be "acknowledged by all as part of the world's heritage—and provide the key for sharing, acceptance and co-existence." And what better way to start working toward that goal than through food?

I bought *Jerusalem* as I entered the book event that Wednesday night and flipped through its pages as the authors sat on stage with Rozanne Gold, the event's moderator and a cookbook legend in her own right. The following day, I decided to make the roasted cauliflower and hazelnut salad and the chicken sofrito. A couple of days later, I made the turkey zucchini meatballs.

I had left the synagogue with my signed copy of *Jerusalem*, delighted that I already had Ottolenghi's arsenal and excited to get cooking. "Enjoy the cookbook!" he wrote inside, and signed next to his coauthor, Tamimi. I was all ready. Not only savoring the recipes, but perhaps more so the sentiment that food really does have the power to heal. ■

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1. Org. of Cubs and Eagles
- 4. Tip \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. TV show named after the sound donkeys make
- 13. Paddle
- 14. Suffix with Taiwan
- 15. Arugula alternative
- 16. 1973 horror flick about humans who change into snakes
- 18. Refers (to)
- 19. "Ask me anything"
- 20. Buster of ESPN
- 22. "Life of Pi" author Martel
- 23. Couple
- 24. Coup d' \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. 1965 Roy Lichtenstein painting that depicts an angry dog
- 32. Rm. coolers
- 35. Flemish painter Jan van \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. Without breaking a sweat
- 37. Theatergoer's choice
- 39. Actress Cates and others
- 40. How Rome wasn't built
- 41. Tiki torch setting
- 42. Ballpark fig.
- 43. Line delivered by Jennifer Lopez in "Gigli" just after she says "It's turkey time"
- 46. "As I Lay Dying" father
- 47. Preschool basics
- 48. They're plucked at a 41-Across
- 52. It's plucked in "Norwegian Wood"
- 54. Battle line
- 55. Addition to a musical staff
- 59. Lyric repeatedly heard in the 1978 hit song "Werewolves of London"
- 61. Conceived of
- 62. Prevailed
- 63. USPS delivery
- 64. Word appearing in the first sentence of the bestselling novel "The Secret Life of Bees"
- 65. Trailblazed
- 66. Witness

Down

- 1. Giving orders
- 2. One of the Obamas
- 3. Bad lighting?
- 4. Kid around
- 5. Balloonhead
- 6. It may be renewable
- 7. You can dig it
- 8. "Little" girl in "David Copperfield"
- 9. Mer flow
- 10. Squirreled away
- 11. What a Tennessee cheerleader asks for a lot?
- 12. "Rushmore" director Anderson
- 15. Time off, casually
- 17. "Yesterday" or "Tomorrow"
- 21. Pleasant diversion
- 23. One that's hard to find at a tearjerker
- 24. Scottish tongue
- 25. "Survivor" unit
- 26. City on the Rhone
- 27. Romantic rendezvous
- 29. Kidney-related
- 30. Dries out, in a way
- 31. "High Sierra" director Walsh
- 32. Guadalajara girlfriend
- 33. Church law
- 34. Pierces
- 38. "\_\_\_\_\_ delighted!"
- 39. Journey from bar to bar
- 41. 2009 Shakira hit whose English version is titled "She Wolf"
- 44. Like some communities
- 45. It began circulating in 2002
- 49. Cigarettes once pitched by a cartoon penguin
- 50. Cybermemo
- 51. Bodega, e.g.
- 52. \_\_\_\_\_ bath
- 53. "Mockingbird" singer Foxx
- 54. Enamored (of)
- 55. Show \_\_\_\_\_
- 56. Carpenter's tool
- 57. Ian Frazier book "On the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 58. \_\_\_\_\_-Boy recliner
- 60. Weed whacker

Puzzle author: David Levinson Wilk. For answers, see page 15.



# Toughest Job You'll Ever Love?

*Coop Staffers Are Devoted to This Crazy Place, Get Dental Insurance*

By Willow Lawson

It's crossed the minds of more than a few Park Slope Food Coop members: why not trade that dreary office job for paid work in the aisles of 782 Union Street?

Although some members dread fulfilling their Coop workslot requirement, others derive a particular kind of contentment from filling those dairy cooler slots or hacking at a wheel of Parmesan in the basement. (And if you have the patience of Job, answering the phone in the Membership Office.) For many members, it's one of the rare times in a day when one's efforts can be measured in a tangible way—soup cans shelved versus e-mails sent.

## PSFC Staffers Come From Varied Work Backgrounds

The Coop has long been a lifeline to members seeking a life change. The current staff includes two former bartenders, a hospital worker, a Verizon technician, an opera singer, an audio-book editor, a seamstress, a lighting designer and a preschool teacher. Just to name a few.

Debbie Parker, a Membership Coordinator on the Coop's second floor, left a career as a photography lab technician 13 years ago. Initially, the PSFC job was appealing because she earned full benefits even though she started out working part time.

## Working at the PSFC Has Its Benefits, in Many Ways

The Coop continues to exceed the expectations that most New Yorkers have of an employer. Today, the Coop offers health insurance, a dental plan, a pension plan and an employee-funded 401(k) plan and three weeks of vacation to workers just starting out. Vacation time is bumped up after a worker's fourth, seventh and tenth years, maxing out at five weeks per year. Except for the nine General Coordinators and the three IT Coordinators, who earn salaries, all Coop Coordinators earn the same hourly rate, regardless of seniority. Right now, that rate is \$25.29 per hour, plus overtime after 40 hours. That's more than \$50,000 a year if a

staffer works full time.

That rate usually goes up annually. "Historically, we have tried to upgrade the salary in relation to the annual COLA [Cost of Living Adjustment] issued by the government for the NY Metro area, but that salary upgrade is not guaranteed," Jess Robinson, one of the General Coordinators, wrote in an e-mail. "We don't consider those upgrades raises per se, since the point of them is to ensure that staff members' salary does not become relatively less valuable in relation to the cost of living."

*"I love this giant anthropology experiment I work in."*

Other perks can include a flexible schedule and generous amount of parental leave, although it is unpaid.

The Coop's pay is certainly a livable wage for most parts of the country, but Parker said new Coop staffers can rarely afford to live in Park Slope. Both Robinson and Parker live in Sunset Park. There are few staffers that have the luxury of walking to work.

The best part of the job is the friendships among coworkers, Parker said. "It's a hard job to leave," she said. "Sometimes people leave and come back. The Coop is a good employer."

## Wanted: A Sense of Humor and Proven Ability to Multitask

It's not a shock to members who pay attention that the Coop also asks a lot of its employees. The latest advertisement, posted in November, puts the many demands on office staffers in stark relief:

Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience, comfort with computers and computer technology, and the ability to do detailed record keeping. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, oversee the work of others, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, pay attention to several things at once and maintain high standards of accuracy.

So given the frenetic

nature of the job, which qualities are required? "A sense of humor, just to lighten your day," said Parker. "It's a great job, but if you wear your heart on your sleeve, you could go home pretty upset sometimes."

The learning curve is steep, even for new staffers who have been longtime Coop members and know what makes the organization tick. (Membership for at least six months is required of applicants.) Parker said it might take a year for a new worker to feel comfortable and confident in the Membership Office.

Receiving Coordinators start out shadowing a colleague to learn the rhythms of the delivery schedules and how to best move the products onto the shopping floor. They can expect to



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want to convey to the membership about the Coop staff, Parker hesitated for a moment, then said, "Sometimes there can be a lack of respect from members toward the staff. That is a big obstacle." She went on to say that when things get hectic in the Coop's small space, frustrated members often direct their anger at staffers. It's worth reminding members that staffers are not the

enemy, she said. Everyone is working to make the Coop the best it can be.

What makes up for the difficulties on the job are the interesting and fun people the staffers work with, said Parker.

Eric Vasquez, a Receiving Coordinator who has been on staff at the Coop for nearly five years agreed: "I love this giant anthropology experiment I work in. It's fun." ■



PHOTOS BY TRAVIS HARTMAN

Receiving Coordinator Lisa Hidem, along with her "line reader," receive Krasdale's weekly afternoon delivery.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Happy 5th and 15th Birthday,  
Park Slope Food Coop!

In 1978, the Coop celebrated its fifth anniversary with a party. Ten years later, Allen Zimmerman entertained the crowd at the Coop's 15th birthday party. Photographs of these events, along with many others in our history, are part of the Coop's archives. The Archives Committee has been organizing and scanning an eclectic collection of *Linewaiters' Gazette* photos and snapshots and will be sharing a sampling in each issue leading up to the Coop's 40th birthday celebration in Spring 2013.



We would love member responses about these photos—details about the events, names of the people shown, and your memories—and we will publish some in future columns. We will also be asking members to submit their own snapshots and memorabilia to the Coop archives in a later issue. Stay tuned for more information and sharing guidelines.

Please send your comments, questions, and memories to [archivecommittee@psfc.coop](mailto:archivecommittee@psfc.coop).

—Archives Committee

## Earn FTOP Hours in Queens!



Help the Queens Harvest Food Co-op bring sustainable and affordable food options to Queens and earn FTOP hours at the same time.

The Queens Harvest Buying Club is looking for volunteers to help during our monthly distributions. If you love farmers, fresh foods, conversation, and arithmetic, then spend a couple hours with the crew and get to know us (and Queens!) a little better.

We are a monthly buying club and need volunteers, Monday, November 19, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

We could use extra hands during the following shifts:

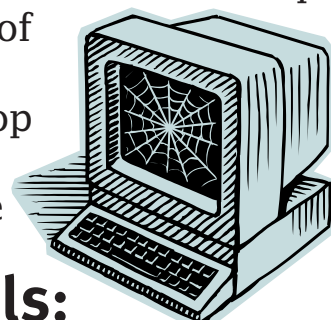
- Morning Shifts—Setup, Data Entry, Receiving, Inventory
- Afternoon Shifts—Receiving, Data Entry, Kitchen Prep, Packing
- Evening Shifts—Packing, Data Entry, Cleaning, Breakdown

Our distribution site is St. Jacobus Lutheran Church, in Woodside, which is just three blocks from the Roosevelt Ave. stop (E/F/R/M/7 trains) in the heart of Jackson Heights.

Interested in volunteering? E-mail us: [qhbuyingclub@gmail.com](mailto:qhbuyingclub@gmail.com)

PHP/Web  
Developers

PSFC IT is looking for several Coop members to help build a Membership application for one of the coops that the Park Slope Food Coop has been advising. Workers will receive FTOP credit.



## Skills:

- ◆ PHP programming
- ◆ SQL commands
- ◆ Experience with FormBoss (RackForms) is a big plus.

## Work Expectation:

- ◆ At least 30 hours over a six-month period of time.
- ◆ Note: Our work requirements are about 36 hours per year per household adult.

If you are interested in this initiative, please send your resume or details of your relevant work experience to the following e-mail address:  
[gerald\\_barker@psfc.coop](mailto:gerald_barker@psfc.coop)

## THE GAZETTE INDEXES

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

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

- ◆ An alphabetized list of the titles of all articles published in the *Gazette* from 1995 to the present, with issue dates.
- ◆ An alphabetized list of all subjects (including people's names) discussed in *Gazette* articles from 1995–99 and 2001 to the present, with article titles, issue dates, and page numbers (subjects for the year 2000 are being added).

Many of the *Gazette* issues referenced in these indexes are available as PDFs on the Coop's website.

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions  
About Coop Foods

Monday, December 10, 12 to 2:45 p.m.  
Monday, December 17, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

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

Look for four leaders in produce aisle.



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Making 'The Shopper'

By Eric Daniel Metzgar

As part of the Environmental Committee's effort to educate other members about ways to shop without plastic bags, committee members created a short film called *The Shopper*, loosely inspired by *The Artist*. The film portrays a typical Coop member, played by Ilyana, shopping for produce and bulk, and learning about alternatives to plastic. The following is a conversation between Ilyana and Eric, two Environmental Committee members.

Eric: So, Ilyana, what inspired the creation of the short film *The Shopper*?

Ilyana: When I first joined the Coop, I was very mindful about what kind of food I bought and ate but less so about my "shopping practices" at the Coop. I didn't think about how I was taking the food out of the Coop. After hearing some of the research done by the Environmental Committee about the effects of using all those plastic bags, I decided to do some experiments during my shopping. I realized that I had other options, and I didn't allow myself to keep grabbing all those "free" plastic bags! *The Shopper* film is about me and all those shoppers like me who needed a wake-up call about shopping without so much plastic.

Eric: Can you tell me about the experiments you tried during your shopping?

Ilyana: For example, I wanted to see if I could shop for my produce without using those plastic-roll bags. So I used just my own Chico and reusable bags. I must admit I caught myself a few times going for the plastic bags out of habit. But I would keep bringing myself back by saying to myself *just put that head of broccoli in your Chico bag*. I knew that I could wash these bags in the laundry when I got home, so I didn't have to worry about germs or dirt. I also tried not buy any produce that was

prepackaged in a plastic container.

Eric: Easier said than done, right? I think most everyone is aware that plastic and packaging is wasteful and environmentally detrimental, yet when we're in the Coop racing around to grab our food, dammit, nobody better slow us down or get in our way! We all want the quickest and most effortless shopping experience possible. And when we're in this mindset, plastic seems like a godsend. It's "free." It's light. It's see-through. Just throw everything in, go home, toss it in the fridge, pull it out later and chuck the plastic bag. Voila! Easy enough. But . . . as we're learning in the course of our many environmental battles, the convenience-based mindset is blind to the long view, and thus very dangerous and damaging.

Ilyana: Yep. And in the film *The Shopper* we had a living example of that "long-view shopper" by having a literal person, played by Jenna S., to keep guiding me during my shopping and offering me that long view as opposed to the quick-and-easy-for-me approach that we can all fall prey to.

Eric: So in practical terms, what does a mindful shopping routine look like, from home to Coop to home again?

Ilyana: Mindful shopping starts with a list! If you can plan ahead a bit and know what you want to buy, this may help you bring the reusable bags you need for those items! Next, when in an aisle at Coop, you may feel anxiety and pressure to finish your shop as fast as you can, overwhelmed by the crowds and lines and choices. But before you reach for a plastic bag, take a beat. Consider if you might be able to use a reusable bag, or no bag at all, or a box. This mindfulness means you are thinking in real time and considering the impact of your shopping routine.

Eric: So I heard the film screened at

a GM meeting? How was the response?

Ilyana: Yes. We thought what better way to spark a conversation than to illustrate visually what we are talking about. When it screened, the Coop members really enjoyed it and found it funny. It was also blogged about, even reaching the *Huffington Post* and *New York Observer*, among other outlets. So overall, it had a great response.

Eric: And if someone wasn't at the GM when *The Shopper* was shown, where can they see it now?

Ilyana: On the Environmental Committee blog at [www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com/2012/02/shopper.html](http://www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com/2012/02/shopper.html).

Eric: And now, the most important question. Since your starring role in *The Shopper*, have you been recognized in the street or in the Coop?

Ilyana: Yes, on the subway of all places, and it made me feel good, like a proud Coop member! ■

To learn more about the Environmental Committee and their mission, you can visit: [www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com](http://www.ecokvetch.blogspot.com).

## WORDSPROUTS

The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

Attention Writers:  
Wordsprouts Wants You!

Are you a novelist, poet, playwright,  
songwriter, essayist, journalist, or blogger?

Are you looking for a forum where you can  
promote your work or get feedback?

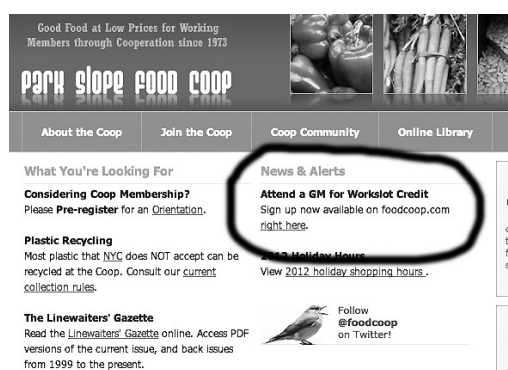
Do you want to moderate a panel or  
teach a writers' workshop?

Do you want to meet fellow Coop writers?

Wordsprouts, the Park Slope Food Coop's reading series, is looking for writers who are members of the Coop. Even if you're not ready to commit to an upcoming event, drop us a line and let us know you're out there!

E-mail [paulabernstein@gmail.com](mailto:paulabernstein@gmail.com).

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

Follow the Food Coop  
on

twitter



@foodcoop



COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

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

Shopping Hours:

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

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

Childcare Hours:

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

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Friday, Dec 21, 8:00 p.m.

The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture  
and the Park Slope Food Coop present:



**Jen Chapin's** music is urban folk: story songs that search for community and shared meaning, powered by the funk, soul and improvisation of the city. Critics have hailed her work as "brilliant...soulfully poetic" (NPR), "thoughtful...worth-savoring" (*People*), "addictive" (*Boston Globe*), "smart, observant, lyrically deft, politically aware and emotionally intuitive" (*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*).



**Deborah Shelton** weaves together an evening of jazz, poetry and improvisation, bringing soulful words and sounds into the deep December dark. With her warm voice and adventuresome and improvisational spirit, she offers a mix of poetry set to jazz, live multi-tracked vocals and poems, original compositions and poetic lyrics. With Cynthia Hiltz, piano; Alexis Cuadrado, bass; Lily White, sax; and Todd Isler, drums.

www.ProspectConcerts.tumblr.com

53 Prospect Park West [at 2nd Street] • \$10 • 8pm [doors open at 7:45]  
Performers are Park Slope Food Coop members and receive Coop workslot credit.  
Booking: Bev Grant, 718-788-3741

Monthly on the...

Second Saturday  
DECEMBER 8  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Third Thursday  
DECEMBER 20  
7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.

Last Sunday  
DECEMBER 30  
10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

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

PLASTICS

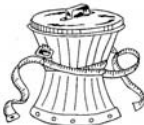
What plastics do we accept?  
Until further notice:

- #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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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.

Nicole Abahuni	Sarah Dickinson	John Griem	Jenny K Maguire	Alan Phillips	Mayer Silber	Stuart van Leenen
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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

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

The Coop on Cable TV

**Inside the Park Slope Food Coop**  
FRIDAYS 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Channels: 56 (Time-Warner), 69 (CableVision), 84 (RCN), 44 (Verizon), and live streaming on the Web: [www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network](http://www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network).

General Meeting Info

TUE, DECEMBER 4

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.  
Submissions will be considered for the Dec 18 General Meeting.

TUE, DECEMBER 18

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Dec 13 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 3  
Dec 27 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Dec 17

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Dec 13 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 5  
Dec 27 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Dec 19

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 18\*, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month. \*Exception for December.

Location

MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

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

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

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

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

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Certain Squads not eligible:

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

• Attend the entire GM:

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

• Signing in at the Meeting:

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

• Being Absent from the GM:

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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



park slope  
FOOD COOP

# calendar of events

nov 29  
thu 4–6 pm

## See What the PAFCU Offers

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

nov 30  
fri 10 am–12:30 pm

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nov 30  
fri 7 pm

## Wordsprouts: Memoir-Writing Workshop with Minkowitz



Take a free memoir-writing workshop with award-winning memoirist **Donna Minkowitz**. Author of *Ferocious Romance: What My Encounters With the Right Taught Me About Sex, God and Fury* (Free Press), Donna Minkowitz has taught memoir writing and creative nonfiction since 1998, at the 92nd Street Y, The Kitchen, the World Fellowship Center, and the In Our Own Write program of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. A former columnist for *The Village Voice*, Minkowitz has also written for *The New York Times Book Review*, *Salon*, *New York* magazine, *Ms.* and *The Nation*. You can read her blog and the first chapter of her second memoir at [donnaminkowitz.wordpress.com](http://donnaminkowitz.wordpress.com).  
**To book a Wordsprouts, contact Paula Bernstein, [paulabernstein@gmail.com](mailto:paulabernstein@gmail.com).**

dec 1  
sat 11 am

## Preparing for Parenthood

How to become the parents you want to be for your new baby: two doulas share their knowledge. You have just learned that you are pregnant. Now what? We give practical advice on everything from what to buy to breastfeeding. We want expectant parents to feel empowered and ready for the birth and beyond. Come join us and bring all your questions! **Pamela Smith** and **Lisa Cohen** are both certified postpartum and birthing doulas. They are also certified lactation counselors who have worked with hundreds of families.

dec 1  
sat 2 pm

## Strategy to Ban Fracking Fluids & Pipelines in NYC

Concerned about fracking and the continued viability of New York State's food shed and eco-systems? Heard reports that fracking fluid contaminates water supplies and compressors pollute air? Worried about the Rockaway Pipeline and the effect it would have on Gateway National Park? Aware that Spectra, which is laying a gas pipeline in the densely populated West Village, has a dismal safety record? This workshop offers a long-range strategy based on the work of The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) to spearhead a citizens' initiative to amend the NYC Charter to ban fracking fluids from being trucked into NYC wastewater treatment plants, and pipelines from going through NYC neighborhoods. This long-range goal will support the work of existing environmental organizations upstate and down, that are also working toward bans.

dec 1  
sat 5 pm

## Effective Tools for Rapid Personal Transformation

Are you being present? Are you being yourself? Are you in your own reality? 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. **Marija Santo-Sarnyai** is a Geotran practitioner.

dec 2  
sun 12 pm

## Creating Health with the Foods of the Season

Many of us strive to eat healthy, tasty and deliciously, however, to achieve optimal health, balance with the season and our environment and lifestyle, we need to understand more about the nature of food. The key is the understanding of the Energetics of Foods. The Chinese Medicine 5 Elements System, along with its underlying Yin/ Yang Theory, assists us in determining what food choices we should make. Join us for this discussion on the Water Element. **Dan Becker** is a dietary health counselor and holistic chef. He spent four years in China studying Traditional Chinese Medicine at the Nanjing University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and has been consulting on diet with natural foods for more than 20 years.

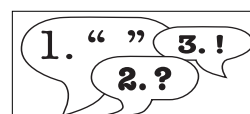
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sun 7 pm

## Meet Your Mind

The fundamental nature of our mind is stable, strong and clear—yet these qualities become obscured by the stress and speed of our lives. Meditation opens and calms the mind. This is a basic meditation class for beginners, and for anyone who would like a renewed understanding of the technique. **Allan Novick** has practiced meditation since 1975. He is a meditation instructor at the New York Shambhala Center and Nalandabodhi New York. He has been a Coop member for many years and has recently retired from his position as a school psychologist.

dec 4  
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, December 18, 7 p.m., at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

dec 6  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Healthy Hanukkah Treats



Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights, is often celebrated with traditional foods that are fried in oil or rolled in sugar. But not all of the holiday favorites have to be unhealthy. Why not try something different this holiday season? Chef **Mia-Rut** is a food writer, personal chef and advocate for delicious, healthy and sustainable food. Her writing can be found in *Jewcy* and *The Jew and the Carrot*. She is completing her first book on Jewish cooking and is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute. *Menu includes: baked latkes; homemade organic apple sauce; dairy-free "sour cream"; vegetarian borscht.*  
**Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

**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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fri 7 pm

## Film Night: A Matter of Taste: Serving Up Paul Liebrandt



*A Matter of Taste* takes an intimate look inside the world of an immensely talented and driven young chef, Paul Liebrandt. At 24, he was awarded three stars by *The New York Times* for unforgettable and hyper modern dishes such as “eel, violets and chocolate,” “espuma of calf brains and foie gras,” and “beer and truffle soup.” Critic William Grimes likened Paul to “a pianist

who seems to have found a couple of dozen extra keys.” Conversely, *Gourmet* critic Jonathan Gold called Paul’s food “the result of a failed science experiment.” He soon became a chef critics loved or loved to hate. The film follows Paul over a decade and reveals his creative process in the kitchen, as well as the extreme hard work, long hours, and dedication it takes to be a culinary artist and have success in the cutthroat world of haute cuisine in New York City. Exploring the complicated relationships between food critics, chefs and restaurant owners, the film delves into the life of an uncompromising, thought-provoking, young chef ahead of his time. Editor/producer **Amy Foote** is a freelance editor based in Brooklyn. She has been a member of the Coop for nearly 11 years.

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

**dec 8**  
sat 11 am

## Five Element Acupuncture & The Wheel of the Year

Living in harmony with the seasons is the foundation for health and longevity in Chinese medicine. This talk will explain the fundamentals of Chinese medicine theory and the five-element tradition. How can we align ourselves and live in harmony with our environment and the seasons? How can we learn from the virtues and challenges of each season? The transition from Fall into Winter gives us an opportunity to sink into our deepest wisdom, potential, and freedom while letting go of what no longer serves us. There will be a talk, short meditation, discussion, and lots of great suggestions about how to enhance your health and well-being during this season. **Sarah Chase**, MACOM, and **Martha Oatis**, MACOM, are grateful Coop members and licensed acupuncturists/herbalists practicing in the Five Element tradition of classic Chinese medicine. They will be giving these Coop talks seasonally.

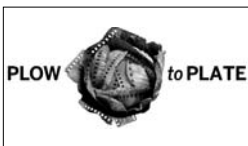
**dec 8**  
sat 2 pm

## Conflict Resolution

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

**dec 11**  
tue 7 pm

## Safe Food Committee Film Night: Dear Governor Cuomo...



*Dear Governor Cuomo...* (70 min.), written and directed by Jon Bowermaster, documents the convergence of rock and roll, activism, and community on a rainy night in May, when a unique coalition of musicians, scientists and activists gathered in Albany, calling for a ban on hydraulic-fracturing. With

the news that Governor Andrew Cuomo might lift the moratorium on fracking in New York any day, the event was assembled in less than a month. Two rehearsals in 24 hours, and it was show time. Under the musical direction of Natalie Merchant, the event was filmed by Academy Award-winning documentarian Alex Gibney. The film features actors Mark Ruffalo and Melissa Leo, environmental biologist Sandra Steingraber and musicians ranging from Dan Zanes, Joan Osborne and Citizen Cope to Medeski Martin and Wood and The Felice Brothers. Screening followed by a Q&A with Corinne Rosen of NY Food & Water Watch, and special guests.

**dec 12-13**  
wed-thu 4–6 pm

## See What the PAFCU Offers

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

**dec 15**  
sat 10 am–12:30 pm

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**dec 15**  
sat 2 pm

## Conflict-Free Holidays

Replace holiday stress with cheer by learning how communication styles (DiSC assessment) can resolve conflict and build understanding. Practice key conversation skills to improve listening and connection, to ensure the only buttons pushed are those on your new sweater. These skills will help you in all your personal and professional relationships and work processes. Facilitator **Linda Katz** is a communication and conflict management coach, and, a happy holiday survivor and Coop member.

**dec 15**  
sat 5 pm

## Traditional Japanese Medicine And Its Health Benefits

Traditional Japanese Medicine is useful for general health support as well as the treatment of specific ailments. It is particularly well-suited to addressing the subtle interface between the physical and psychological in terms of its well-established regulatory effect on the nervous, endocrine and circulatory systems. Such effects are especially powerful in addressing functional imbalances of the digestive and reproductive systems. **Nigel Dawes**, MA (Cantab.) LAc, is a NYS-licensed acupuncturist, Kampo herbalist and Shiatsu practitioner trained in Japan and China and practicing since 1987. Nigel teaches and lectures regularly throughout the U.S., Europe, Israel and Australia.

## still to come

**dec 18** PSFC DECEMBER General Meeting

**dec 21** Prospect Concerts

**dec 22** Goodbye to Back Pain

**jan 3** Food Class: Healthy Winter Indian Curries

**jan 4** Film Night

**jan 5** It’s Your Funeral

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## HELPING AFTER SANDY

## EDITOR:

I know that the Coop donates a lot of food that is about to spoil or expire to causes such as CHIPS. I have come across information about an organization in Rockaway preparing hot meals in the wake of Hurricane Sandy and wonder if the Coop is interested in donating some of that food to their cause. They are also looking for cyclists and kitchen workers, among other things. Thank you for your consideration, and please see below part of the e-mail I received that pertains to this cause:

Hello Everyone,

This is Robyn from Shore Fruit. I live on Beach 92 St in Rockaway. I have been coordinating the hot food and donation station in front of the Marina at 59th St. (where I have my houseboat). I along with several other local Rockaway business owners and residents, including Maribel from Caracas, Andrew from Rockaway Taco and my partner in Shore Fruit, Lillian, have been giving out free food every day since the storm. We want to continue this throughout the winter in a sustainable way. We are setting up a kitchen in Rockaway to prepare free hot-food deliveries (with a pay-what-you-can option for people who have funds and are not comfortable receiving free food) to people in Rockaway on a consistent daily basis throughout the winter. We would like to cover as much area as possible throughout Rockaway.

We are beginning this project as of this Wednesday. If you would

like to donate time, materials, ingredients or funds to this effort, at the moment our needs list is: produce, meat, grains and beans for making soup; cutting boards, knives and pots for prepping and cooking; rain gear for delivery persons; insulated bags for delivery; volunteers with bikes; volunteers who are comfortable working in kitchen; generators with fuel; or funds to purchase these items.

If you would like to donate one of these items, please contact our supplies coordinator Josephine at 917-806-8618 in order to make sure we space out donations, and receive only what we can use.

If people would like to volunteer to cook, prep and deliver they can contact me (Robyn) directly via e-mail or phone 646-691-8013.

And, the way that people can make funds donations is: tax-deductible donations can be sent to Rockaway Beach Club, 291 Grand St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Make check out to Rockaway Waterfront Alliance (501C3). Make sure to write on the memo "Rockaway Rescue Alliance Sandy Donations."

Jack Pliskin

## WHY THE COOP SHOULD STOP PROVIDING FREE PLASTIC BAGS

## EDITOR:

RE: Environmental Committee Report: *Linewaiters' Gazette*, November 1, 2012. Do away with all plastic bags, unlikely, but do away with "free" plastic bags, absolutely. Con-

sider this proposal. Plastic bags should continue to be made available, but for purchase and not for "free." Upon entering the Coop, shoppers would have the option of buying a 10-pack or 20-pack supply of plastic bags. Hopefully, this will result in the shoppers using fewer bags, and using the bags they've already purchased again and again. Further, to encourage the use of cloth bags the price for the cloth bags should be around the same as the plastic, with this bonus—when the shopper checks out they would get an amount deducted from the bill for each cloth bag. This would apply to all cloth bags, whether newly purchased or bags the shopper brings from home. The rebate should be attractive enough to encourage use of the cloth bags, maybe 25 cents, per bag; the rebate would be offset by the money charged for the plastic bags.

I do not think it is possible to totally eliminate plastic bags because plastic-bag packaging will still be necessary for tea, spices, dried fruits, etc., but the approach suggested here should be tried and could greatly reduce the amount of plastic bags ending up in the waste stream.

Another plastic item provided free in the Coop are the disposable plastic drinking cups available from dispensers in all bathrooms. The plastic cups are expensive and polluting; use

of these cups must be and can be totally eliminated. A water fountain is a cheaper, more convenient and hygienic way to provide drinking water, and end the use of "free" plastic cups. A first step toward eliminating plastic cups went unrecognized when a water fountain was installed outside the Membership Office; at that time, cups should have been removed from everywhere on the second floor. Unfortunately this was not done—but it should be done immediately. Next, and as soon as possible, a water fountain should be provided on the shopping floor; it is a long overdue.

Tony Marchese

## CALIFORNIA'S PROP. 37

## EDITOR:

In your next issue of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* could you please publish the companies that opposed Prop. 37 in California. I think people should be aware of it and maybe the Coop could find other suppliers. Here is a link to an article by *Natural News*: [www.naturalnews.com/037873\\_Proposition\\_37\\_election\\_results\\_GMO\\_labeling.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/037873_Proposition_37_election_results_GMO_labeling.html).

Thank you,  
Ruth Marchese

## LAMENT FOR A LOST SOCK

*I miss you terribly, Polka Dot,  
The sock I loved much more than a lot.  
So does your lovely, heartsick mate,  
The one and only, peerless Kate.  
We saw you last as you were rotating,  
Contentedly circumnavigating  
The final cycle of our washing machine,  
Looking remarkably fit and clean.  
We think about you all the time,  
With every step we take and climb,  
Both Kate and I as well as others,  
The shoes that were your loving brothers.  
Come back, come back, and end the woes  
We feel in our hearts and in our toes.  
Have you wound up on another's foot  
Or worse, are you and life kaput?  
Our loss will never cease to be shocking,  
Dear Polka Dot, beloved stocking*

Leon Freilich

## 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.



## PSFC Construction Committee Needs Another Welder

**The PSFC Construction Committee has an opening for an additional welder. The job includes picking up a variety of items in need of repair (u-boats, hollywood carts, street carts, conveyor stands, loading-zone signs, etc.) in your own vehicle, taking them to your own shop, repairing them and returning them to the Coop, and, of course, reporting your hours to General Coordinator Mike Eakin, or his backup. The Coop reimburses for supplies and excess electric-demand charges.**

E-mail: [mike\\_eakin@psfc.coop](mailto:mike_eakin@psfc.coop)





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## BDS TOPICS:

## PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURE UNDER ISRAELI OCCUPATION

## COOP MEMBERS:

*Background.* Palestine (1948–1967 referred to as the West Bank) was the largest agricultural producer (of food) for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

*Palestine Occupied by Israel in 1967.* After the Six-Day War, Israel occupied the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. Three hundred thousand Palestinians fled or were expelled by Israeli forces and not allowed to return to their homes and land. Israeli policy was guided by the “Allon Plan” in administering the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT): “maximum territory for Israel with the minimum of Arabs.”

The Jordan Valley, 28.5 percent of the West Bank was the key area targeted by Israel: a richly fertile area for agriculture, holding one-third of the West Bank underground water reserves.

*Disintegration of the Palestinian Agricultural Economy: 1967–1993*

- The share of agriculture in gross domestic product fell from 34 percent in 1967 to 13 percent in 1993.
  - Israel placed tax restrictions on Palestinian produce going to Israel, while flooding the Palestinian markets with cheaper subsidized products.
  - Israel cut off all links between the West Bank and the rest of the world, allowing some agricultural goods to Jordan.
  - Between 1967 and 1992, Israel confiscated more than 50 percent of the West Bank. (675,000 acres) for state land, closed military areas or illegal settlement areas.
  - Water: Israel allocated to the Palestinian areas only one-third of water resources available: only one-fifth of the water allocated to illegal settlers.
  - Taxes: Palestinians were forced to pay 16–48 percent of their income to the Israeli tax authority.
- Palestinian Agriculture Under the 1993 Oslo Accords*
- Israel kept control of land, water and borders. The Jordan Valley came under complete Israeli military control.
  - Palestinian Authority could trade with countries other than Jordan on specific goods agreed upon with Israel.

- Israel formalized a closure policy banning the movement of labor, products and capital between the West Bank and Gaza, including “within” and “between” areas: 443 closure days (1994–1999) equivalent to 90 unemployment days yearly.

- Territorial fragmentation: Israel builds settlements that cut through the territorial contiguity of the West Bank.

- The Palestinian Authority: only 1 percent of the annual budget and 4 percent of the development budget is invested in agriculture.

*Impact of Occupation on Palestinian Agriculture*

- Illegal settlements, outposts, bypass roads, military bases and the Separation Wall prevent olive farmers from reaching their groves.
- UN: settlers vandalized over 7,500 olive trees (first six month of 2012).
- According to the Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem, Israel has uprooted 1.2 million Palestinian olive trees since 1967.
- In 2010, agriculture accounted for 6 percent of gross domestic product.

*Olive Oil Sector: Fair Trade and Organic Olive Oil, an Inspiring Development.* Nasser Abufarha (Palestinian born, residing in Madison) founded the Palestine Fair Trade Association and Canaan Fair Trade. They export certified fair trade and organic Palestinian olive oil to America and Europe. PSFC sells the Equal Exchange brand.

Sources: Leila Farsakh, Diaa Hadid, Dalia Haatuqa, Reuters

Mary Buchwald  
Brooklyn For Peace  
PSFC members for BDS  
[www.psfcbds.wordpress.com](http://www.psfcbds.wordpress.com)

## THE GAZETTE AND BDS DEAR GAZETTE EDITORIAL TEAMS:

If the *Gazette* is going to continue to publish submissions relating to the Israel/Palestinian/Arab conflict and the BDS movement, then I recommend that the teams meet and agree upon clear and consistent guidelines. These should include:

1. a) exact definitions for what crosses the boundaries from legitimate discussion to any form of hate speech or racism.
2. b) standards for conducting fact-checking and evaluation of sources.
3. c) minimum qualifications and background knowledge for anyone tasked with making the above judgments.

This is a rather large demand to make of a volunteer staff of a food coop newspaper. It is much simpler to declare a moratorium on all submissions related the subject.

The *Gazette's* purpose should be to build and strengthen our community and inform us about the issues that relate to our store, our food supply and our common purpose. Yet, the newsletter has been allowed to become a vehicle of small group of Coop members for the promotion of anti-Israel propaganda. In March, the Coop community was given the opportunity to weigh in on the question of BDS. The BDS proposal obtained the support of less than 4 percent of the membership. The membership has overwhelmingly rejected the discussion. It is of no relevance, appropriateness or benefit to the Park Slope Food Coop community.

These anti-Israel letters are harmful to the community. They contain distortions, misrepresentations and false statements. The letters are designed to instill hatred; the content is at times anti-Semitic. No amount of vehement denials by the authors can negate the pernicious effect of these letters upon my segment of the Coop community. We are being attacked at the heart of our national and religious identity.

*Gazette* editors have on multiple occasions refused to publish content they deemed inappropriate. Discretion is not censorship. There is no shortage of other media for the expression of anti-Israel views. After nearly four years of acrimony surrounding these letters, there is nothing new to be said or accomplished at the Coop. Let's institute the moratorium and allow healing to begin.

Barbara Mazor

**Editor's Note:** It is the policy of the Linewriters' *Gazette* to publish all letters unedited so long as they adhere to the Fairness, Anonymity and Respect policies found in the *Gazette* Letters guidelines and the Coop's Mission Statement.

## 10,000 IN LINE FOR ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP

## TO THE EDITOR:

Will you 10,000 Palestinian Jerusalemites in that accursed line please go home? The line outside the Ministry of the Interior where you are applying for (I can barely choke out the words) Israeli citizenship?

What can the Zionist gangster

regime offer you anyway that we here at the BDS Citizenship Relocation Bureau can't? Nothing except civil rights and regularly scheduled elections. Even though “...negligence of Arab and Islamic support for the steadfastness of Palestinian citizens certainly has implications for the spread of this phenomenon,” and lip service by the PA and Hamas “...is what led to the growing number of those seeking Israeli citizenship to maintain their civil rights,”\* it'll be only that much more painful to lose it all since Israhell is on the brink of collapse and has been since 1947.

Here in the BDS Citizenship Relocation Bureau, your anguish serves a higher purpose: to make us feel better about ourselves. It's a very simple equation to understand: You are victims, we get it on videotape, BDS looks heroic. It's like a collector's edition Xbox videogame: endless cycles of mayhem at a safe distance and BDS activists here in the Coop walk away untouched. It sure beats standing in line, or trying to work for actual peace. And why would we try?

The U.S. is too much fuss and bother to boycott because we'd have to give back our favorite coffeshops to the Mohawk, the Shawnee and the Iroquois Confederation. China sells great plastic knickknacks for cheap so we give them a pass on Tibet. And Turkey is too politically sensitive to boycott because, while under article 301 of the penal code they criminalize discussion of the millions of Armenians slaughtered in a land grab, they do bad-mouth Israel.

Anyway, BDS affords you all the rights you need: the right to victimhood and immortalization on our blogs, and the right to eternal conflict, which make for great photographs at a PSFC General Meeting. There can be no greater freedom than that. BDS lives forever, and through it, you live forever. It's like the Marine Corps that way, and we generals salute you from our armchairs.

So in order for BDS to succeed, Palestinians must remain victimized. We repeat, victimized. Your resourcefulness equals treason to our movement. So please get out of line, and march back where you belong. And stay there until we're ready for you.

\*[www.alquds.co.uk/index.asp?fname=today\19qpt954.htm&arc=dat\2012\10\10-19\19qpt954.htm](http://www.alquds.co.uk/index.asp?fname=today\19qpt954.htm&arc=dat\2012\10\10-19\19qpt954.htm)

Jesse Rosenfeld



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## Plastics Recycling Baler

**Saturday and Sunday,  
12:30 to 3:15 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 workspace, 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](mailto:cynthia_pennycooke@psfc.coop) prior to being assigned to this shift.



## Bathroom Cleaning

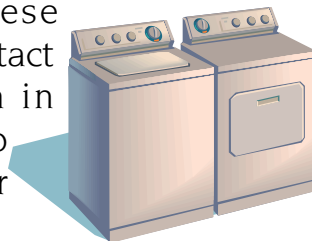
**Tuesday, 12 to 2 p.m.**

Work with a partner to deep clean the Coop's bathrooms. Tasks include scrubbing floor tiles, cleaning toilets, mopping floors and stocking the bathrooms. You will work with only natural cleaning products. This job is perfect for members who like to clean and are conscientious about doing a thorough job.

## Laundry and Toy Cleaning

**Friday and Saturday,  
8:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

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



## Store Equipment Cleaning

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

The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. It entails cleaning the scales at each checkout and vacuuming around the base of the checkout station as well as sweeping and occasionally mopping. You will work under the supervision of a staff person.

## Vitamin Worker

**Thursday, 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.



## RETURN POLICY Park Slope Food Coop

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

### REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

### CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

## CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

**NEVER  
RETURNABLE**

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

**RETURNABLE  
ONLY IF SPOILED  
BEFORE  
EXPIRATION DATE**  
Packaging/label must be present-ed for refund.

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

**RETURNABLE**

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



**eCokvetch**  
the environmental  
committee blog

**Coop Members use  
383 PLASTIC BAGS  
an hour. WOW!**

Check out our  
proposal to  
**Phase Out the  
Plastic Bag Rolls.**

[ecokvetch.blogspot.com](http://ecokvetch.blogspot.com)





## CLASSIFIEDS

## BED &amp; BREAKFAST

THE HOUSE ON 3rd ST. B&B - serving the Slope for over 20 yrs. Parlor floor-thru apt. sleeps 5 in comfort & privacy, queen bed, bath, double living room, kitchenette, outdoor deck. Visit our web site at [houseon3st.com](http://houseon3st.com). Click our FB link or call Jane at 718-788-7171. Ask about bargains for last minute bookings. Let us host you!

## COMMERCIAL SPACE

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES available for Health Practitioners; e.g. Nutritionist, Medical Doctor, Psychotherapist, Massage Therapist, Podiatrist, Dentist, Reiki, Shiatsu, etc. Be part of an Holistic center in SOHO. Doctor will introduce all patients. Non-medical spaces also available. For information, please call 212-505-5055.



## MERCHANDISE

Roller Blades Crossfire Size 9. Brand new \$175 new asking \$100. Call Donnie 718-768-1797.

## MERCHANDISE WANTED

SELL IRIS RECORDS your CDs/LPs/DVDs! Appointments day/night at your home. We pay cash and do the heavy lifting. We also appraise collections for estates/divorces. Email Stephen at [recordriots@gmail.com](mailto:recordriots@gmail.com) or call 609-468-0885 for more information.

## SERVICES

ATTORNEY—Personal Injury Emphasis—34 years experience in all aspects of injury law. Individual attention provided for entire case. Free phone or office consultations. Prompt, courteous communications. 23-year Park Slope Food Coop member; Park Slope resident; downtown Brooklyn office. Tom Guccione, 718-596-4184, also at [www.tguccionelaw.com](http://www.tguccionelaw.com).



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

## SERVICES HEALTH

HOLISTIC DOCTOR in Naturopathy stimulates body's natural ability to heal chronic conditions, allergy, skin, muscle, cancer support with homeopathy, physical & chelation therapies, bioenergetic acupuncture, lab tests, hair analysis & more. Research Director. 20 years exp. As Featured in Allure Magazine. Dr. Gilman 212-505-1010.

HOLISTIC DENTISTRY in Manhattan (SOHO). Dr. Stephen R. Goldberg provides comprehensive family dental care using non-mercury fillings, crowns, dentures, thorough cleanings, non-surgical gum treatments with minimal X-rays. For a free initial exam in a nutrition-oriented practice and for insurance information, please call 212-505-5055.

## WHAT'S FOR FREE

FREE Subaru outback wagon hatch cover 1998. Call Donnie 718-768-1797.



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# Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's products blog.

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

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

## To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, display ads at \$30. (Classified ads in the "Merchandise-Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2" x 3.5" horizontal).

Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator in the entrance lobby.

## Mental Harmony for the Holidays.

Stress is a state of mind. Neurotechnology helps restore brainwaves to a harmonized state.

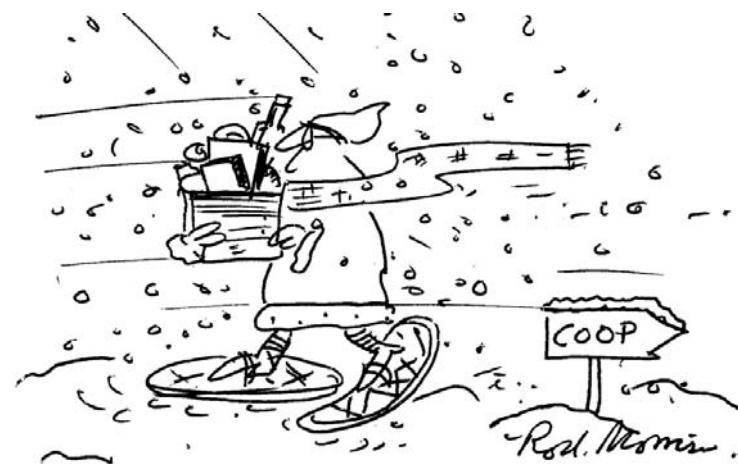
Holiday Offer: \$99 Assessment

Brainwave Optimization in the news: People Own PARADE FOX NEWS JOY NEWS SUN NEWS frontiers THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC NEWS BRITAIN THE NEW YORK TIMES



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212-991-8994

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## Crossword Answers

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## ADVERTISE ON THE WEB

If your ad would benefit from broader exposure, try the Coop's web page, [www.foodcoop.com](http://www.foodcoop.com). The ads are FREE.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## THU, NOV 29

6:30 p.m. Don DeLillo, Nicole Krauss, and Rick Moody invite you to the Archipelago Books Benefit

Auction, at Gasser Grunert Gallery: 524 W. 19th Street. Support international literature in translation and bid on items, including Met Opera tickets,

signed first editions, restaurant gift certificates, etc. For more info and tickets (\$25 in advance, \$35 at the door): [www.archipelagobooks2012auction.tumblr.com](http://www.archipelagobooks2012auction.tumblr.com).

## SUN, DEC 2

5-9 p.m. The Palestine Children's Relief Fund (pcrf) and Brooklyn For Peace presents "Brooklyn

Cares," a Benefit Buffet Dinner to support the new Pediatric Oncology Clinic at Al Hussein Hospital in Beit Jala. Performances: Simon Shaheen on the oud and violin, Debke dancers, Raffle. Join us: [pcrf.net](http://pcrf.net).

## SAT, DEC 8

8 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe Hanukkah Celebration with Robin Greenstein & Cecelia Kirtland. Tickets are \$18, \$10 for members. Nobody will be turned away. Peoples' Voice Cafe at the Community Church of NYU, 40 East 35th St. NY NY [www.peoplesvoice-cafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoice-cafe.org).

## SUN, DEC 9

4 p.m. BPL Chamber players present Adela Peña, Harumi Rhodes, violins Ah Ling Neu, viola Roberta Cooper, cello Peter Weitzner, double bass; Admission is free; Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture at the Central Library 10 Grand Army Plaza, Bklyn NY.

11 a.m. "Nurturing Small Businesses, Nurturing Communities" with Jessie Lee, director of Small Business Services for the Church Ave. Merchant and Business Association. She will discuss how big banks notoriously overlook the small enterprises, which are vital for strong communities. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. 53 PPW. [www.bsec.org](http://www.bsec.org).

## FRI, DEC 14

7:30 p.m. (Also Saturday 12/15) Baghdad Monologues, an original play that features stories of the Iraq war from the point of view of three women: a Sunni Iraqi, an African American and a white southerner Tickets \$12 Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture: 53 PPW. [www.bsec.org](http://www.bsec.org).



## NEED A WORK SHIFT?

Our store is now open! Come visit us at 18 Putnam Ave. At this time, PSFC members will receive FTOP credit in exchange for working with Greene Hill. To receive credit, you should be a PSFC member for at least one year and have an excellent attendance record. Join Greene Hill and you can shop at both stores!



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 718.208.4778

## LEFFERTS FARM FOOD COOPERATIVE

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

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

## JOIN OUR PLANNING GROUP

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

## GET INVOLVED

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

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

DO YOU LIKE **DESIGNING FLYERS**? HOW ARE YOU AT **MARKETING**? DO YOU LIKE **SOCIAL NETWORKING**? ARE YOU A **WEB DEVELOPER**? CAN YOU WRITE **PHP**? DO YOU KNOW HOW TO USE **WORDPRESS**? DO YOU LIKE **TABLING** AT EVENTS? DO YOU LIKE **RESEARCHING FOOD**? DO YOU NEED **FTOP CREDIT**? DO YOU LIKE **COMMUNITY**, EATING **GOOD FOOD**, AND **FUN**? COME HANG OUT WITH THE **BUSHWICK FOOD COOP** AND GET **WORK CREDIT!**

A BUYING CLUB AND CSA ARE SATIATING US WHILE WE WORK TOWARDS MAKING THE DREAM OF HAVING OUR OWN STOREFRONT A REALITY. WE ARE REALLY INVESTED IN OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL OF BRINGING AFFORDABLE, LOCAL AND ORGANIC FOOD TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF BUSHWICK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE EMAIL US AT [WORKSHIFT@BUSHWICKFOODCOOP.ORG](mailto:WORKSHIFT@BUSHWICKFOODCOOP.ORG).



## BAY RIDGE FOOD CO-OP

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

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

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

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

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