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Should the Coop Carry Genetically Modified Foods?

By Kristin Wartman

Should the Coop carry genetically modified foods? According to the Coop's mission statement, "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." Based on these principles, is it antithetical to our mission statement to carry products that use genetically modified organisms (GMOs)?

Indeed, the environmental policy of the Food Coop clearly states that the Coop will "sell no products that are genetically engineered or contain products of genetic engineering, except that sales of genetically engineered products shall not be discontinued, unless there is a similarly priced equivalent product that is not genetically engineered. Genetically engineered products for which there are adequate substitutes as described above shall be replaced as quickly as possible by the substitute product."

Some of the more obvious products currently on our shelves that do contain GMOs are: Crispix, Raisin Bran, Goldfish and some Kashi products. But rooting out GMOs is harder than you might think. That's because GMOs have made their way into places you might not suspect: anything containing non-organic canola oil, non-organic soybean oil, any product containing non-organic sugar derived from sugar beets, non-organic soy products and any products containing non-organic corn are all likely to contain GMOs. Ingredients derived from GMO corn can also be present under names like, xanthan gum, natural flavors, ascorbic acid, citric acid and cellulose.

In addition, non-organic milk, meat, eggs or farm-raised fish are all likely to contain GMOs since those animals were likely fed GMO corn.

GMO corn is so pervasive that many experts believe that even organic corn has been tainted with GM proteins. Cross-pollination by wind, bees and birds makes GMOs hard to contain in the wild, and given that 88 percent of corn grown in the U.S. today is genetically modified, it is tough to avoid.

Allen Zimmerman, the Coop's produce buyer, is fairly certain however, that the Coop's produce is GMO-free. "It's hard because nobody identifies whether their produce is GMO or not," Zimmerman said. "But whenever there is a crop that is likely GMO, I don't order it and I wait until I can buy organic." Zimmerman said that he stopped carrying Hawaiian papaya since it is GMO, and instead buys Mexican papaya, which he

says has "no hint" of GMOs. As for the corn the Coop carries, Zimmerman says he is fairly certain that the integrated pest management corn from upstate New York is GMO-free. "We know these farmers and they are next to

other farmers that we know don't use GMO corn. This is in the heart of organic New York State so the chance of contamination is low." Zimmerman added that there is nothing absolutely certain about anything labeled "organic," since anything can be contaminated but the best the Coop can do is "avoid the things we know and trust the people we trust—and I think we're doing a pretty good job."

As for the packaged foods on our shelves, shoppers have to be pretty savvy to discern GMO products. With no uniform labeling system required in the U.S., it can be difficult to tell where GMOs lurk. "I know it is really hard to distinguish them sometimes," said member Sarah Benesch. "People need to be educated because I don't think they know—they think, Oh it's organic, it's not GMO—but we know

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*Many apple varieties are not ready
for harvest this early in September*

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Early Rosh Hashanah Means Fewer Apple Choices

By Lily Rothman

The first week of September has long been associated with a very specific apple: the stereotypical Red Delicious presented to teachers on the first day of school, a nice-looking apple but not always the tastiest. This choice of apple makes sense, considering the weather one expects for this

time of year. The last balmy days of summer, after all, are not the time for the tart and crispy local apples that Coop shoppers can soon expect. At least here on the East Coast, it will be a few more weeks before the best apples, the kind that fill the produce aisle when the weather gets a little cooler,

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Next General Meeting on September 24

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The August General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 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.

The agenda is in this *Gazette*, on the Coop website at www.foodcoop.com and available as a flier in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.

Coop Event Highlights

Thu, Sep 5 • Food Class: Healthy Indian Cuisine 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Sep 6 • Film Night: Darkon 7:30 p.m.

Tue, Sep 10 • Safe Food Committee Film Night: What's For Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Sat, Sep 14 • Wordsprouts: Back-to-School Discussion 4:00 p.m.

Sat, Sep 28 • Coop 40th Anniversary Party 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

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that soybeans are completely infected now." She added, "GMOs are in all soy products now, so does that mean we shouldn't carry tofu? That's a good question. And I don't eat corn anymore because it's all GMO, so I just stay away from it. As long as products are marked GMO, people would at least know."

Other members were surprised to learn that the Coop carries GMO products. "I didn't know that we carried them," said Coop member Melody Wells. "But I assume that some of the packaged items are GMO. I think that we should at least have them labeled clearly as products that contain GMOs because I would really like to know if what I purchase has any GMO ingredients."

Coop member Michelle Lau also thought that the Coop specifically did not carry GMO products. "Intuitively, I don't think we should carry them," Lau said. "I do know that in Europe they are banned. It just seems like it's not a sustainable way of growing food and it doesn't support local populations." She continued, "But I don't know enough about the health effects or the research behind them. To form an opinion I need to be more informed. But my first instinct is to say, 'No, I don't think we should carry them.'"

Members Julien Greco and Christopher Eckel both said that as long as products containing GMOs were labeled clearly, they had no problem with the Coop carrying them. "For me, it's not an issue of whether we should restrict them, it's an issue of how we should label them—whether there's a section for [GMOs], or a naming convention that's very easily recognizable," Eckel said. "Just something where people can be informed and make the decision themselves."

"I think that it's okay to carry them as long as the products are labeled," Greco said. "This gives the customers the option and provides the transparency to see what they are buying. I am not opposed to selling them as long as they are labeled."

Still other members thought that even selling GMOs is contrary to what the Coop stands for. Quite a few members were under the impression that shopping at the Coop was "safe" and that potentially harmful products weren't on our shelves. "One of the nice things about the Coop is that you can come here and you know that the produce you buy has been researched and I feel that it is going to be safe for me and my family to consume," said member Blanca Quintanilla. "I know that we carry some products [with GMOs] and that just makes me have to read all the labels when I'm shopping and it just slows the process of shopping

down. With the Coop, you just want to come in and go out since it is usually very crowded. I'd rather not have to worry about reading all of the labels when I want to buy something at the Coop."

Greg Todd, the facilitator of the Coop's GMO committee, said the best way for shoppers to avoid GMO products is to look for the non-GMO certified stickers on the shelves. Todd said that between 500 and 600 products are currently labeled as such. "This is the most certain way to assure that you are buying a non-GMO product," he said. "You can also buy USDA certified organic but that is a little less certain." Otherwise, Todd advised shoppers to avoid products containing known GMOs like corn, soy, canola and sugar from sugar beets.

Even though the U.S. does not require labeling of GMOs, many members felt that the Coop should be operating at a higher standard. "I know that in the U.S. it's not mandatory that products be labeled as GMO," said Wells. "But the Coop stands for a kind of progressive community and an alternative to mainstream markets, so I think it would be the intelligent thing to do to at least clearly label the foods so that people know what they are buying."

But according to Todd, labeling all products containing GMOs at the Coop is close to impossible. "Currently there is no third party to verify that what we suspect to be GMO is in fact GMO, and we are just operating on what we believe," Todd said. He added that back in 2000 the committee read 8,000 labels for GMO ingredients and sent letters to manufacturers asking about GMO ingredients in their products. "We got a five percent response rate," Todd said. "These companies don't want us to know." Without confirmation that products do in fact contain GMOs, Todd said that Coop staff is concerned about getting sued. "We got push-back from the staff. They are not willing to label foods that are suspected to contain GMOs without 100 percent certainty."

Member Sara Rottenberg was once on the GMO labeling committee. "It would be great if there were no GMOs whatsoever because then we could just know that what we're buying is not GMO," Rottenberg said. "Labeling would be great too, but it would be even better if people could just come to the Coop and know that everything they are buying is non-GMO. It's very difficult at this point to get everything non-GMO. But I think we could live without it and I think it is important to strive to live without it and I think that it is really dangerous the way that the U.S. is not labeling GMOs."

Others were concerned about some of the health risks that have been associated with GMO crops. "I don't think we should carry GMO



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products because I don't really think they're safe and I'm concerned about what kind of impact they will have on my health and the health of other people," said member Christine Robinson. "Because even if there doesn't seem to be any immediate effects, I'm concerned about long-term exposure." Robinson added that

since the Coop has a reputation for having high standards for the quality of food it sells, she thinks we should maintain our standards and not sell GMOs. "If we can decide not to sell GMOs and maintain a profit and maintain our membership then that means other stores or businesses could do the same thing." ■

Rosh Hashanah

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appear in stores. This year, however, demand for apples in this less-than-ideal season will be higher. Rosh Hashanah—the Jewish New Year, a day on which apples are a traditional festival food—will begin on the evening of September 4, welcoming in the Hebrew year 5774.

Observers who feel like that's particularly early aren't imagining things. This year's Rosh Hashanah date on the Gregorian solar calendar, the calendar used in everyday life here in Brooklyn, is the earliest possible day that it can be. Jewish holidays begin in the evening—Rosh Hashanah begins on September 4 but takes place on September 5 and, for Jews who observe two days of the holiday, September 6—and the last time that evening was September 4 was nearly 50 years ago. The date on which the holiday falls is determined by the placement of an earlier holiday, Passover, on the lunar calendar, but the calendars can only get so far apart before they are realigned by leap years. Next year's Rosh Hashanah won't start until September 24—but, in the mean time, Jewish Coop members who wish to celebrate with local apples face fewer options.

That's because Coop members who feel like the apples on offer in the summer aren't as good aren't imagining things either, says Coop produce buyer Allen Zimmerman.

"Nature determines when the apples are ripe, never the

market," says Zimmerman. "My experience working in produce at the Coop for 25 years is that almost every first week of September is the same."

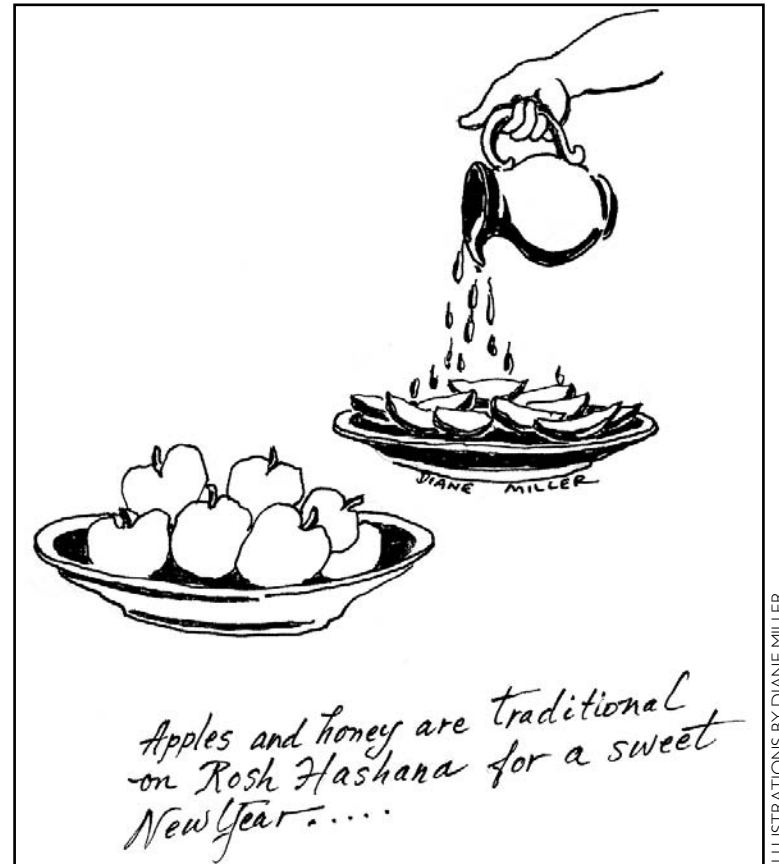
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Nature's hand in the produce selection means that, while pears may be plentiful come the New Year, apples will be few and far between. Though Zimmerman says that apples are popular at the Coop year-round, the local peak is in the fall. Each year, as shoppers may notice, the last of that fall crop eventually runs out, at which time the crop in the southern hemisphere are harvested when they're ready to eat; in late spring, apples begin to show up from places like South Africa, New Zealand, Argentina and Chile. Late summer does begin to see the first signs of the coming apple boom—just two weeks before Rosh Hashanah this year, the Coop offered two varieties of large, hardy New Zealand apples and two varieties of smaller apples from Hepworth Farms in Milton, N.Y.—but the cycle of the apple harvest has yet to restart in this area.

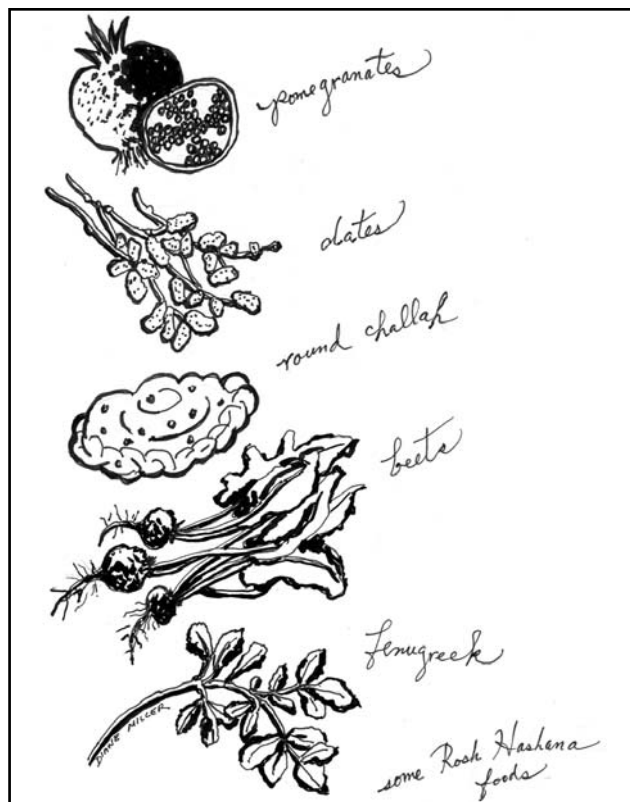
Not that the

cycle can really be counted on, these days. "Before chaotic climate change became a way of life," says Zimmerman, "there was pretty fair predictability, down to the day [the apples would ripen]." Now, the apples might come early—or late, worse for Rosh Hashanah celebrants who just want something to serve at their new year's parties.

After all, the apples served on Rosh Hashanah aren't just any fruit. Paired with honey, they carry deep meaning. Just as there are many American traditions about what is eaten on New Year's Eve, from the champagne we pop at midnight to the collard greens that Southerners consume to usher in a year of prosperity, Rosh Hashanah comes with symbolic food traditions. The sweetness of apples and honey stands for



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words, while the symbolic Passover foods are a key part of the way the holiday must be celebrated, the symbolic Rosh Hashanah foods are just a matter of tradition.

And Jewish food traditions are, luckily for Coop shoppers, nothing if not diverse—which means that there are plenty of other foods that can be eaten to celebrate the holiday.

Apples and honey (because there will be at least a small apple selection, and honey isn't a seasonal item): Apples

and honey are a tradition among Ashkenazim, the Jewish population that traces its past through Central and Eastern Europe and that played a key role in developing Brooklyn's own Jewish traditions. Katz says it's probable that with apples, as with many other ceremonial foods, the mythology came *after* they were already being eaten to celebrate a holiday (because, at that time, the apples happened to be in season).

Round challah: The usually oblong ceremonial bread is made into a circular shape in honor of the holiday, to symbolize the cyclical nature of the year and of life. The bread, like apples, can also be dipped in honey in hopes that this go 'round is a sweet one.

Pomegranates: According to legend, a pomegranate has 613 seeds, the same number

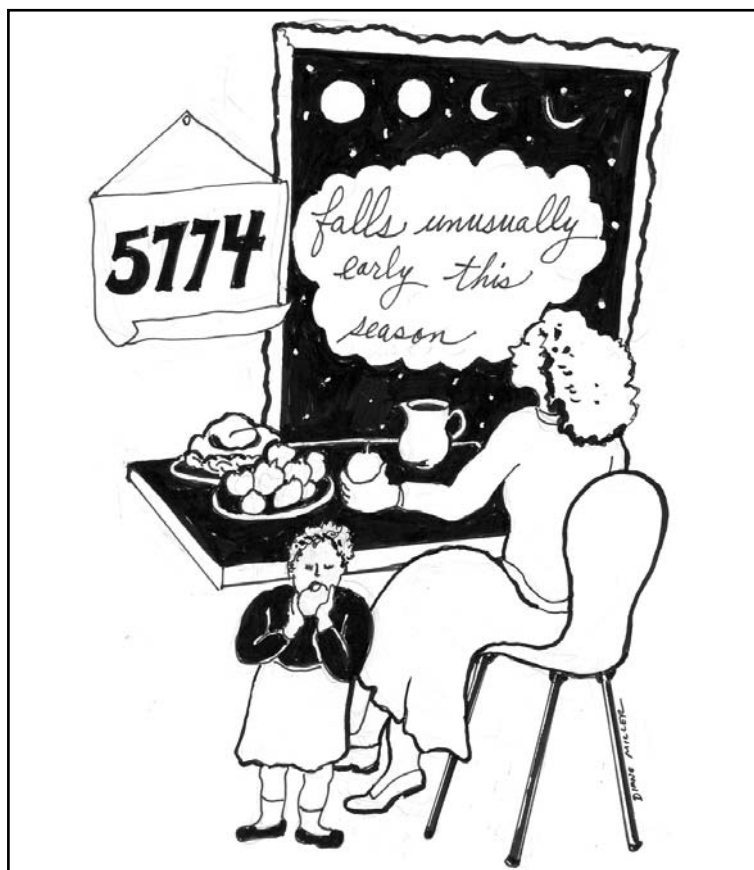
as there are commandments in the Torah, and the fruit is also favored for being native to Israel. Eating a pomegranate symbolizes one's wish for a year of doing good deeds.

Fish: Some Jewish traditions suggest eating a fish head, as Rosh Hashanah literally translates to "head of the year." The head belongs to a fish because the fish is a fertile animal for a fertile year. At the same time, many others—particularly Sephardic Jews, those with history in and around Spain before the Inquisition—avoid fish because the Hebrew word for "fish" sounds like the Hebrew word for "worry."

Gourds, leeks, fenugreek, beets, dates: These five foods all have symbolic meanings, at least partly based on the phonetic similarity between their Hebrew names and other lucky Hebrew words, and are thus good omens for the year—gourds for one's merits to be recognized and one's faults to be erased; fenugreek for abundance; and leeks, beets and dates for getting rid of one's enemies.

No nuts: In the Jewish mystical tradition called gematria, each Hebrew letter has a numerical value. Words that add up to the same number are linked. Because the word for "nut" has the same value as the word for "sin," it's considered a bad omen to eat nuts when you're starting a fresh year.

"There are very few universal Jewish foods," says Katz, "because Jews are all over the world." And, apples or not, that includes the Park Slope Food Coop. ■



SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *What's For Dinner?*

By Adam Rabiner

What's for Dinner? is a short film that runs just under half an hour—but it's comprehensive. Set in China, *What's for Dinner?* examines the effects of the industrialization of pig farming on public health and the environment, not just in China, but throughout the world.

China's issues with industrialized farming mirror those of the United States. For example, "intensive agriculture" (akin to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, CAFOs) is driving small farmers out of business. Many families used to raise about four pigs per year; now few families do. The overhead is too high. Instead, a single producer will house around 3,000 pigs in six houses.

These intensive breeding operations parallel those in the U.S.—animals forced into small spaces, fed chemicals and injected with medicines

and hormones to speed their growth. A woman interviewed says she never buys or eats pigs' ears because that's where they receive their shots. Another says these practices are humans harming other humans.

And humans are being harmed, in more ways than one. In the past 20 years, increased meat consumption has led to a dramatic rise in "Western" illnesses: heart disease, cancer, diabetes, obesity, hypertension, etc. The environment has also been damaged. Once-clean rivers that ran through villages, towns and cities are now clogged with sewage, drugs, pesticide and garbage. Waterways that teemed with fish and wildlife, where people used to bathe and wash their clothes, have become toxic, smelly nuisances that no one cares for. Carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are on the rise,

contributing to global climate change.

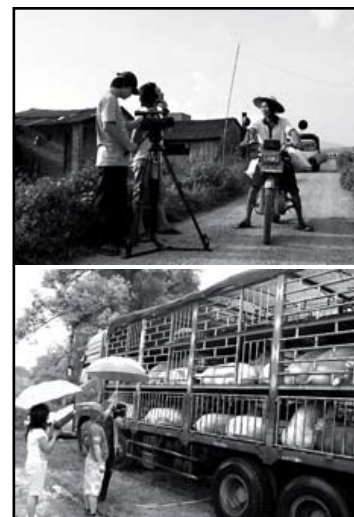
These changes have come on rapidly. Only a generation ago most people ate a mainly vegetarian diet. Meat was scarce and primarily a side dish, not the main course, and most pigs were exported to Hong Kong. As the Chinese became wealthier, their meat consumption increased dramatically. Today the Chinese feed 36% of their crops to animals. This exceeds what used to go to people, and China now faces potential food shortages.

Attitudes towards meat have changed, too. Today it is a sign of prosperity, of being part of the middle class, to eat meat every day or to dine at a fast food restaurant such as Donald Macky, a McDonald's rip off. Fast food restaurants, like KFC, which began to proliferate in the 1990s, are symbols of good health and bodily strength, the

future, progress, destinations, mostly for the young. Today it would be rude to serve a guest a vegetarian meal.

Yet just as there is a nascent alternative food movement in the United States, so too does China have its dissenters. In Beijing you can find the owner of the restaurant Vegan Hut, who confesses that his friends think he is crazy, the vegan musician who says that animals are his friends and he has no desire to eat them, and public health officials dismayed at the alarming increase in illness.

These mavericks acknowledge that the Chinese do not want to go back to their old lifestyles. China benefits from economic growth and a better standard of living. However, they argue, the current path is not sustainable and they are calling for their countrymen to buy and eat



less meat. In a country where vegetables are cheap, plentiful and varied and have been consumed for centuries, this should not be too tall an order. As the friend of the animals observed, eating meat is more a desire of the mind than the body. ■

What's For Dinner will show on Tuesday, September 10, 7 p.m., Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

WORDSPROUTS

A Special Evening of Wordsprouts for Kids

By John Donohue

One does not live by bread alone, which is a reason the Coop has a monthly reading series called "Wordsprouts." The next event, on Saturday, September 14, at 4 p.m., at the Coop, is a special afternoon discussion with noted children's book author Lauren Thompson, children's book editor Erin Clarke, and local elementary school librarian Adam Marcus. All

three are Coop members, but non-members are welcome at all Wordsprouts events. Bring your kids.

The three will be talking about what makes for great children's books—both illustrated books and chapter books—as well as what books kids like to read, how tastes may or may not have changed since the introduction of advanced digital technologies in everyday life,

and they will touch on the role of reading in general.

Thompson is the author of more than 30 children's picture books, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *Polar Bear Night*, and the popular *Little Quack* and *Mouse's First* series. She was also a children's book editor for 18 years before leaving office life to write full-time. "As a picture book editor, my job was to bring out the best of the author, the illustrator, the designer, the production team, the marketing team, directing them all toward a coherent expression of what the book is and who it's for, all the while taking care of tender egos and staying out of the limelight," she says. "The editor is the invisible hand who makes it all possible but leaves everyone else thinking that they did it."

Thompson, who has been working in the business for decades says, "I don't think kids' basic interests have changed much—they still want good, engaging stories, they want solid information, they want to laugh. I think kids have gotten more sophisticated due to media and they enjoy an edgier, snarky tone."

Clarke is an executive edi-

tor at Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Random House Children's Books. She works on a wide range of projects from picture books to young adult fiction. Books she has edited include the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, the *Tia Lola Stories* by Julia Alvarez, *The Flying Beaver Brothers* graphic novel series by Maxwell Eaton III, and *Dog Loves Books* by Louise Yates.

She is interested in exploring "how publishers distinguish between different categories. The line between young adult novels and adult literary fiction is increasingly blurred, for instance. What's the difference between writing for middle grade audiences versus young adult audiences?" She'll also talk about "other aspects of publishing children's literature such as the role of teachers and librarians the key awards (Newbery, Caldecott and Printz awards given by the American Library Association).

Marcus, a New York City Teaching Fellow, has been teaching for the New York City Department of Education for 12 years; the last 10 of which have been spent at

P.S. 32 in Carroll Gardens. In 2009 he took over the defunct school library program at P.S. 32, started a Library Advisory Committee and raised \$500,000 to renovate and expand the space into a vital working library. He has taught pre-K, kindergarten (in his school's Asperger program), third, fourth and fifth grades. He lives in Prospect Heights with his wife Maya and dog Little Wolf.

He looks at children's books from a professional and a personal point of view. "I still read picture books and love them," Marcus says. "Children need to be able to make their own choices when reading for pleasure and learn to know that when they are not quite able to read a book that they want to read that they have someone read it with them." He'll be able to give insight on how educational standards have an impact on learning to read.

The three Coop members are looking forward to a discussion about children's books on Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. Bring your children and join in the back-to-school fun. ■

To book a Wordsprouts event, contact Paula Bernstein at wordsproutspsf@gmail.com.

The Coop is looking for one member to represent the Coop on the Steering Committee of a newly-forming, citywide solidarity/cooperative sector organization.

Project expected to last through May 2014.

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

Travel to/from meetings, attendance at meeting and any additional committee work included in workslot credit.

If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Ann Herpel or Joe Holtz at 718-622-0560 or ann_herpel@psfc.coop.





MEMBER SUBMISSION

The Linewaiters' Gazette Word-Count Hierarchy

By David Barouh

"Hierarchy" is defined as any system of persons or things ranked one above another—from the Greek "hierarches": rule by high priest. PSFC hierarchies are subordinated to the agency of the democratic General Meeting. But consider Gazette policies, which have managed to circumvent—even ignore—that subordination.

There's the tight control over content of member submissions in defiance of the still-standing 1977 GM resolution requiring a writer's permission to edit their content. And its word-count limits, arranged hierarchically according to some perceived importance or authority of Coop members, have been imposed without approval of—or even discussion by—the GM. From "Gazette Editorial Policies (December 2011)":

Reporter Articles—1200 words—extended in some cases at discretion of Editor
Coordinators' Reports—1200 words

Committee Reports—1000 words

Member Submitted Articles—750 words

Letters—500 words

The phrase "extended in some cases at discretion of Editor" means little; reporter articles routinely exceed 1,200 words, often well beyond 2,000. Members' submissions cannot exceed their limits by one word.

Are Word-Count Limits Justified?

All members are equal Coop—and therefore Gazette

—owners, guaranteed free access to its pages by the 1977 resolution. This applies to both reporters' and members' submissions, and was recognized in Gazette articles and internal documents at least until 1994, after which it was either forgotten about or ignored, with the editors assuming de facto control over content.

The 750 word-limit was introduced by the Gazette in 1984 (11/23/1984 Gazette). Letters were reduced to 500 words in 1994. The reason given was, "in order to continue publishing as many letters...as possible," (2/17/1994 Gazette) implying space—and therefore cost—issues. Committee and Coordinator Reports were capped at 1000 and 1200 words respectively in 1997 (11/20/1997 Gazette). Whether printing costs were ever an issue is questionable, but they're not one now.

Are They Useful?

The only exception in recent memory to word-count limits was Nancy Romer's 9/8/2011 member submission: "My 53 Hours in Jail Protesting the Tar Sands Oil Pipeline," her personal account of the August/2011 Keystone-XL Pipeline protests in Washington DC and the mass arrests and lockdowns that followed. The article ran over 1,500 words and had originally included photographs. Perhaps recognizing the piece's value, the editor nonetheless applied restrictions, telling Nancy to either reduce the word count by over half or eliminate the photographs.

She chose the latter, and the article, which could—and should—have been on the front-page, was buried on page 14 of the 16-page issue—without photos. The membership was denied the story's full potential.

It's actually the entire membership's potential being denied—accounts like Nancy's and presentations buttressed by detailed research and findings are not possible with these limitations. The Gazette has taken pains to procure an all-professional editorial staff—one would think to check grammar and spelling, aid writers stylistically, and clarify their intentions. But that impression would be mistaken; their main role is to enforce word-count limits (except for reporters) and to scrutinize submissions for content they deem unacceptable—in other words, to censor. In-depth, challenging or controversial articles face a crashout of individual editors empowered to exercise control over content—their personal tastes and agendas unexamined or questioned. The result is a mediocre and uninspired publication with paltry readership.

Do They Matter?

One might ask what, after all, can be expected from a food coop's newsletter? That sadly misses the critical—indeed revolutionary—potential of consumer and worker coops as alternatives to the corporate economy's pillage of its environmental and social context, and usurpation of its politics.

Food coops especially are vital in fostering alternatives to the dominance of chemical agriculture. Agriculture is the historical driver of civilizations, and unsustainable agriculture the surest harbinger of their collapse. Agriculture is imperiled world-wide as never before, impossible to detail here—under these word-count limits.

Given the transformative social potential of coops, our own Coop's prominence, and its literate and informed membership including professionals, artists and writers, it's telling that few from this talent pool contribute—but understandable considering the lackluster content, little space to work with and censorious editors looming over submissions like demented super-egos.

No rationale justifies this hierarchical access. The General Meeting should adopt one word-count guideline—not a limit—for all members, with word-counts substantially beyond it justified by writers and irreconcilable disagreements considered by independent members. The Gazette, not uncharacteristically, has the issue of disputes backwards. Writers should not need recourse to editor's decisions. Rather, consistent with the 1977 GM resolution, editors should have to seek recourse for member writing they object to.

Above all, editors should work with writers, polishing their submissions and eliminating wordiness without eliminating content. That's where their expertise lies, not in enforcing censorship—all we get there is abuse. ■

Attention Web Developers

Do you want to help build the new PSFC website and fulfill your Coop work requirement at the same time? The Coop IT staff is doing a survey of our membership to determine the popularity of various web technologies. Based on the results of the survey we'll be working with members to begin new development on foodcoop.com. If web development work for the Coop sounds good to you, please take the survey by either scanning the QR code above, or visiting: <http://websurvey.foodcoop.com/>



Sudoku

Sudoku is a puzzle. You are presented with a 9x9 grid of squares, and that grid is divided into 3x3 zones. You solve the puzzle by filling the empty squares with single-digit numbers so that every zone, column and row uses each of the numbers from 1 to 9.

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Puzzle author: James Vasile. For answers, see page 16.

We're throwing a party to celebrate the Coop's 40th birthday!
Food! Music! Drinks!
AND a raffle to support the Fund for New Food Coops

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.



We need FTOP workers to help the week of September 24, especially on September 28/29
We are also looking for DJs for workslot credit
Facepainters
Musical acts



If you are interested, send an e-mail to loancommittee@psfc.coop, or just sign up in the Membership Office.

We need fabulous items to raffle and sell at the Cash n Carry table.
Please e-mail loancommittee@psfc.coop if you would like to make a donation.
Write •40th in the subject line.



MEMBER SUBMISSION

National and International Organizations Condemning BDS

By Ruth Bolletino, Ph.D.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) (www.adl.org) is a major civil rights/human relations education and advocacy organization dealing with all forms of bigotry and bias through education, legislation and affirmative action. Founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment to all," it now deals with racism, religious defamation, homophobia and civil rights issues including voting rights, immigration reform, affirmative action, LGBT rights, marriage equality, women's equality and anti-African-American, anti-Gay and anti-Muslim issues. In an Open Letter in *The New York Times*, responding to February's Brooklyn College event featuring the global head of BDS, ADL's National Director accused the presenters of "hate speech," saying, "The BDS movement at its core is anti-Semitic." (www.adl.org/assets/pdf/press-center/NYT-Ad.pdf)

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (www.spme.net) is an international grassroots organization of nearly 40,000 academics from over 3,500 universities and campuses worldwide, and other scholars' organizations. Members of over 40 chapters believe that BDS's "ethnic, national and religious hatreds...have no place in [our] institu-

tions, disciplines and communities." They circulated a petition condemning BDS, explaining "We must educate the public about the real nature and purposes about BDS and the dangers it poses." (www.spme.org/petitions/petition-26/)

Gatestone Institute - International Policy Council (gatestoneinstitute.org/about) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit international organization promoting human rights by providing information the mainstream media fails to report. In a Gatestone article writer Michael Curtis asks, "Is the purpose of the calls for boycotts against Israel and its citizens... a concern for the human rights or welfare of Palestinians, or actually a call ultimately to eliminate the state of Israel? If there were a real concern for human rights for the Palestinians, why are there not calls for a free Palestinian press, for the release of journalists from Palestinian prisons or for an end to corruption in the Palestinian leadership? Instead, these calls for boycott look suspiciously like a racist response to the existence of a Jewish state." (www.gatestoneinstitute.org/3095/boycott-purpose)

Simon Wiesenthal Center (www.wiesenthal.com) is an international Jewish human rights organiza-

tion confronting anti-Semitism, hate and terrorism. It is an accredited NGO at international organizations including the U.N., UNESCO, OSCE, Organization of American States, Latin American Parliament and Council of Europe. The Center's report documenting BDS' origins, activities and aims says that BDS "presents itself as a pro-peace initiative but in reality is a thinly-veiled, anti-Israel and anti-Semitic 'poison pill,' whose goal is the demonization, delegitimization, and ultimate demise of the Jewish State. Taking a page from the late twentieth century worldwide campaign against the South African Apartheid regime, BDS casts a global anti-Israel net on campuses, among unions, entertainers and Churches." (www.wiesenthal.com/atf/cf/%7B54d385e6-f1b9-4e9f-8e94-890c3e6dd277%7D/report_313.PDF)

All these organizations charge that BDS (1) uses a double standard, singling out Israel for criticism while ignoring major human rights abusers in the Arab and Muslim world and beyond; (2) vilifies Israel, using false information and distorting Israel's actions with insidious comparisons with the Germany's Nazi and South Africa's Apartheid regimes; and (3) denies Israel's right to exist.

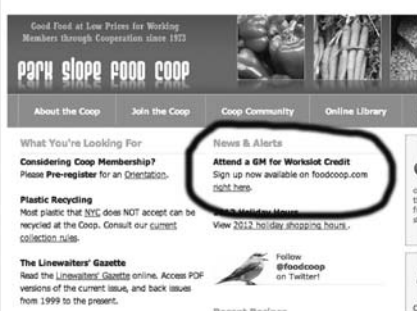
One glaring example of false information is the accusation that Israel is an apartheid state, segregating and discriminating against Arabs. The comparison is unfounded. South Africa's apartheid policies were directed against the majority population in their own country. Gaza and the West Bank are not part of Israel. (Gaza, controlled by Hamas, became independent when Israel, in an effort toward peace, removed its settlers, sometimes forcibly, and turned over control to the Palestinians. The West Bank is considered a "disputed territory," whose status is to be determined through future negotiations.) Unlike apartheid South Africa where

blacks were denied citizenship rights, Arab Israelis are full citizens with the same civil rights, liberties and protection under the law as Jewish Israelis. They vote, participate in every level of government (including Israeli's parliament and Supreme Court), attend universities and technical institutes, work with other Israelis in various professions and own businesses. Some are lawyers, doctors, judges and ambassadors; some serve in the military. The apartheid accusation is absurd.

In a *Commentary* magazine article on BDS, Hannah Rosenthal, the U.S. State Department's former Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, pointed out (the reporter summarized) "that it is harder for some to identify anti-Semitism when it exhibits itself as a criticism of Israel which is not anti-Semitic per se." The reporter then directly quoted Rosenthal, who observed, but "opposition to the state of Israel morphs into anti-Semitism easily and often." Rosenthal quoted the often-cited framework for identifying anti-Jewish hatred: "When Israel is demonized, when Israel is held to different standards than the rest of the countries, and when Israel is delegitimized, these cases are not disagreements with a policy of Israel. This is anti-Semitism." (www.commentary-magazine.com/2011/04/07/boycott-of-israel-is-antisemitic/). ■



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



◆ On the Coop's website (www.foodcoop.com)

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



◆ Call the Membership Office

Members Sought for PSFC Personnel Committee

If you know how to work collaboratively and believe you could make a contribution to the Coop, we would love to hear from you. The Personnel Committee is an elected group of members that serves in an advisory capacity to the General Coordinators (the Coop's collective managerial team), supporting them with/in performance evaluations, succession planning, developing human resources policies and in the hiring/termination of General Coordinators when/if either of those actions is necessary.

We would like the Personnel Committee to reflect the diversity of the Coop. We are especially interested in people who have skills in finance, running a business, upper-level management, organizational development, personnel and human resources. Applicants should have a minimum of one year of Coop membership immediately prior to applying, experience doing workshifts at the Coop and excellent attendance.

The Personnel Committee meets with the General Coordinators on the third Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Additional work outside the meetings is also required.

If you are interested, please do the following two things: e-mail your resume and a letter explaining why you would like to be part of the committee to pc.psfc@gmail.com, and go to <http://bit.ly/120Dn2s> to fill out a short questionnaire.

What Is That? How Do I Use It?

Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

Monday, September 16, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

Monday, September 23, 12 to 2:45 p.m.

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

Look for tour leaders in produce aisle.



MEMBER SUBMISSION

BDS: Converting Hope to Hate

By Sylvia Lowenthal

A recent letter of mine (The Education of Ziad Doueiri, 7/25) details an interview with Lebanese filmmaker Ziad Doueiri relating his journey from hatred of Jews and Israelis to appreciating that they too “have a narrative,” and contrary to his view of Israelis as Goliath he realized that “they are just as David as I am.” He subsequently collaborated with an Israeli crew and actors for his film, *The Attack*, made in Israel and the West Bank, about an Arab-Israeli doctor coming to terms with the fact that his wife was a suicide bomber. According to Doueiri, his film is banned in his native Lebanon and throughout the Middle-East because “they expect a film from the region to be extremely demonizing of Israel and I didn’t do that.”¹

While this wasn’t Doueiri’s intention, Naomi Brussel takes on that task herself (8/22). “Ms. Lowenthal seems pleased that he [Doueiri] may have a deeper understanding of the feelings of Jews and Israelis than he had as a younger person from a country that has been repeatedly attacked and brutalized by the Israeli military.” Yes, I am indeed pleased by Doueiri’s realization that Israelis and Jews, too, have a narrative, a

fact that entirely eludes Brussel & Co., who consistently reduce complicated conflicts to a few demonizing words: Lebanon was “repeatedly attacked and brutalized by the Israeli military.” Ironically, as I wrote this article, Hezbollah had just attacked Israel from Lebanon. When Israel—by its right of self-defense—responded in kind, Hezbollah promised retaliation. And so it goes.

Brussel expresses concern that Doueiri “does not really clarify why suicide bombing became a Palestinian tactic.” Answer: because that’s not what his film is about. It’s about a man coming to terms with his wife’s secret life, and Doueiri deliberately avoided a simple answer to that complicated, unanswerable question to which Brussel, however, surely has a one-word answer: Israel.

She goes on to bemoan the fact that the successful Arab-Israeli doctor and his wife felt alienated as a minority in Israel, an experience that of course isn’t unique to Israel but is experienced by minorities the world over, including Jews, who are increasingly targets of anti-Semitism, a growing trend especially in Europe (details in a future article) where the boycott movement is active. The history of Arab

persecution and ethnic cleansing of Jewish minorities is undisputed. Whatever discrimination exists in Israel, there are at least legal channels for redress.

Apparently the film suggests that the suicide attack was motivated by what one character calls “a massacre” in the West Bank town of Jenin. Ms Brussel elaborates that this was “a massacre of hundreds of Palestinians,” a claim long ago reliably established as a hoax:

Well into the second Palestinian intifada, in March 2002 alone there were 13 attacks on Israel during a 30-day bombing campaign by Hamas, Al-Aksa Martyrs Brigades and Islamic Jihad, including one that left 30 Israelis dead and 140 injured during a Seder, plus the murder of 16 people four days later. In late March the IDF took the fight to the West

Bank town of Jenin, from which 23 of the 60 terror attacks in 2002 had originated. Deliberately avoiding an air attack in order to reduce civilian casualties—resulting in many more deaths of their own soldiers—the Israeli army waged a house-to-house battle with Palestinian gunmen in the Jenin refugee camp.²

The subsequent Palestinian massacre rumors were put to rest by a multitude of reports, including this May 2002 account in the *Washington Times*: *West Bank Palestinian officials yesterday put the death toll at 56 [Palestinians] in the two-week Israeli assault on Jenin, dropping claims of a massacre of 500 that had sparked demands for a U.N. investigation. The official Palestinian body count, which is not disproportionate to the 33 Israeli soldiers killed in the incursion, was disclosed by Kadoura Mousa Kadoura, the director of Yasser Arafat’s Fatah movement for the northern West Bank, after a team of four Palestinian-appointed investigators reported to him in his*

*Jenin office. Most of the Palestinian casualties were militants.*³ For a more detailed account see.⁴

Finally, Ms. Brussel suggests that the film helps explain BDS’s activism at the Coop, a strange assertion since Doueiri himself has made clear in his interviews that *The Attack* doesn’t take a political position. ■

¹www.articles.latimes.com/2013/jun/26/entertainment/la-et-mn-ziad-doueiri-20130626

²www.www.jpost.com/Opinion/Columnists/A-decade-since-the-battle-of-Jenin-the-myth-of-Jenin-grad

³www.www.washingtontimes.com/news/2002/may/1/20020501-023924-2910r/

⁴C. Kaniklidis, *Jenin - Anatomy of a Myth* (www.Jenin-myth.evidence-watch.com)



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 communication, organizational, administrative and people skills, as well as patience, comfort with 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. 40 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: \$25.80/hour.

Benefits:

- Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day
- Paid Health and Personal Time: 11 days per year
- Paid Vacation: three weeks per year increasing in the 4th, 8th & 11th years
- Health Insurance*
- Dental and Vision Plan*
- Pension Plan*
- Life Insurance*
- 401(k) Plan
- TransitChek Program
- Flexible Spending Account

*Benefits with no payroll deduction.

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. Please put “Schedule Shifts” in the subject field.

How to Apply:

Please provide your resumé along with a cover letter explaining your relevant qualifications, skills and experience. Materials will only be accepted electronically via e-mail to 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 Membership 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.

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

Interested in Engaging Coop Work? Disciplinary Committee Seeks NEW Members

Skills needed:

- Communication
- Problem solving
- Conflict resolution
- Dealing with difficult situations and people
- Investigation
- Writing
- Research

Our work includes

- Applying Coop’s rules and regulations
- Discussing policy issues related to the DC’s work
- Investigating allegations of uncooperative behavior by members and engaging in problem solving
- Daily email contact with DC members to discuss cases
- Participating in mediation, disciplinary hearings, and other conflict resolution methods

Requirements:

In order to be considered for this position, any candidate must:

- be a member for at least a year
- have good attendance record
- possess the ability to work on a team
- communicate clearly
- have good writing skills
- have computer proficiency (excel, word, emails) is essential
- attend an evening meeting every six weeks

We work on average 6 hours per month, more than the required work shift hours. You will be credited and your hours banked for future use.

We recognize the importance of various points of view when considering cases brought to us. WE ARE SEEKING A CANDIDATE POOL THAT REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE COOP’S MEMBERSHIP.

Join us to make the Coop the best place it can be for everyone.

Interested? Please call **Jeff: 718-636-3880**

Currently we have members from the following fields:

- Social work, education, law, dispute resolution, holistic medicine, design, and journalism





COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 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

The *Linewaiters' Gazette* is published biweekly by the Park Slope Food Coop, Inc., 782 Union Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215.

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

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

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

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

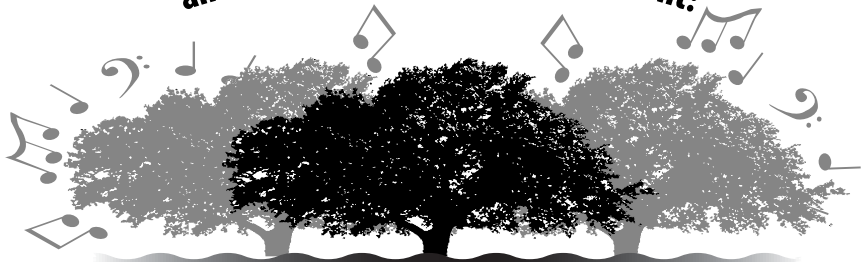
Digital Submissions: We welcome digital submissions. The e-mail address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

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").

Printed by: Tri-Star Offset, Maspeth, NY.

Friday, September 20, 8:00 p.m.

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



PROSPECT CONCERTS



Rob Garcia's Soap Box featuring Jean Rohe. "A prime mover in the current Brooklyn jazz scene..." (*Time Out-New York*) drummer/composer Rob Garcia leads this group featuring vocalist/composer Jean Rohe. They will perform unique arrangements of songs with a story to tell and a message to deliver covering such songwriters as Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie as well as original material by Rob and

Jean. "Garcia is a drummer of invention, grace and considerable fire." (*Downbeat*) "Ms. Rohe is a confident young singer whose compositions tend toward a literate and imploring tone." (Nate Chinen, *New York Times*) "There are plenty of talented artists out there, but what sets Jean Rohe apart are the suppleness of her voice, the integrity of her vision, and the grace she shows in her wide-ranging journeys across the musical landscape." (John Platt, WFUV New York)

Ilusha Tsinadze hasn't been on work alert in a couple months now. Cashiering is his favorite shift so far, but nothing comes close to getting credit for playing a concert. Tonight he presents some of his favorite acoustic music with some of his favorite Coop musicians.



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

RETURN POLICY



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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER
RETURNABLE

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

RETURNABLE
ONLY IF SPOILED
BEFORE
EXPIRATION DATE
Packaging/label
must be present
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.

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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.

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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 or contact the Membership Office. Visit in person or call 718-622-0560 during office hours.

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

FRIDAYS 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.

General Meeting Info

TUE, SEPTEMBER 24

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, OCTOBER 1

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 7:30 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the October 29 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Sep 19 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Sep 9
Oct 3 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, Sep 23

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Sep 19 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Sep 11
Oct 3 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Sep 25

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

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

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 in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ann Herpel at the coop.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.) • Meet the Coordinators

- Enjoy some Coop snacks • Submit Open Forum items • Explore meeting literature

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

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

Agenda (8:00 p.m.)

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

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

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

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

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

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Certain Squads not eligible:

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

• Attend the entire GM:

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

• Signing in at the Meeting:

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

• Being Absent from the GM:

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

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

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

sep 5
thu 7:30 pm**Food Class: Let Me Teach You
Healthy Indian Cuisine**

Susan Baldassano, Coordinator

A demonstration of healthy, vegetarian Indian cuisine and a discussion of some of the health benefits of the ingredients, including Ayurvedic principles. Learn the basics of incorporating and balancing Indian spices. Chef **Mukti Banerjee** grew up in Bengali with both North and East Indian food and cultural traditions. She desires to share her passion for Indian food and to empower her students to cook healthy Indian cuisine. Chef Banerjee feels she is honoring and paying tribute to her teachers: her mother, aunts and grandmothers. She decided to create Mukti's Kitchen upon the insistence of her appreciative friends and family. *Menu includes: mixed vegetable korma; vegetable pulao; chan dal with coconut.*

ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. Please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by August 22 to make a request.

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

sep 6
fri 7 pm**Film Night: Darkon**

Darkon is a documentary feature that follows the real-life adventures of an unusual group of weekend "warrior knights"—fantasy role-playing gamers whose live-action "battleground" is modern-day Baltimore re-imagined as a make-believe medieval world named *Darkon*. These live-action gamers combine the physical drama of historical re-enactments with character-driven storylines, inspired in part by such perennial-favorite fantasy epics as the legends of King Arthur, *Lord of the Rings*, and the saga of *Conan the Barbarian*. As role players, these gamers create alter-egos with rich emotional, psychological, and social lives. They costume themselves and physically act out their characters' exploits, both in intimate court intrigue and camp-outs, and in panoramic battle scenarios involving competitive strategies, convincingly real props, and full contact "combat." SeeThink Films is an award-winning production company based in New York. SeeThink is currently developing a slate of narrative films based on original screenplays. SeeThink partners are: Andrew Neel, Luke Meyer, Tom Davis and Ethan Palmer.

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

sep 7
sat 8 am–9 pm**A Portrait of the Coop at 40**

If you visually present to the world in some strong or mannered or prescribed way, if you feel that you, in some way, enrich the diversity of our community by sending out some kind of visual signal, either through some innate physical quality or as a result of experiences you have lived through or through aesthetic choices made consciously by you, please volunteer to be photographed as part of the making of a record of our diverse membership as we celebrate 40 years of the Park Slope Food Coop. You will receive a high-resolution digital copy of your portrait. Coop member **Martyn Gallina-Jones** is a British photographer who moved to Brooklyn in 1984, assisted Arnold Newman, Annie Liebowitz amongst others, and began his own career in 1990.

sep 8
sun 7 pm**Tai Chi Chuan for Beginners**

Tai Chi is a meditation, health exercise and martial art all in one and is well known for reducing stress and increasing overall physical and emotional vitality. This workshop will explore Tai Chi through simple exercises that develop relaxed, calm alertness and increased energy. No movement experience necessary; workshop is designed for any level of fitness ability. Numerous studies indicate that Tai Chi improves balance, blood-lipid levels, better sleep patterns, nutrient digestion and even increased resistance to shingles. Other studies note that it reduces falls, anxiety levels, as well as fibromyalgia pain and fatigue. Long-time Coop member **Tom Daly** began studying Tai Chi in 1982 with Maggie Newman, a senior student of Professor Cheng Man-Ch'ing. Tom began teaching his own classes in 1990 and currently teaches private group classes at Chelsea Studios.

sep 10
tue 7 pm**Safe Food Committee Film Night:
What's For Dinner?**

What's For Dinner? follows the rapid rise of animal-product consumption in China, where consumption of pork—the country's most popular meat—has doubled over the past 10 years. Since China opened its doors to foreign agribusiness, both Western and home-grown fast food chains are now commonplace in urban areas, and contribute to a \$28-billion-a-year business in the country. Can people in the developing world eat as much meat and dairy as people in the industrialized countries without destroying the planet? And do they really want to? *What's For Dinner?* sheds new light on the climate, public health, food security, workers' rights, and ethical concerns.

sep 14
sat 10:30 am**How to Ace the SAT**

The SAT is a super-important test that influences a high school student's future. But fortunately, there are many ways to prepare for the test and send your student's scores through the roof. Strategies include deciding which questions to omit, multiple-choice strategy, fun vocabulary-building games, essay structure, and much more. Children and friends of Coop members are warmly welcome! **Nataliya** is a Coop member and has been an SAT tutor for years, producing great results and instilling confidence in high schoolers. She currently teaches SAT Prep in the City University of New York.

sep 14
sat 1 pm**BodyTalk:
The New Language of Health**

BodyTalk utilizes state-of-the-art energy medicine to optimize the body's internal communications. This extremely gentle hands-on modality helps the body to operate more efficiently and more effectively respond to any kind of injury or illness. Please join Jean Chuang Menges, Advanced Certified BodyTalk practitioner and licensed acupuncturist, for a free hands-on workshop to experience the incredible benefits of this exciting healthcare phenomenon. Participants will learn a simple, quick and powerful BodyTalk Cortices Technique to help balance the brain, reduce stress, relieve pain, improve sleep, and boost mental focus and clarity. You will also learn how the BodyTalk Access Health Routine can benefit yourself and others and receive a full Access session. Talk moderated by Coop member and BodyTalk Access Technician **Stephanie Krause**.

sep 14
sat 4 pm**Wordsprouts:
Back-to-School Discussion**

The Park Slope Food Coop's Reading Series

Children are most welcome! **Lauren Thompson** is the author of more than 30 children's picture books, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *Polar Bear Night*, and the popular *Little Quack* and *Mouse's First* series. She was also a children's-book editor for 18 years before leaving office life to write full-time. **Adam Marcus** has been a member of the PSFC since 1999. He has been a New York City Teaching Fellow with for the NYCDOE for 12 years. In 2009, he took over the defunct school library program at P.S. 32K and raised \$500,000 to renovate and expand the space into a vital working library. He has taught pre-K, kindergarten (in his school's Asperger program), and grades 3-5. **Erin Clarke** is an executive editor at Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Random House Children's Books. She works on a wide range of projects, from picture books to young-adult fiction. Books she has edited include the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak, and the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio.

To book a Wordsprouts, contact Paula Bernstein, wordsproutspsf@gmail.com.

sep 15
sun 12 pm**How to Have a Flat Tummy!**

You've dieted, tried vegetarianism, cut out gluten, dairy...still there's a little (or big!) bulge in your belly. Nutrition Response Testing is a non-invasive system of analyzing the body to determine the underlying causes of ill or non-optimum health. Digestive distur-

For more information on these and other events, visit the Coop's website: foodcoop.com

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops.

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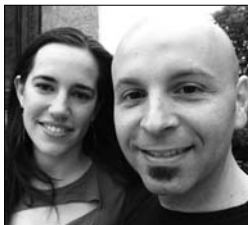
bances are often one of the body's first "warning signs" that nutrition has been compromised and bloating and indigestion are some of the most common symptoms we see in our practice. By identifying the underlying causes of imbalance, we are able to identify the exact right nutrition and slowly bring the body back to balance. From bloating and gas to Irritable Bowel Syndrome, constipation, colitis, your body knows how to correct itself. And once we identify what's getting in the way, it will do just that! **Diane Paxton, MS, LAc**, is the owner and principal of Inner Fire Integrative Health Services, with offices in Manhattan and Park Slope. She is also a long-time Coop member.

sep 20
fri 8 pm

Rob Garcia's Soap Box and Ilusha Tsinadze



Rob Garcia's Soap Box featuring **Jean Rohe**. "A prime mover in the current Brooklyn jazz scene..." (*Time Out-New York*) drummer/composer Rob Garcia leads this group featuring vocalist/composer Jean Rohe. They will perform unique arrangements of songs with a story to tell and a message to deliver covering such songwriters as Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie as well as original material by Rob and Jean. "Garcia is a drummer of invention, grace and considerable fire." (*Downbeat*) "Ms. Rohe is a confident young singer whose compositions tend toward a literate and imploring tone." (*Nate Chinen, New York Times*) "There are plenty of talented artists out there, but what sets Jean Rohe apart are the suppleness of her voice, the integrity of her vision, and the grace she shows in her wide-ranging journeys across the musical landscape." (John Platt, WFUV New York). **Ilusha Tsinadze** hasn't been on work alert in a couple months now. Cashiering is his favorite shift so far, but nothing comes close to getting credit for playing a concert. Tonight he presents some of his favorite acoustic music with some of his favorite Coop musicians.



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

sep 21
sat 2 pm

What the Tooth Fairy Never Knew!

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

sep 22
sun 12 pm

Handling Your Child's Anger, Frustration and Fears

Many parents have questions about handling the anger, frustration or fears that their children express. Share stories with other moms and dads and hear perspectives to help your child with these important issues. **Sharon C. Peters, M.A.** is the founder and director of Parents Helping Parents on President Street in Park Slope. She has worked with hundreds of individual families for more than 15 years and has led many parent workshops for schools and organizations. She is a happy longtime Coop member.

sep 24
tue 7 pm

PSFC SEP General Meeting



Items will be taken up in the order given. Times in parentheses are suggestions. More information on each item may be available on the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7 and 7:15 p.m.

Meeting location: MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.

Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

Item 1: Annual Hearing Officers Committee Election (20 minutes)

Election: Up to seven current committee members will stand for re-election. Hearing Officers work on an FTOP basis when needed and serve three-year terms.

—submitted by the Hearing Officer Committee

Item 2: Amendments to Coop Bylaws (20 minutes)

Proposal: To amend the Coop's bylaws to more clearly define Membership/Ownership, including termination of Membership, and to codify the process of refunding or reclassifying member equity investments.

—submitted by the General Coordinators
in consultation with Coop legal counsel Mike Salgo

Item 3: Letter to Congress to Vote No on Fast Track for Trade Agreements (25 minutes)

Proposal: That we send to all Congress members from NYC a letter asking them to "Vote no on fast track authority for Pres. Obama" on free trade agreements.

—submitted by Susan Johnson, Alice Joyce-Alcala, Susan Metz

Item 4: Linewaiters' Gazette Submissions Guidelines (25 minutes)

Discussion: Discuss new *Linewaiters' Gazette* submissions guidelines to replace the current ones which have not been approved by the General Meeting.

—submitted by David Barouh

V. Board of Directors Meeting

VI. Wrap-Up. Includes member sign-in for workslot credit.

For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office.

sep 24
tue 7:30 pm

Meet Your Mind

A class in basic meditation. 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 and has taught meditation at corporate venues. He lives in Park Slope, has been a Coop member for many years, and is a retired school psychologist.

sep 28
sat 2–6 pm

The Coop's 40th Birthday Party

Eat, drink, and celebrate your Coop in the school yard next door to the Coop. The Park Slope Food Coop is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing great food at great prices to members working through cooperation, and we hope you will join in the fun. A group of talented Coop chefs will prepare delicious food for sale at the party, and the Coop will provide drinks and free birthday cake for all. Mingle with other Coop members, and enjoy live music and face painting for the kids.

Event takes place at the outdoor school yard, next door to the Food Coop on Union St.

still to come

sep 28–29 Food Drive to Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen

sep 29 It's Your Funeral

oct 1 Everyday Kitchen Improvisation

oct 1 Agenda Committee Meeting

oct 3 Food Class: Power Foods for Performance

oct 4 Film Night

A Photo Essay: Farmers Markets in Tuscany and the South of France

The *Gazette* photographers Caroline Mardok and Valerie Trucchia are natives of two beautiful places known for their quality of life and food: Caroline's family is from Cannes, South of France, while Valerie's is from Cortona, in the Tuscany region of Italy. They created a photo essay from their 2013 summer travels to farmers markets in these two regions—and are delighted to be able to share these images with their fellow Coop members.



Caroline—South of France:

The Forville Farmer's Market in Cannes, France, is the place of choice to find some of the best Mediterranean and Provençal food that the region has to offer. It's located right in the heart of the old city, just steps from the old port in a large covered plaza. Inside you'll find a large area devoted to seafood, with the morning's local catch of fresh dorade, loup, pulpo, sardines and others on display. There is an abundance of delicious local, summer fruits and vegetables like nectarines, haricot vert (green beans), tomatoes—the peaches are my personal favorite. As I walk, a delicious smell of baking bread wafts by—that's socca (farinata), an unleavened bread made from chick-pea flour. Then it's on to the butcher, where in addition to gorgeous lamb chops (cotes d'agneau), you can find specialties like boudin noir (black pudding sausage) made by local artisans. Before I leave, I visit the flower seller for a dozen fresh roses for my Mom. Forville Market is open six days a week and frequented by locals as well as the area's top chefs (like the one smiling in my photo!)



Valerie—Tuscany, Italy:

Every Saturday morning, the streets of Cortona, a medieval town located on a Tuscan hill, turns into a farmers' market. In the summer months, the steep roads get crowded with tourists, parking becomes a real gamble, but everybody wants to be part of it. Farmers proudly display their seasonal produce, zucchini flowers, eggplants in all size and colors, tomatoes, melons and apricots. The local specialty, an entire BBQ pig stuffed with rosemary, wild fennel and a lot of salt, called porchetta, gets sliced from head to toe and eaten on tiny sandwiches. A common distinction among older ladies, besides wearing blouses printed with flower patterns, is to argue loudly with the vendors, to make sure that they take home the best of the market. Kids run around freely, sneaking their hands into piles of cherries, and staring at tempting candies. In the rows of cafes along the main street, the locals like sitting alfresco, sipping espresso and looking at people passing by—one of their favorite pastimes for centuries.



Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at www.foodcoop.com

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

THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (TPP) WAS DISCUSSED AT THE AUGUST GM**GREETING:**

Given that the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) as well as the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) reportedly will contain stipulations that affect food safety and imported animal products, it is appropriate for the Park Slope Food Coop (the Coop) to discuss and express our concerns about these treaties now. Granting President Obama 'Fast Track Authority' would deprive us of an opportunity to debate the policy implications for us as individual consumers and for the Coop as our buying agent.

Therefore we move that the following letter be sent from the officers of the Board of Directors of the Coop to all congress members representing New York City:

Dear Representative,

The Park Slope Food Coop, where 16,400 members buy our food collectively, call on you and all our elected representatives in congress to Vote NO on authorizing 'Fast Track Authority' for President Obama to push through congress the Trans-

Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

Democracy requires:

Full transparency, so that all trade negotiations are done entirely in the open, including public information about who participates, who originates a proposal, and the precise language under consideration.

Enough time after the conclusion of negotiations and before the vote in congress for you in congress, as well as scholars, journalists and those representing various interest groups, to thoroughly study all relevant documents and to debate the points, especially those that would supersede and overpower state and federal laws.

We ask that you sign the letter initiated by Representative Rosa DeLauro to President Obama that eloquently expresses these concerns.

Kindly respond by informing us whether you will sign on to the DeLauro letter and Vote NO on Fast Track.

The following articles were distributed for further information:

"Secret Trade Agreements Threaten to Undo Our Last Shreds of Food Safety" June 13, 2013 by Katherine Paul and Ronnie Cummins www.alternet.org/food/secret-trade-agreements-threaten-food-safety

Jim Hightower: *The Hightower Lowdown*, Volume 15 #8 August 2013, "The Trans-Pacific Partnership is not about free trade. It's a corporate coup d'etat—against us!"

"Who's at the Table" by Karen Hansen-Kuhn, February 2013, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, iatp.org

These organizations are working to get out the information: Citizens

Trade Campaign

Public Citizen Global Trade Watch
Park Slope Trade Justice Group of
Trade Justice Metro NYC c/o
ieva@juno.com Infojustice.org If
you are even mildly concerned, write
to your representative NOW

Most respectfully,

Presented for discussion by Marsha
Champlin, Susan Johnson, Alice Joyce and
Susan Metz

BDS TOPICS:**TO THE EDITOR,**

Is it right to hold Israel solely responsible for the outcome of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Is it right to hold Israel solely responsible for the outcome of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as BDSers would have you act upon?

A Google search for "1948 refugees" produces millions of results. All but a few are about the Palestinian Arab refugees. But it is estimated that up to 1,000,000 Jews fled or were expelled from their ancestral homes in Muslim countries. Some 260,000 of those refugees reached Israel and comprised 56% of all immigration to the state.

In 1948, Muslim countries had considerable Jewish populations. Today, the indigenous Jews of those countries are virtually extinct (Morocco and Iran each have fewer than 10,000). In most cases, the Jewish population had lived there for over 1,000 years.

Few know this history because the Jewish refugees of 1948 were granted citizenship by the countries to which they fled, including Israel. By contrast, many Muslim countries refused to integrate the Palestinian refugees, preferring to leave them as second-class citizens in violation of international conventions.

Media bias is also a factor. A search for "1948 refugees" on the BBC news site generates 41 articles (back to 1999) of which 40 discuss the Palestinian Arab refugees. Consider Sri Lanka, another war-torn, multi-ethnic country that gained its independence from Britain in 1948. The 26-year ethnic conflict claimed 100,000 lives, more than casualties from the 100-year Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It also produced similar numbers of refugees, including at least 200,000 Tamil in Europe. Yet a search for "Tamil refugees" generates just 5% of the results.

The UN handles 54,000,000 non-Palestinian refugees worldwide, cared for by the UN High Commission for Refugees under the guidelines of the 1951 Convention on Refugees. But Palestinian refugees (whose original population was

under 1 million) have a UN agency dedicated exclusively to them (UNRWA). UNRWA's unique definition of "refugee" includes families who lived in the area for generations but also migrants who arrived two years prior. Because UNRWA's unique definition includes descendants, UNRWA's refugee population has grown from 750,000 in 1950 to 5,300,000.

Non-Palestinian refugees are assisted in rapidly rebuilding their lives, usually outside the countries that they fled. Jewish refugees from Muslim lands did just that: They rebuilt their lives in Israel and elsewhere. But having quietly adapted and being granted full citizenship doesn't lessen the wrongs committed by their countries of origin.

In 1947, the Arab League drafted laws that called for the freezing of bank accounts of Jews, their internment and the confiscation of their assets. Subsequent meetings called for the expulsion of Jews from Arab states. These Jewish refugees from Muslim lands suffered legal and violent persecution that resulted in immeasurable emotional and physical damage. They lost billions in property and endured huge socioeconomic disadvantages when forced to rebuild their lives from scratch. Suggestion that they don't deserve compensation is wrong.

Muslim states must recognize their role in: 1) displacing 1,000,000 indigenous people only because they were Jews, and 2) perpetuating the plight of Palestinian refugees by denying them citizenship. Both wrongs have festered for decades.

Adapted from ynetnews.com.
Gil Ronen

BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS (BDS) OF ISRAEL AT YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, CANADA**MEMBERS:**

May 3, 2013: in attempts to curb Palestine solidarity actions, the York University administration (by letter) revoked the official club status of Students Against Israeli

**LETTERS POLICY**

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

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

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

Anonymity

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

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, fac-

tual coverage:

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

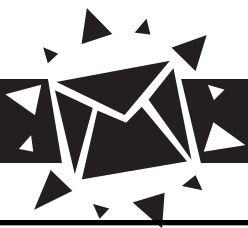
2. Nor will we publish accusations that are not specific or are not substantiated by factual assertions.

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.



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

Apartheid (SAIA) for their 'disruption of academic activities' during a March demonstration. Revoking club status cuts SAIA off from university funding and resources, prevents SAIA from holding meetings or doing student outreach on York's campus. SAIS can only re-register for official group status January 1, 2014.

In addition, York issued an administrative order to Hammam Farah, alumnus, SAIS member, barring him from campus until the end of April 2014 for his participation in on-campus demonstrations, using an 'amplification device' to 'express [his] views to students'.

York's Vice-Provost sent warning letters to student members in SAIA, Middle Eastern Students' Association, the York University Black Students' Alliance and a member of Filipino Canadian Youth Alliance for participation in the March demonstration, using an 'amplification device,' 'disrupting students during class time.' York could invoke disciplinary actions following future demonstrations.

York's Punitive Actions Triggered by Students' Support for BDS Resolutions

York's Graduate Students Union passed a BDS resolution at a November membership meeting (the period of Israel's eight days of attacks on Gaza). This started a domino effect across Ontario campuses: 2012-2013 school year: seven Canadian student unions voted to support boycott resolutions calling on administrations to divest from companies profiting from Israel's occupation.

March 21: the York Federation of Students, the undergraduate student union, passed a broad-based boycott resolution calling on York University to 'withdraw investments from Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems, Amphenol selling weapons and military equipment to Israel.'

March 27: to celebrate the passage of boycott resolutions, the Palestine solidarity activists held a demonstration at York. Following a student 'noise' complaint, an adjudicator was appointed: SAIA apologized to student, apology accepted, adjudicator determined that the protest caused no disruption; case closed. Nevertheless, York proceeded to issue punitive letters: revoking SAIA club status, no trespass order to Farah.

Responses to York's Punitive Measures

In June, SAIA attended a meeting of York University's Board of Governors to voice their concerns (board walked out). Letters sent to York University by Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Ontario Civil Liberties Association.

The York Federation of Students, York's Graduate Student Union and the Canadian Union of Public

Employees Local 3903 passed motions publicly condemning York's punishments against SAIA and Farah.

In August, a formal letter was sent to the Vice-Provost by SAIA, dozens of Palestine Solidarity groups and students' associations in Canada stating: York 'failed to comply with basic democratic values,' asking York to rescind its trespass order against Farah, 'to reinstate SAIA as an official club, make a firm commitment to work with students to ensure that freedom of speech and freedom of association are upheld.'

Underway: a new petition to rescind punitive measures, (1,300 signatures by 8/9/13); SAIA more popular, membership growing, faculty more supportive.

Source: Nora Barrows-Friedman

Mary Buchwald

Brooklyn For Peace

PSFC members for BDS

www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

A COOPERATIVE BUSINESS THAT DEPENDS ON DIVERSITY AND RESPECT FOR ALL POLITICAL OPINIONS TO SURVIVE

DEAR MEMBERS,

Welcome back. You missed a lot of drama over the summer.

A discussion on eliminating bias in workshops was on the agenda at our July General Meeting. Bias is generally a preconceived opinion about someone or something, and subjective to the point that presenter Barbara Mazor made great efforts to avoid mentioning anyone by name when asked to provide evidence of it at the Coop. Thankfully, Thomas Cox popped up to clarify, volunteering himself and his favorite cause as an example. He launched into standard evil-old-Israel demonization and yelled, "Shut up, Barbara!" when he saw he might be interrupted.

Tommy, I saw you cross the line. The Chair saw you cross the line. The whole meeting saw you cross the line, and we all shouted you off the mic. Your THREATENING posture speaks volumes about bias, and about the potential violence behind your "non-violent" movement. (Recently publicized threats levied anonymously against Eric Burdon and Paul McCartney to not play Israel only underscore this influence.) Yes, you did backpedal furiously and mouthed an apology, but then showed your stripes by withdrawing the apology in last week's Gazette. Ok, in a court of law you can semantically prove you didn't, but we aren't stupid.

Members like Cox are just one

more reason why PSFC must write a boycott policy. The piece of paper in our foyer that reads like an afterthought with no hard numbers? That's just a guideline. We need a real policy, and it should explicitly state that a boycott requires a supermajority vote at the GM to pass. Our default 51% only encourages members to spout Cox-brand dogma, display belligerence, and lash out at membership just to secure a bare majority in the name of geopolitics. If such people are still allowed to shop here, then we need to ensure they don't graft their potentially violent ideology onto members of conscience who reject it. On the other hand, attaining a supermajority involves tools like real dialogue and teamwork. If we don't utilize these tools, then we as an institution might be stuck representing bigotry instead of a cooperative business that depends on diversity and respect for all political opinions to survive.

Please continue to write eightype-centmajority@gmail.com for questions or comments. I am warmed by your support.

It's time to change the conversation. Finally.

Jesse Rosenfeld

THE FOLLOWING LETTERS ARE IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER TITLED: 'INTERVIEW WITH ZIAD DOUEIRI ABOUT HIS FILM 'THE ATTACK', BY NAOMI BRUSSEL (VOLUME HH, NUMBER 17, AUGUST 22, 2013)

TO THE EDITORS OF THE LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE:

I am appalled that the editors would print the letter from Naomi Brussel with the patently false claim that there had been a massacre perpetrated against the Palestinians in Jenin in 2002 by the Israel Defense Forces. It was long ago established that the Palestinian charge of a massacre was yet another one of their lies to incite world public opinion against Israel. There was never any massacre. In fact, it was a military action by the IDF aimed at quelling the second intifada that claimed many innocent lives. In this military action, there were 52 Palestinian casualties, 48 of whom were identified as combatants. There were 23 Israeli casualties. This military action took place in the first 2 weeks of April 2002. By May 2002, even the Palestinian Authority admitted that there had never been a massacre. In August 2002, the UN issued a report that there had been no massacre.

The Palestinian penchant for disseminating lies to incite hatred against Israel has obviously been adopted by Naomi Brussel and her cohorts in the BDS movement. Shame on the editors of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* for enabling this incitement in the guise of free speech. I would expect better from you.

Shena Gitel Astrin

TO THE EDITORS,

Naomi Brussel repeated a "Big Lie" when she wrote in the August 22, 2013 *Gazette* edition there had been a "massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Jenin" in April 2002. The Battle of Jenin was a military action against Palestinian terrorist forces operating out of Jenin. These groups were responsible for at least 23 suicide bombings and 6 attempted bombings since the outbreak of the Second Intifada in September 2000.

By March 2002, nearly 300 Israelis had been murdered by Palestinian terrorists by stabbings, sniper attacks, IED's, and suicide bombings. In March 130 more Israelis were murdered by shootings, grenade attacks and 15 suicide bombings. This includes the March 27 suicide bombing of the Park Hotel in Netanya during a Passover seder. The attack resulted in 30 deaths and 140 wounded, mostly elderly people. The actual casualties of the Battle of Jenin are 48 Palestinian combatants and 5 civilians. 23 Israeli soldiers were killed by Palestinian gun fire and bombs.

Brussel's letter is yet another illustration of the dishonesty of the BDS movement. They are not interested in bringing about rapprochement and peace between Arabs and Jews. Rather they are an effort to demonize Israel and provide further justification for those interested in prolonging the violence there.

Barbara Mazor

DEAR MEMBERS,

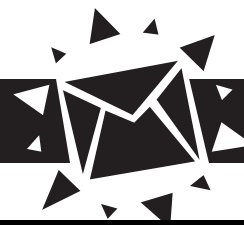
I was startled to see that the defensive military operation in Jenin, where Israeli soldiers risked their lives to go door to door, instead of indiscriminately bombing, was called a massacre. In the height of the second Intifada, Israel was doing what any country would to defend itself of militants terrorizing civilians, bombing pizza stores and blowing up malls and movie theaters, intentionally targeting unarmed men, women and children. I understand that there are very strong feelings surrounding Israel and the Palestinians, but spreading lies should be beneath the dignity of our Coop publication.

Thank you,
Maurice Appelbaum

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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BDS TOPICS CONTINUED:

DEAR EDITORS,

This is in response to letter to the editor titled: "INTERVIEW WITH ZIAD DOUEIRI ABOUT HIS FILM 'THE ATTACK'", by Naomi Brussel (Volume HH, Number 17, August 22, 2013).

Regarding the claim about a "2002 Israeli massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Jenin," I would like to state that the claim in the letter is a lie—and it is offensive to the educated public.

A military action aimed at stopping the second intifada in which the IDF suffered many casualties was not a massacre by any stretch of the imagination. The Palestinian casualties were mostly fighters and not civilians. The Palestinians circulated this false claim which was picked up and repeated by media world-wide without fact checking.

In the event that the author and/or readers would be interested in true, unbiased, historical information, it is readily available.

Sincerely,
Devorah Hershkop

HELLO,

In reference to the "massacre of Palestinians in Jenin in 2002" article in the following *Gazette* www.foodcoop.com/go.php?id=84, the claim in the letter is a lie and it is offensive.

Rita Rosenblit

DEAR GAZETTE,

Point of information: Dropped into a recent letter to the editor is the seemingly factual phrase, "The 2002 Israeli massacre of hundreds of Palestinians in Jenin." Note that the United Nations report on this event reported that 52 Palestinians

were killed in the refugee camp, along with 23 Israeli soldiers. 52 is not "hundreds." The article adds, "Israeli forces attacked Jenin as part of a West Bank offensive that began on March 29, after a suicide bomber from the Islamist group Hamas killed 29 people at a Passover seder in the seaside Israeli town of Netanya." Here's *The New York Times* report on the UN finding: www.nytimes.com/2002/08/02/international/middleeast/02JEN1.html It starts, "The United Nations issued a cautious report today dismissing as unsubstantiated Palestinian claims that 500 people were killed when Israeli forces invaded a refugee camp in the West Bank city of Jenin in April."

The *Gazette* needs a more professional editorial policy if it is going to wade into issues, and publish letters, about complex politics that have not much to do with food.

Ellen Freudenheim

DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

We object to the printing of this offensive lie.

COOP members, The Givons

DEAR GAZETTE,

The facts of this letter are false. Please check your facts before printing a letter like this. We value the authenticity of the *Gazette* to be informative and truthful to our members, like any good publication.

Roberta Arnold

TO THE LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE:

I object to the claim that there was a massacre in Palestine. This was a military action aimed at stopping the Second Intifada in which the IDF suffered many casualties. The Palestinian casualties were mostly fighters, not civilians. The Palestinians circu-

lated this false claim. I object to the *Gazette* for printing this lie.

Sincerely,
Nancy Spitalnick

DEAR EDITORS,

Yet another edition of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* with the now standard BDS condemnations of Israel. And yet, what actually is going on around the Middle East. In Egypt, the democratic movement elected a president with a radical agenda and the army took over in a coup. Many people killed in the process.

In Lebanon, there has been increasing internal strife between Hezbollah and major portions of the citizenry. Sectarian violence has become commonplace. The last few weeks have seen extensive bombings - mostly at or around Mosques. Again, many people killed.

And in Syria, it now appears that the Assad regime is using chemical weapons on its own citizens, as the country spirals further out of control.

And in Israel? Well, despite the fact that rockets are coming down from both their northern and southern borders, Israel is engaged in peace negotiations with the Palestinians. Israeli hospitals are also quietly receiving Syrian children who have been wounded in the civil war to the north.

Is Israel perfect? Of course not. But to listen to the BDS movement, they are the sole cause of strife in the Middle East. That is laughably inaccurate.

On more question. Why does the *Linewaiters' Gazette* continue to publish these letters?

David Meltzer

DEAR EDITORS,

Naomi Brussel's Letter in the August 22, 2013, issue of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* is not just another factual-

ly incorrect piece of anti-Israeli propaganda, it is the continuation of the use of the *Gazette* as a crude platform for the BDS crowd to continue the anti-Israeli rant.

Since this organization is questionable at best, and is a major source of unpleasantness in general, I directly ask the editors of the publication to explain why such a one-sided soap box is run in issue after issue? BDS has its own website, and Coop members with an interest in this prejudiced organization have their own as well. Why must the membership be subject to this ongoing river of ultra-biased opinion?

It's time that the Coop end the BDS Topics section of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. It does not serve the Coop in any way and only continues an unfortunate confrontation that cannot be resolved. In continuing the column there is, in effect, tacit approval for what is clearly a hate campaign. The issue of support for the BDS was settled in the vote at a special meeting called for that purpose. How does it then follow that the membership must be continually subjected to the BDS agenda? The matter is settled; let's move on.

Rodger Parsons

TO THE EDITORS,

Regarding the article on a 2002 "massacre" in Jenin.

There was no massacre, but rather a military action aimed at stopping the Second Intifada, which the Arabs started.

The IDF suffered many casualties. The Palestinian casualties were mostly fighters and not civilians. The Palestinians circulated this false claim which was picked up and repeated by media worldwide.

This is a lie and is offensive.

Henny Chanina

Solution to this issue's sudoku puzzle

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

Kohlrabi Stew

By Dushyant Sahgal

This quick and easy recipe makes for a fulfilling meal after a tiring day fighting fires at work. Not fires in the literal sense of course, but firefighters will enjoy this recipe too! Kohlrabi has a subtle turnip like taste and its flesh and leaves are extremely rich in Vitamin C, Vitamin B6, dietary fiber and other essential minerals. It has almost no cholesterol. I like to use the entire plant, along with its leaves.

You will need two Kohlrabi pods along with about four leaves to make enough of the stew for two people. Peel off the skin from the Kohlrabi and roughly chop the flesh in two inch pieces. You will find that the flesh is quite hard to break into so use the

sharpest knife at your disposal. I maintain the thickness of the pieces at a little less than half an inch to help them cook faster.

Toss the pieces straight into a pot with about one tablespoon of olive oil. Give it a good stir and let it fry for about two minutes on a medium flame. Next, in go the roughly chopped leaves. The leaves will of course wilt while they cook so do not cut them too fine. Add one chopped deseeded green chili, salt to taste along with two cups of water. Cover the pot and let it cook on low heat for about 20 minutes. Garnish with some fresh coriander leaves and serve as is or pair with rice or warm flatbread. The mild sweet and salty taste of the Kohlrabi always has me wanting more. ■



CLASSIFIEDS

BED & 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 website at house-on3st.com. Click our FB link or call Jane at 718-788-7171. Ask about bargains for last minute bookings. Let us host you!

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Hudson Rivertown Storefront available Main St. Irvington N.Y. 1,000-square-ft. exposed brick, hardwood floors, new mechanicals, historic building. Across from school, near Croton Aqueduct hiking trail. Attract customers from several rivertowns. \$3,500/mo. Contact Coop member Ruth Katz: 917-583-1384.

HOUSING AVAILABLE

Vacation cottage 3/2 On 1 acre on great South Bay E. Patchogue for sale. Solar-heat pool, perennial gardens, views, water sports. Near towns of Bellport and Patchogue with cultural and nature activities. Only one hour from NYC. Contact: Riva.Rosenfiel



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Are you struggling to make sense of your emotions, patterns, behaviors or relationships? If you're considering psychotherapy or counseling, I can help. I'm an experienced therapist who uses an individualized, eclectic approach to work with children, adolescents and adults. Adria Klinger, LCSW, 718-965-2184. da2yahoo.com. or 718-768-9610.

VACATION RENTALS

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Coop Job Opening: Receiving Coordinator: Produce Buyer

Description:

The Park Slope Food Coop is seeking two people to become Receiving Coordinators and join the produce buying team. These are career positions. Under the supervision of a General Coordinator/Lead Buyer, team members are responsible for purchasing the Coop's fresh produce in a fast-paced environment driven by high sales volume. The produce buying team makes and coordinates complex buying decisions, negotiates prices, nurtures vendor relationships, and maintains the high quality and extensive selection of produce available to our members. The produce buying team must respect and promote local/sustainable/ethical principles.

Specific responsibilities include (in conjunction with team members):

- Continue our longstanding buying practices: high quality, low prices, fair return to farmers.
- Analyze and monitor sales history to create accurate orders.
- Check deliveries for accuracy, freshness, appearance and flavor. Reject poor quality produce upon delivery.
- Maintain accurate assessment of inventory through quality assessment and inventory checks.
- Review invoices for accuracy, price changes and make adjustments for shortages and overages, coordinate returns and track credits due from suppliers.
- Prepare/authorize/enter vendor payment information into the Coop's accounting system.
- Communicate ordering deadlines and changes in delivery time to relevant staff.
- Share responsibility for daily setting and maintenance of the produce aisle: supervising and directing the work of other staff and members to provide a fresh, bountiful, attractive produce display and accurate up-to-date price signage.
- Regular supervision and training of members working in the produce aisle. Contribute to the development of a robust, ongoing training program aimed at increasing overall knowledge among and support of members working in the produce aisle.
- Be knowledgeable about organic, local and national produce issues. Understand organic produce and Organic Standards Act. Understand integrated pest management and other minimal treatments. Understand irradiation, genetic modification and conventional production.
- Communicate with members about product availability and use, produce trends, new products and interesting facts in person, over the phone, in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, at General Meetings and on foodcoop.com.
- Continue to expand product knowledge.

Requirements:

Required Skills

- Handle multiple demands, work under pressure, meet deadlines, and follow-through.
- Skillfully delegate work, and manage and motivate others.
- Professional level verbal and written communication skills.
- Attention to detail and good organizational skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills. Able to cooperate with a diverse group of co-workers and members.
- Supervision and/or training.
- Flexibility, openness, willingness to learn and take on new responsibilities.
- Facility with computers, Macintosh a plus.
- Comfortable with math. Knowledge of weights, and measures.
- Ability to lift or move up to 50 lbs. repeatedly, every day.

Desirable Skills

- Professional experience working with produce and/or purchasing and negotiating skills.
- Knowledge of produce varieties and growing seasons.
- Experience in planning, developing and implementing systems, procedures and policies.

Work Environment:

Buying produce at the Coop is taxing, both physically and mentally. Ours is a fast-paced environment driven by high sales volume (14 times the national average per square foot overall, more than 100,000 pounds of produce sold per week) and limited selling space. These positions will involve juggling competing priorities under very tight and inflexible deadlines, intense physical activity such as lifting, standing for long periods, working inside produce coolers, working outside in all weather, maneuvering in small crowded spaces, working in noisy environments near loud equipment. Staff offices are crowded and require working in close physical proximity to others. Our staff must be able to focus on details while attending to our paging system, phones and radios, member questions and the ambient noise created by the work of other staff and members.

Hours:

Monday-Friday, approximately eight hours a day. At least three days will start between 4:30 and 5:00 a.m. We strive to create jobs that can be completed within 40 hours a week. Based on the needs and intensity of produce work, these positions may frequently require more than 40 hours a week, in particular during the training period, busy times of the year and during vacation coverage. In addition, there is an expectation that produce buyers will make themselves available to our vendors via phone and e-mail outside of normal working hours.

Wages:

\$25.80 per hour

Benefits:

- Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
 - Paid Vacation: three weeks per year increasing in the 4th, 8th & 11th years
 - Paid Health and Personal time: 11 days
 - Health Insurance*
 - Dental and Vision Plan*
 - Pension Plan*
 - Life Insurance*
 - 401(k) Plan
 - TransitChek Program
 - Flexible Spending Account
- *Benefits with no payroll deduction.

Prerequisite:

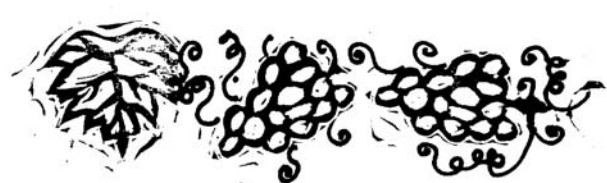
Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least one continuous year immediately prior to application.

How to Apply:

Provide your resumé along with a cover letter explaining your relevant qualifications, skills and experience. Materials will only be accepted via e-mail to: hc-producecoordinator@psfc.coop and put "Produce Buyer" in the subject field.

Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Please do not call the Membership 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.

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



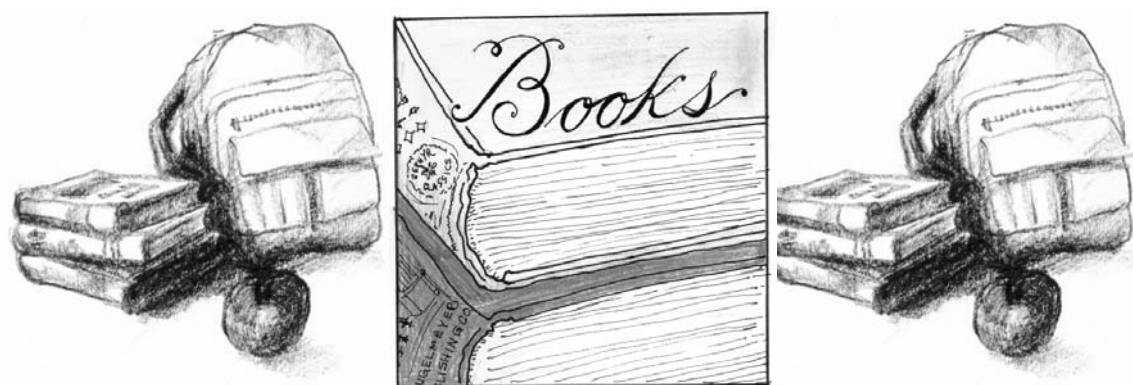
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Coop Job Opening: Java/Web Software Developer

Description:

The Park Slope Food Coop has an immediate opening for a Java/Web Software Developer. You will be joining our staff of two Java developers and a network/system administrator. Our staff prefers to build software and services using open source and open standards.

Specific responsibilities include (in conjunction with team members):

- Participate in designing a new application framework for the Coop.
- Lead the makeover of the foodcoop.com website.
- Create documentation, including code and procedures, to share your knowledge and responsibilities with other team members.
- As a member of the team, help with everyday technical issues (e.g., printers, usage issues, workstation maintenance, etc.)

Requirements:

Required Experience

- Must have a BA/BS in computer science/engineering or equivalent experience.
- Capable of designing, developing, and integrating a wide variety of software components.
- Knowledge of a standard end-to-end development process, including version control, build scripts, and automated testing.

Required Skills

- Proficiency in Java in a Linux, Unix or Mac environment.
- Web application development experience using technologies such as HTML, JavaScript, CSS on the client and PHP, Perl, Python, Ruby, or Java on the server.
- Database design and implementation experience (MySQL preferred).

Desirable Skills

- Development experience using Eclipse.
- Server-side development with Java using technologies such as JDBC, Spring, Servlets, etc.
- Linux/Unix shell scripting.
- Drupal experience.

Employment & Benefit Details:

- Work week: 40 hours; flexible schedule
- Salary: \$87,260.88 per year
- Paid Vacation: 5 weeks per year
- Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- Paid Health and Personal Time: 11 days per year
- Health Insurance*
- Dental and Vision Plan*
- Pension Plan*
- Life Insurance*
- 401(k) Plan
- TransitChek Program
- Flexible Spending Account

*Benefits with no payroll deduction.

Prerequisite:

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

How to Apply:

Please e-mail a cover letter with your resumé to hc-programmer@psfc.coop. All members who submit both a cover letter and resumé will receive a response. Please do not call the office to check on the status of your application.

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

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO FILL A NEW WORKSLOT

Revolving Loan Management Committee

On January 31, 2012, participants in the General Meeting overwhelmingly approved the Coop's new **Revolving Loan Program**. This initiative allows the Coop and our individual members to donate money into a fund that will make loans to start-up coops using the PSFC model.

As part of that resolution, a committee was formed to develop, oversee and report on the loan program. The committee is seeking two new members. The selection process involves an interview for those who express interest and a vote for candidates at a future GM, probably in September or October.

Committee members must:

1. Agree to be interviewed by the Loan Committee;
2. Be able to attend monthly meetings;
3. Be willing to do additional work (beyond 2.75 hours/four weeks) as needed;
4. Be committed to the loan program; and,
5. Have expertise in a relevant area, such as non-profit management, finance and lending, coop development, grocery store management, law.

Committee members will receive work credit.

Once the interviews are completed, candidates seeking committee placement will write a statement to be published in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, and will stand for a vote at a General Meeting.

To sign up for an interview, please send a statement of interest and your resume to loancommittee@psfc.coop and we will contact you.

Skewers

EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES**Bathroom Cleaning**
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday 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.

Store Equipment Cleaning**Monday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.**

The Coop is looking for members to clean the checkout area of the store. It entails cleaning the scales at each check out 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

Office Data Entry**Thursday and Friday, 4 to 6:45 p.m.**

Must have been a member for at least one year with excellent attendance. Are you a stickler for details and accurate on the computer? Do you like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. Please speak to Ginger Jung in the membership office (or put a note in her mailbox) prior to the first shift for more information and schedule training. Must make a 6-month commitment to the workslot.

Laundry and Toy Cleaning
Monday and Thursday,
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 childcare room. You will be working with a partner on these tasks. Please contact Annette or Jana in the Membership Office for further information.

**Entrance Desk****Friday, 5:45 to 8:15 a.m.**

Supervised by Membership Coordinators, you will be staffing the Entrance desk in hours of the weekday before the Coop is open to shoppers. Primarily you will be checking in working members, informing them of their member and household status, and handing out entrance desk slips to members who need them. Entrance workers provide an essential member service and must be welcoming, polite, able to read and interpret information on the entrance desk screen, able to clearly convey information about member status directly to members. Entrance workers also provide a key security function, and must remain alert throughout the shift, which may have slow periods. Therefore reading, writing, talking on the phone, texting, etc. is not allowed. Punctuality and good attendance will be essential, as you will be the only Entrance worker scheduled at this time of day. Paid Membership Coordinators will be present to train you on your first (and second) shift, and then to support you and answer questions going forward.

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.

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— David, age 15 on his school trip to Tanzania



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for
something new?

Check out the Coop's
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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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your event listing in 50 words or less to GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop.

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads.
Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue.

SUN, SEP 8

11 a.m., Damo I Jin—a "tendon-changing" form of Chi Kung ("life-force energy practice")—continues in Prospect Park, through the summer and fall. Newcomers are welcome to join the class any week. For more information, contact quicksilverdancer@yahoo.com or 212-946-1537.

TUE, SEP 10

2 p.m. Staged Reading of Theater Three Collaborative's Climate Change Play, *Extreme Weather*, With Zach Grenier (*The Good Wife*) and Talkback with Dr. Jennifer Francis, Arctic Ice Scientist. Cherry Lane Theater, 38 Commerce St., NY. RVSP: company@cherrylanetheatre.org. 212.989.2020 FREE tickets, reservations suggested.

THU, SEP 12

Party for Farmworkers and Food Justice. Live on the edge of food justice: join Rural & Migrant Ministry to celebrate Justice for Farmworkers with a

night of FOOD, live music, and mixing. Ticket includes speaker, drink voucher and market spread catered by Haven's Kitchen. For tickets info: www.farmworkers.bpt.me/ or call 845-309-8420.

FRI, SEP 13

9 p.m. Flying Home with special guest Cynthia Hopkins. Flying Home continues to explore the classic repertoire of the Benny Goodman small ensembles plus big band hits of the '30s and '40s. 9 p.m. Flying Home, 10 p.m. George Cole: Gypsy Jazz. One admission \$10. Jalopy Theatre 315 Columbia St., Carroll Gardens. www.jalopy.biz

SAT, SEP 14

12 p.m. The Fifth Annual Columbia Waterfront Fall Festival is scheduled to take place on Columbia St. from Degraw to Union and from Columbia to Hicks on Union St. The Fall Festival is a family-friendly, annual festival held in Brooklyn's Columbia Street Waterfront District.

THU, SEP 26

6 p.m. Learn how to manage your finances, maintain good credit and make the most of your budget in this free five-week course. Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush, 2806 Church Ave. (bet Nostrand & Rogers Aves.) To register call, 718.469.4679. Sponsored by NHS and Neighborhood Trust, www.nhsnyc.org.

SAT, SEP 28

8-10:30 p.m. Peoples' Voice Cafe: Walkabout Clearwater Chorus; Faith Nolan at the Community Church of NY Unitarian Universalist, 40 E. 35 St. Wheelchair-access. For info 212-787-3903 www.peoplesvoicecafe.org. Suggested donation: \$18 general/\$10 members/more if you choose, less if you can't/no one turned away.



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