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## Fracking: A Call to Action

By Kristin Wartman

**H**ydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking, is the practice of pumping large volumes of water at high pressure into shale formations deep in the earth in order to extract natural gas. There are currently thousands of active fracking sites across the U.S., and New York State is poised to begin fracking as well.

### Fracking Risks

The practice is highly controversial due to the potential for environmental damage and harm to human and animal health. Fracking uses large amounts of fresh water combined with various chemicals to extract gas from the earth and there is concern over the spread of

those chemicals into surface and drinking water. There is also the risk of air pollution due to the release of these chemicals.

There have been numerous reports of polluted water harming animals and humans near fracking sites in Pennsylvania and other sites throughout the country. New Yorkers Against Fracking, a coalition that calls for a ban against fracking, lists some of the harms associated with fracking and the surrounding areas on its website. Farmers report animals becoming sick and dying after drinking contaminated water. One farmer from southwestern Pennsylvania states, "After my cows drank from a pond that was contaminated by frackwater, 10 of the 19 calves were born

stillborn." Other residents nearby report an array of adverse symptoms affecting themselves and their children, including chemical burns to the eyes, rashes, coughing, dizziness and headaches.

### The Cuomo Administration, The PSFC and Fracking

As it stands now, Governor Cuomo is considering opening New York State to fracking, and his administration claims that any adverse effects on human or animal health will be mitigated by strict regulations. But many experts are not convinced that this is possible—and Coop members aren't either.

The Coop officially joined the antifracking movement in New York after a General Meeting vote in May 2010. The Coop supports the statewide ban on fracking based on research that shows fracking pollutes the ground water and air and negatively impacts human health in areas surrounding the sites.

"The Coop is active in this movement and we take it very seriously," said the Coop's General Manager, Joe Holtz. "We support the statewide ban because we are concerned about the preservation of healthy farmland in New York State. We think that fracking is antithetical to that."

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PHOTO BY WILLIAM FARRINGTON

Produce Buyer Allen Zimmerman holds a bag of "really remarkable" white potatoes from Hepworth Farms.

## THE COOP, FULL OF FALL

By Joanne Colan

**I**n autumn what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits," wrote novelist Samuel Butler. Wander down the Coop's produce aisle and you might be tempted to agree with him. Fall is the season of harvest when spring and summer growth are ours to reap. And with the season's ever cooler weather and shorter days, what better time to retreat indoors with friends and

family, gather round the kitchen table and savor nature before winter's rest.

To find out specifically what we should be savoring this fall, I sat down with the Coop's head of produce, Allen Zimmerman, who shared his personal favorites and recommended what to look out for in the coming weeks. All within a day's drive—or night, rather, given that trucks set out for deliv-

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### Next General Meeting on November 19

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The November General Meeting is an exception, as it will take place on Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. (This exception is due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Meeting location to be determined. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see the center of this issue.



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## Coop Event Highlights

- Fri, Nov 1 • Film Night:**  
*The Park Slope Food Coop: Sustainability* 7:00 p.m.
- Thu, Nov 7 • Food Class: Let's Cook Root Vegetables**  
7:30 p.m.
- Tue, Nov 12 • Safe Food Committee Film Night:**  
*A Place at the Table* 7:00 p.m.
- Thu, Dec 5 • Food Class: Eastern Mediterranean Tapas**  
7:30 p.m.

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

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## Fracking

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### Fracking = Boycott

In December 2010 Holtz submitted a letter to Governor Patterson and Governor-elect Cuomo stating the Coop's intention to boycott all foods produced near fracking sites. "Even though we've spent a lot of time supporting local farms, that support will go out the window in areas where there is fracking," Holtz said. In the letter, Holtz wrote, "I guarantee that our members will not want the fruits and veggies that come from farms in an industrial area. They will ask their employees to look elsewhere and we will."

The letter to the governors stressed the Coop's significant buying power and con-

tribution to the New York economy. For the year 2009, the Coop purchased more than \$500,000 of chickens; \$400,000 of beef, lamb and pork; and \$1.5 million of fruits and vegetables from New York State. Those numbers are now up an additional 20 percent, Holtz said.

Margaret Maugenest, a member of the Coop's Safe Food Committee, said that many of our 16,000 members shop at the Coop for its high-quality foods. "So much of our food is sourced from New York State. If fracking begins, our shoppers are going to be asking if we get food from where fracking takes place," she said. "And we know that fracking pollutes the ground water, so we would have to look for other

sources of these foods."

Maugenest recently attended a rally in the city that celebrated New York-grown foods. "We hope that Governor Cuomo saw it while he was here in the city because we wanted to point out to Cuomo that if fracking takes place, these New York foods are not going to be as celebrated anymore."

*Farmers report animals becoming sick and dying after drinking contaminated water.*

### Fracking Wastewater Problems

Another major problem with fracking is the disposal of wastewater; fracking wastewater often contains massive amounts of salts, toxic metals and radioactivity. One disposal method currently being used is to inject the water and bury it deep in the ground—but this has caused earthquakes on several occasions.

Indeed, this is one of the key issues that Holtz said the Coop is concerned about. "On a larger scale they don't know what to do with this contaminated water—they don't know where to put it."

### Fracking: What PSFC Members Can Do

Holtz also wrote an amicus brief for the towns of Middlefield and Dryden in

New York, which were sued by a drilling company and a farmer for not allowing access to proposed fracking sites. In August, New York's highest court agreed to hear arguments against the fracking bans and the Coop sent a \$1,000 check to help fight the appeal. The Coop also encourages members to contribute individually to help fight the appeal. Holtz adds that members can write to local representatives to express their issues with fracking. Maugenest agrees and says concerned members should also attend rallies and other events that raise

awareness about the dangers of fracking.

With the Coop committed to a boycott of all foods produced near fracking sites, fracking on upstate farms could fundamentally change the Coop's access to locally raised foods. "Coop members are concerned about foods grown with contaminated water and in contaminated soil; they are concerned about the grass-fed cows drinking polluted water," Holtz said. "The quality of the air and water in farm country impacts the output from those farms. It's all about the air and water." ■

For more information on fracking please visit the following Web sites:

- Foodandwaterwatch.org
- Nyagainstfracking.org (You can sign a petition to Governor Cuomo here.)
- Gaslandthemovie.com (This is the site for the documentary *Gasland*; the "take action" page allows you to take action in a variety of ways.)
- Unitedforaction.org
- Saneenergyproject.org
- Frackaction.com
- Catskillmountainkeeper.org
- Brooklynfoodcoalition.org

Shop early for Thanksgiving,  
Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's

**Buy your holiday ingredients now:**  
butter, nuts, canned pumpkin, canned stock,  
dried fruits, frozen pie shells,  
ultra-pasteurized heavy cream

The fresh turkeys will begin to arrive the week prior to Thanksgiving week. All turkeys are dated to be fresh until Thanksgiving Day. If you

buy early, you will have a greater selection in size and variety. Look for signs near the meat case in the next few weeks announcing the turkey delivery dates and prices.

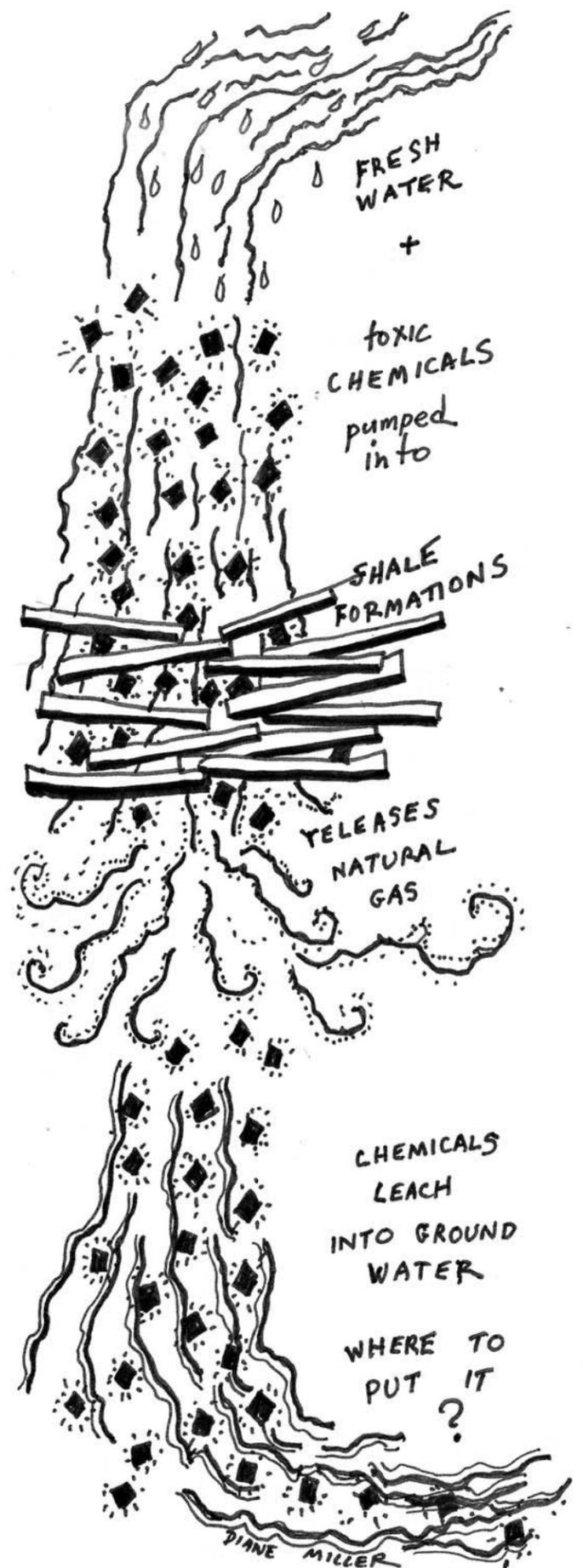


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## THE COOP, FULL OF FALL

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ery to the Coop as early as 2 a.m.—the season's crop is local, fresh, varied and perhaps most pertinently ripe, crisp and golden as a perfect autumn day.

A wonderful place to start is with the season's most iconic symbol, the cheerful pumpkin. Its bright orange color reveals its rich beta-carotene goodness, meaning jack-o'-lanterns aren't just for your stoop—put some healthy seasonal pumpkin in a soup! Fall's butternut squash is plentiful too. But curiously enough, spaghetti squash and Jack Be Little pumpkins all but failed to grow this year. In fact, the baby pumpkins, which are typically so abundant around Halloween that the Coop has given them to members and their kids in previous years as a treat, are in short supply. Meaning the ones you'll find in other stores at the moment most likely aren't local. And probably not free either!

### A Produce Cornucopia Now in the Coop

But not to worry, Coop members. We still have 172 local produce items to choose from right now!

Among them comes a great spectrum of local deliciousness from Hepworth Farms, not far up the road in Milton, starting with a really remarkable deal on potatoes—just \$2.55 for a 5-lb. bag of organic potatoes. It's a classic white potato with truly great flavor and need you be reminded of this humble tuber's talents, the plain old spud can be boiled, baked, roasted, mashed, fried, chipped, shredded and stewed!

Other noteworthy produce from Hepworth Farms includes lots of heirloom tomato varieties that may last well into November, 10 different kinds of eggplant, several kinds of chard and a good mix of hot peppers to add some much needed heat on those chilly fall nights.

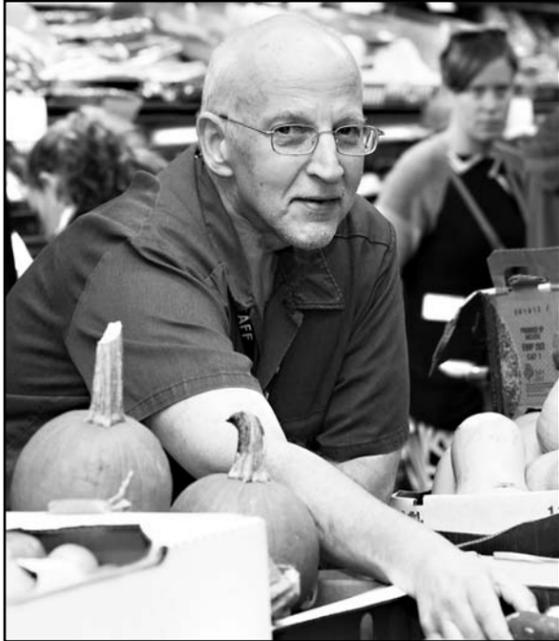


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**Allen Zimmerman suggests trying some new fall produce like celeriac, watermelon radishes or brussels sprouts on the stalk.**

### Fall Greens Thrive When Nights Are Cool

Speaking of which, it's the season's colder nights that make this a great time of year for greens. Cold-hardy crops improve in flavor as the temperature drops, with some getting even sweeter and more succulent with the year's first light frost. Members of the brassica family are known for faring well in colder climes and are pretty frost-tolerant, including cabbage, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, chard, turnips, radishes and brussels sprouts.

The cold conditions can cause these vegetables to produce sugars and transform their otherwise somewhat bitter flavors. Some say kale and brussels sprouts show this characteristic most prominently. You're hereby invited to dig in and find out!

That being said, the Coop's brussels sprouts from Blue Heron or Hepworth Farms are outstanding right now. If you're lucky enough to find them in stock on the stalk, you're in for a real treat. They have that "just picked" look about them and will last longer in your pantry too, but be warned—almost 500 brussels sprout stalks sold out in just two days recently!

Be sure to enjoy dark leafy greens such as kale from Hepworth Farms and tatsoi from Hillside Organic. Mustard greens from Stick and Stone Farm are also at their peak right now for flavor.

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You may be aware through shopping or have read in the news about recent broccoli shortages caused by unpredictable weather. Don't despair. Among the Coop's produce shelves this fall you'll find a great alternative to try—Chinese broccoli or gai lan as it's also known. Popular in Asian

markets but rare in local and organic origin, the Coop supply is from Stick and Stone Farm, which tried with great success seeds not widely used before.

### Give These Offbeat Produce Picks a Try

Still in the brassica family, radishes are among the season's popular root vegetables, especially the colorful watermelon radish. Pretty pale green on the outside and bright hot pink on the inside, the watermelon radish is a winner in salads for both looks and flavor—sweeter and milder than regular radishes—and can also be eaten braised, roasted or mashed too.

Another sweet root vegetable worth putting in your cart right now is celeriac. Don't be put off by its appearance! Some stores give celeriac a haircut for a more demure display, but the Coop embraces this root in all its knobby, warty splendor. Cousin to fennel, parsley, parsnips and carrots, celeriac is a celery variety and a great nonstarch alternative to potatoes and other starches for a warming accompaniment to any meal. It's delicious raw too, prepared for example as *celerieremoulade*, a salad which the French are

known to eat year round. This fall's (bumpy) celeriac at the Coop comes from Blue Heron Farm in New York's Finger Lakes region.

If peculiar-looking produce is your thing, you might want to look out for the kiwano melon. Orange and spiky on the outside and green and slimy on the inside, kiwano melons might just be the ultimate Halloween centerpiece! Also called the horned melon, jelly melon, African horned cucumber, hedged gourd and blowfish fruit, it tastes like a cross between a kiwi, cucumber and zucchini. Still not convinced? To eat, you have to squeeze the melon's bright green flesh into your mouth and draw the fruit by sucking on the slimy seeds between your teeth. In other words, perfect seasonal freakish fun!

### Autumn and Apples, Perfect Together

For tamer fruity fare that yields the crisp tang of fall, perhaps nothing is as lovely as a simple autumn apple. In high demand is the season's characteristic Honeycrisp, out-selling other apples by a factor of two. People have fallen in love with Honeycrisp apples for their tart sweet juiciness. But as apple prices go, these varieties tend to be a little expensive. That's because the Honeycrisp is slightly heavier than other apples, is harder to grow and gives less yield per acre.

A cheaper yet yummy alternative to the Honeycrisp is the SnowSweet apple. Snow refers to its whiter than white flesh that doesn't brown as quickly as other apples, making it a popular one with children. And sweet of course for sweet—this apple is a veritable sugar bomb, another reason kids love it. Good to know: SnowSweets were in stock at the Coop last year long after other stores in New York had sold out.

So there you have it—a few of the season's local gems in plentiful supply right around now and chock full of flavor in the produce aisle at the Coop. Plenty to savor, lots to share and much to celebrate. Enjoy! ■

**What Is That? How Do I Use It?**

# Ask Me Questions About Coop Foods

**Monday, November 11, 12 to 2:45 p.m.**  
**Monday, November 18, 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.**

## Square Meals

Each of these squares holds a single set of words, written both across the rows and down the columns. For example, in the first 3x3 square beginning with YAM, the words ACE and MEN complete the square, reading either across or down. Starting words are filled in, and diagonal letters are given as an extra hint.

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Puzzle author: Stuart Marquis. For answers, see page 14.



## Coop Looks Back—and Forward—to Celebrate Its 40th Birthday

By Lily Rothman

A lot happened in early 1973. In Vietnam, U.S. involvement was drawing to a close. In Washington, the Supreme Court was deciding *Roe v. Wade*. And here in Brooklyn, a group of like-minded friends were coming together to start what would become the Park Slope Food Coop.

That last milestone was the event feted at a party on September 28, held in the schoolyard next to the Coop building. On a sunny early fall day—a few months after the actual anniversary, but no less celebratory for that fact—in a lot decorated with custom-made Coop anniversary bunting and strung with laminated ephemera from the Coop's history, members gathered to mark the occasion with \$3 beers, mulberry-flavored kombucha on tap, brownies, wraps, salads and a wide range of donated snacks. There were also performances by Coop-member bands (Shira Kline, This Friendship is Really Working Out, Professor Louis, Maya Solevoy, the PSFC Swing Band, Primitivo, Dadbeats and Samba!) and a round of speeches remembering the history of the institution.

### A Founding Member Reminiscences

"We were living and working in a context of activism that encouraged us to take control of our lives" founding member Donnie Rotkin (wearing an "Eat More Kale" shirt) told the crowd, describing the time period that produced the PSFC. "We never in our wildest dreams imagined the Park Slope Food Coop as it is today."

When the Coop was founded, Rotkin said, it had ideas of inclusiveness but was actually rather homogeneous; today it's "not perfect, not ideal, but closer to the goal" of including members who represent a wide array of races, backgrounds and ages. The old *Gazette* issues and bulletins on view at the party were proof that the PSFC's history was not always an easy one—it was plagued from the beginning with problems like missed shifts and shoplifting—but that the desire to reach goals of inclusiveness was stronger than any obstacle.

Which doesn't mean the party was all memories and self-congratulation. It also

served a purpose—one that speaks to the future, not the past.

### Remembering 40 Years of The Coop, Fund-Raising For Future Coops

That's because the 40th anniversary party was also a fund-raiser and awareness-raiser for something much younger: the Fund for New Food Coops. The establishment of a Loan Committee was approved at the General Meeting in January 2012, following several years of plan-

literally. Though there was no charge to enter the party, activity at the Loan Committee information table was brisk, and a crisp \$100 bill was visible among the money in the donation jar.

It was also clear why the committee is needed.

As General Coordinator Joe Holtz (wearing a "COOP" belt buckle) explained during his turn to address the crowd, the Loan Committee's decision to support only coops that follow the PSFC model is crucial.

cooperation that seized activists at that time has faded somewhat, and that it's more important than ever to make sure that the Coop teaches others how to get people working together, not just chipping in for slightly cheaper groceries. A new coop these days may be tempted to be more of a buyers' club than a true community, one that follows the seven international principles of cooperation—of which one is "cooperation among cooperatives." (The

To that end, Holtz said that he spends time on the phone with others who have recently started coops, offering his advice and expertise—but advice can only go so far. He said he was proud of the PSFC's history and the institution's ongoing support of local agriculture and causes like opposition to fracking, but that we cannot stop there. "I think the Coop in the next 40 years has to be *beyond* that," he said. "In the next 40 years our job is to make sure we're not one of a kind."

Or, as Rachel Porter put it a few days prior to the event, "We're like an endangered little frog" and we need to preserve the species.

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PHOTOS BY CAROLINE MARDOK

ning, with the goal of creating just such a fund, explains committee chair Rachel Porter. The fund—the website for which, [foodcoop.com/fund](http://foodcoop.com/fund), went live shortly before the anniversary party—will receive \$20,000 a year from the PSFC, to be supplemented by tax-deductible donations from members and friends of the Coop. The fund is administered by FJC, a charity that allows donors to manage their giving. Using that money, the fund will make low-interest loans to younger coops that are established in the PSFC's working-member model, so that they can make investments and improvements to aid their growth. Though having birthday parties about every five years is normal at the Coop, Porter says that this 40th anniversary party didn't get off the ground until the Loan Committee took ownership of the event.

And, on the day of the party, it was clear that the move was paying off, quite



### Playing the PSFC Model Forward

There was a slogan common at the time the Coop was founded, Holtz said: "Food for people, not for profit." The Coop was started by people who wanted to work together and to be able to afford good food, and they found that the way to get costs down wasn't just to buy in bulk but to cut labor costs by insisting that all members work. Holtz said that he feels the spirit of

others are openness, democratic control by members, members' equal funding of the cooperative, autonomy, provision of information about cooperatives and community involvement.) And in turn, coops that do not adhere to the member-labor model or where non-members are allowed to shop if they pay higher prices are less likely to form a community that could endure for 40 years and beyond.

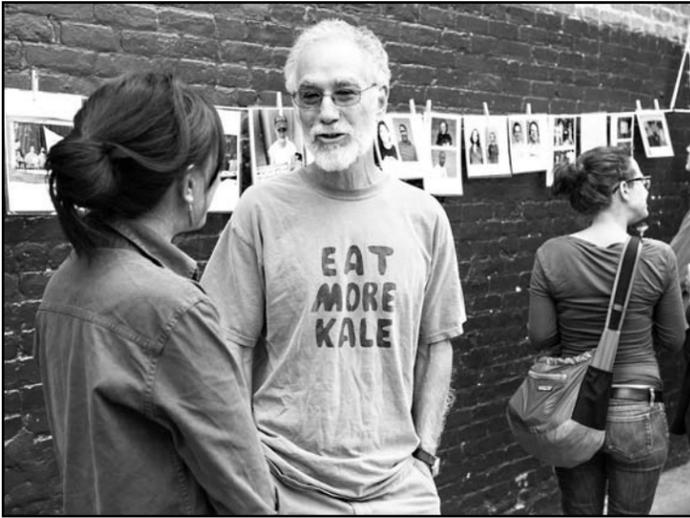
The party was a good start to that effort. According to Porter, it raised \$1,400 for the Fund for New Food Coops. A raffle to be held early next year will supplement that sum. And, just as important, the party was a good time. There was an open-mic portion during which one member read a poem that had been printed in the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, another expressed her hope that groups like the Coop could save the planet and another spoke of how fun it is to tell newer members how it all used to be in the old days. After a half hour of speaking, the crowd sang "Happy Birthday" to the Coop, to the rhythm of drums, and then shared cake provided by the Coop. The cake distributed, the band then played the "Anniversary Waltz" while children clapped and danced.

And for April Reynosa, who has been a Coop member for about five years, the party served yet another purpose. Reynosa is an oral historian—and a mother, whose daughter sat attentively listening throughout the speech portion of the party—so she was interested in not just the fun and the fund but also in the opportunity to hear the Coop's legends from those for whom they're first-hand memories. "I had a great first squad leader who would tell old stories down in the cheese room," Reynosa said, "but it was amazing to put a face to a story." ■





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**Coop members celebrating our 40th Anniversary!**  
**On to the next 40...**





## SAFE FOOD COMMITTEE REPORT

## Plow-to-Plate Movie Series Presents: *A Place at the Table*

By Adam Rabiner

**A** *Place at the Table*, a film that deals with hunger in America, begins gorgeously with sweeping aerial views of several of the film's locations: Colorado, Pennsylvania and Mississippi and an exquisite opening song by country folk duo, The Civil Wars. This film, brought to us by the same team that did *Food, Inc.*, is not made on a shoestring budget. It features beautiful cinematography, a specially commissioned soundtrack produced by T-Bone Burnett and a whole cast of well-known subject matter experts, including Jeff Bridges (founder of the End Hunger Network), Chef Tom Colicchio and professor and writer Marion Nestle (as well as some others we'll talk about later). However, the

people the film follows: fifth-grader Rosie who lives with six other members of her family in a decrepit house in Collbran, Co., or young mom Barbie Izquierdo from Philadelphia who struggles every day to feed her two children know perfectly well what it is to live on a pittance.

What these breathtaking opening vistas of America mask is an underlying desperation brought on by the hard truth that hunger in America has been steadily increasing since the late 1970s, so that today approximately 50 million people are food insecure, meaning they do not know when they might obtain their next meal. They are not hungry because food is in short supply in the United States. It's because they are too poor to

feed themselves properly and government policies are not designed to adequately address this issue. In fact, policies often exacerbate the problem. For example, Rosie's mom, Trish, works in the local diner, the Cattleman's Grill, and earns \$120 every two weeks but can't get food stamps because the family earns too much. Trish's salary is supplemented by Rosie's grandfather, who works in a hospital. Nevertheless, they typically run out of milk and are left eating their cereal dry. These families have become experts at stretching their food supplies, as well as their budgets, and also reaching out to friends and neighbors. But many in their circle are in the same boat, so local charity becomes a

lifeline. In Collbran, a very small community, between 80 and 120 people attend Wednesday evening dinners, sponsored by the local church, which also runs after-school meal programs and delivers bags of food every week to those in need, though these contain many processed and unhealthy company-donated items.

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Which brings us to another problem related to hunger, namely obesity. *A Place at the Table* explains how the two seemingly opposite phenomena, are, in fact, related. The Mississippi Delta is the most food insecure and obese place in America. It's a river delta rife with "food deserts" where you will be fortunate to find a fresh banana. However, you will have no problem finding little shops off the main highways carrying chips, soda pop, cookies, cakes, candies and canned goods. What these smaller stores carry and their relative costs is a complex subject that involves farm subsidies, geography and the economics of retail supermarket food distribution. But the result is that eating well for many residents of the delta (and also many parts of urban America) involves costly trips to distant supermarkets, where shoppers are then confronted with a choice between expensive produce and or cheap processed foods. Since 1980 the cost of fruits and vegetables has risen 40% while "junk food" has gone down in price 40%. Faced with a choice between spending \$3 for a head of broccoli that provides 400 calories or buying a few cans of Chef Boyardee and getting 4,000, many shoppers choose to maximize their caloric bang for the buck. *A Place at the Table* takes you through these and many other thorny policy issues and you may recognize some



familiar faces. Jan Poppendieck, former Park Slope Food Coop Safe Food Committee member, City University of New York professor and author of *Sweet Charity* and *Free for All: Fixing School Food in America*, walks you through the politics of food charity and school food. Park Slope resident Joel Berg, who's spoken at past Plow-to-Plate events, author of *All You Can Eat: How Hungry is America* and the executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger, is featured. And while you may not bump into him in the produce aisle any time soon, British author, academic and journalist Raj Patel is also interviewed. Patel was the keynote speaker of the 2009 Brooklyn Food Conference, which helped kick-start the Brooklyn Food Coalition and was conceived, planned and executed by the Safe Food Squad with the help of many other Coop and community volunteers.

*A Place at the Table* does not so much make you angry (though there's plenty of frustration and exasperation to be felt toward the politicians whose grand compromises increased the federal budget for child nutrition—and meagerly—only at the cost of cutting Food Stamps). Rather, it's a different emotion you are left with, namely shame. From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters (to the streets of Philly, to the Grand Mesa in Colorado, to the flood plains of Mississippi), we can and must do better than this. Everyone deserves a place at the table. ■

*A Place at the Table will show on Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m. Park Slope Food Coop, 782 Union St., 2nd floor. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.*

### Coop Job Opening: Bookkeeping Coordinator

#### Description:

The Coop is hiring a Bookkeeping Coordinator to help in the oversight and coordination of our bookkeeping activities. Involvement may include many areas of bookkeeping including: reconciliations (bank accounts, debit/ebt, individual GL accounts), accounts payable, cash received bookkeeping, processing of member investment refunds/product refunds, and more. All staff positions also coordinate and oversee member labor.

The bookkeeping department is small and though each staff member may focus on a particular area of bookkeeping, this new position requires a willingness to learn all areas and back up other bookkeeping staff as needed.

#### Requirements:

A degree in Accounting is preferred. Experience using enterprise-level accounting software is essential (our current package is Acumatica), as is the capability to coordinate and test accounting software releases/rollouts, with transfer of knowledge and instruction to other staff as needed. Advanced knowledge and experience using Office suite programs, specifically Excel (macros, pivot tables, etc.), is highly desirable.

We look for applicants who maintain high standards of accuracy, and display initiative, common sense, and a troubleshooting/questioning mentality. Excellent organizational and social/communication skills are required.

#### Hours:

Approximately 35 hours distributed evenly over 5 days. The initial schedule will be Monday through Friday during a training period, transitioning to a Tuesday through Saturday permanent schedule. At times, schedule flexibility (and additional hours) will be necessary when covering work for other bookkeeping staff.

#### 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.

#### 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-bookkeepingcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put "Bookkeeping 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.**



## COORDINATOR'S CORNER

## Helpful Hints for Shopping and Working At the Coop During the Busy Holiday Season

By Ann Herpel,  
General Coordinator

The produce aisles overflow with the bounty of the fall harvest. The pumpkins have arrived and cooks around the Coop are beginning to plan their holiday menus. Sales are up while membership is holding steady at around 16,200 members. Fall is the season of contrasts for the Coop: beautiful, tasty local food, seasonal specialties like fresh turkey and pies but a more crowded shopping floor, greater need for members to help stock the shelves and labor shortages at key times that make it difficult for the Coop to put out all the goods members want to buy.

I want to offer some tips to help us all survive and thrive in this season of highs and lows. This list isn't comprehensive but changing a few of the ways we shop and work can go a long way to making the Coop experience—shopping and working—less stressful for all from now through the New Year.

od between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Tuesday through Friday. And remember, the five days before the holidays are the busiest so brace yourself for long lines and a crowded shopping floor.

### 2. Shop like a Girl Scout—be prepared

Buy your holiday ingredients, butter, nuts, canned pumpkin, canned stock, dried fruits and frozen pie shells now. Even Organic Valley, ultra-pasteurized heavy cream—a highly valued commodity for holiday cooking—has a shelf life of weeks. The more you can buy in advance and store for the holidays, the less stress you will experience as Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's get closer; the shopping gets more frantic; and the possibility rises that the products you want might not be on the shelf because member labor struggles to keep up with the skyrocketing shopping volume.

### 3. Buy your turkey early.

The fresh turkeys will begin to arrive the week prior to Thanksgiving week. Turkeys delivered closer to Thanksgiving are not going to be fresher. All turkeys are dated to be fresh until Thanksgiving Day. If you buy early, you will have a greater selection in size and variety. In the next few weeks look for signs near the meat case announcing the turkey delivery dates and prices.

shelves stocked and the check-out lanes moving. When you don't show up—believe it or not—we notice, and will notice your absence more during the weeks leading up to the holidays. Finding another member to replace you on your shift truly makes a difference. Simply being absent hurts us all. Increasing the percentage of members who find trades will be a win-win situation for fellow workers and shoppers.

**5. Be flexible** about when you need to do a makeup and what work you are willing to do. Just like there are popular (i.e., overcrowded) times during the week for shopping, there are popular (i.e., overstaffed) times when members show up to do a makeup. The most consistently overstaffed shifts in the Coop are 10:30 a.m., any day of the week, on Shopping and Food Processing squads.

If you have flexibility in your schedule, please consider doing your makeup when the Coop needs you most. When, you ask, does the Coop need me? Receiving, Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., and Receiving Friday or Saturday, 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. But due to ongoing, unmet labor needs in Receiving, your attendance will be welcomed at any time.

Yes, you might have noticed I mention only Receiving shifts. Why? Coop Receiving shifts—those squads of members who put out ALL the food we buy in the Coop—are chronically understaffed. If a squad is understaffed, shopping will be more frustrating because the product you need might not be on the shelf and the aisles are filled with U-boats of products waiting to be stocked.

When you need to do a makeup, think FIRST about Receiving, even if you regularly work in Shopping, Food Processing or the Office. Having a sixth Outside Walker, for example, on a relatively light shopping day when Receiving is short of workers is a misallocation of the Coop's most valuable resource, member labor.

Contrary to popular opinion, Receiving is more than lifting or helping unload deliveries. Other tasks you could do: filling the bread bins; stickering produce; restocking the egg case; processing repacks; stocking lighter items like vitamins,



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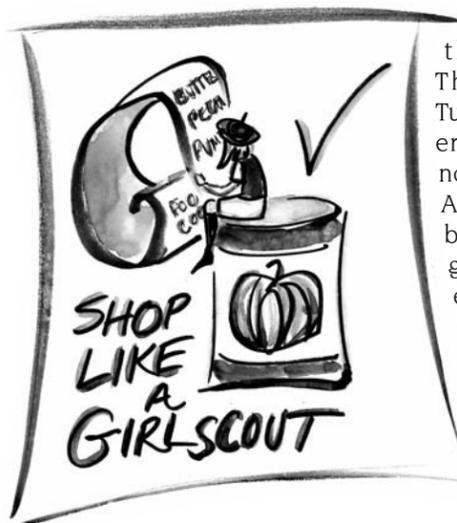
chocolate, cereal, paper goods or chips. Give Receiving a try; your labor will be appreciated, especially for the holidays, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

But if Receiving work is not a possibility for you, consider coming Friday or Saturday evening (6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.) for a Shopping or Food Processing shift. The Coop is always low on workers on the weekend evenings.

**6. Get ahead on your FTOP cycles** by working now through the New Year. Every week the Coop has FTOP shifts that go unfilled. As the holiday season approaches, more FTOP shifts will be available as we compensate for

heavier shopping volume and anticipated absences. The next several weeks are a great opportunity to do extra FTOP shifts and start 2014 with a positive number in your FTOP bank. (If you regularly work on an ABCD shift, you too can bank FTOP. Contact the Office for more information.)

Working together is the key to a more enjoyable holiday season at the Coop. So, if we all show up for our shifts, accept help from the green-vested checkout assistants offering to unload our groceries, pitch in where needed and stock up on our holiday essentials, our holidays might just be more cooperatively cheerful. ■



### 1. Shop strategically

Maybe this isn't news to most of you but Friday (12 p.m. to 6 p.m.), Saturday and Sunday (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and all day Monday are not the best times to shop. The Coop has been tracking sales by day of the week for years and these days consistently have the highest sales volume. So when should you shop? Historically, Wednesday and Thursday are our lowest sales days. Not an option for you, try Saturday night after 7 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday morning between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Or consider going in late to work one morning and shop the relatively quiet peri-

### 4. The Coop needs your member labor, really.

An apocryphal tale circulates among Coop members that the Coop has too many members and not enough work. The story concludes, "It doesn't matter if you don't show up." Try convincing the four members who showed up at the 7 a.m. Receiving squad last Friday, or the three members of the 3:30 Saturday Food Processing shift that it didn't matter when others didn't show on their shifts. It's just not true. The Coop plans on having a certain number of members showing up for each shift in order to keep the Coop operating smoothly, the

## Holiday shopping hours will be:

**Thanksgiving Day,  
November 28,  
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**December 24,  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**December 25,  
CLOSED**

**December 31,  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**January 1, 2014,  
10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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

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

**Shopping Hours:**

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

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

**Childcare Hours:**

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

**Telephone:**

718-622-0560

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www.foodcoop.com

**LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE**

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

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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

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

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

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

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

**Digital Submissions:** We welcome digital submissions. The e-mail address for submissions is [GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop](mailto: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").

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Friday, November 15, 8:00 p.m.

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

**PROSPECT CONCERTS**

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[www.ProspectConcerts.tumblr.com](http://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-  
ed for refund.

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

**RETURNABLE**

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

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**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.

**Check Store Supplies****Monday, 6 to 8 a.m.**

This workslot is responsible for restocking supplies on the shopping floor, at checkout lanes, entrance desks and the cashier stations, and in the basement. This is a task- and

detailed-oriented job, ideal for someone who likes working independently and is pro-active. Please speak to Alex in the Membership Office or contact him at alex\_marquez@psfc.coop if you are interested.

**Office Set-up****Monday-Thursday, 6 to 8:30 a.m.**

Need an early-riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks, including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies, labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

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

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

**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](http://www.foodcoop.com)**The Coop on Cable TV****Inside the Park Slope Food Coop**

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**General Meeting Info****TUE, NOVEMBER 5**

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the November 19 General Meeting.

**TUE, NOVEMBER 19**

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

**Gazette Deadlines****LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:**

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

**CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:**

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

**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,  
November 19, 7:00 p.m.**

The General Meeting is regularly held on the last Tuesday of each month. November's meeting is one week earlier, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Location**

To be determined.

**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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## calendar of events

nov 1  
fri 7 pm**Film Night: The Park Slope Food Coop: Sustainability**

*The Park Slope Food Coop: Sustainability of Participatory Society*, tells the story of Coop member **Iki Nakagawa's** four-year exploration of the Park Slope Food Coop. As a relatively new member, she was interested in how the Coop works as a participatory community of 16,000 members. She wondered: Why do all members have to work? Where do the Coop's products come from and who makes purchasing decisions? Do individual members have a say in how the Coop runs and if so, how? How does the Coop manage the needs and desires of members who come from a wide variety of backgrounds? These were questions she kept asking during her production. She would like to share this film as a way to discuss the practice of direct democracy and collective ownership, and to explore its broader applications in current American society. Nakagawa is a videographer whose practice spans different fields including film, installation, performance and education. She is also founder and creative director of Hyenalive, an online video journal about sustainability.

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

nov 2  
sat 12 pm**Parents: Do Your Children Ever 'Push Your Buttons'?**

Share stories and hear perspectives that can help you "keep your wits about you" while raising your children. **Sharon C. Peters**, MA, is the director of Parents Helping Parents and a step, birth, and adoptive parent. In her work she meets with individual families and leads workshops at her Park Slope office and for schools and community organizations throughout New York. She is a grateful long-time Coop member.

nov 2  
sat 3 pm**The Gems of Excellence**

Is your marriage/relationship falling apart? Is your family falling apart? Are you falling apart? Would you like to keep it together? Experience the Gems of Excellence program, and see rapid changes in your life and the life of your loved ones. The Gems of Excellence is one of the programs of Geotran. Geotran is a numeric, geometric and digital language of all possibilities that speaks to the memory field that is around us. It is based on quantum physics and it's not a talk therapy. Be curious. This unique technology will be demonstrated by **Marija Santo-Samyai**, CNHP and Geotran practitioner. Discovering her passion for helping people get their life back gives her the greatest joy and meaning.

nov 2  
sat 6-8 pm**When Can I Retire?**

This question—When can I retire?—can cause anxiety, confusion and denial. Learn how to calculate when and if, you will have the money to retire and what your income and lifestyle will be. We will review the financial factors that impact retirement and what actions and strategies are available to achieve the best result. **Arthur Goodman** is a long-time Coop member and fee-based financial planner in who practices in Brooklyn.

nov 5  
tue 8 pm**Agenda Committee Meeting**

The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com). **The next General Meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, on Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m., due to the Thanksgiving holiday, at a venue to be determined.**

nov 7  
thu 7:30 pm**Food Class: Let's Cook Root Vegetables**

Learn how to cook healthy and simple-to-prepare vegan and gluten-free dishes with a focus on root vegetables. The chef will discuss the health benefits of vegan and gluten-free food, as well as introduce you to some traditional vegetarian Japanese dishes. Chef **Hideyo** was born and raised in Tokyo, where she was trained as a sushi chef. She is currently a chef instructor at the Natural Gourmet Institute, in both the chef's training and recreational programs. And she is a private chef and a health coach. *Menu includes: summer roll with caramelized onions and Chinese five-spice tofu; glazed beets and sweet potatoes in orange-rosemary flavor; carrot mousse with spicy apricots; kimpira gobo (shredded burdock root and carrots with sesame seeds).*

**ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. Please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by October 24 to make a request.**

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

nov 12  
tue 7 pm**Safe Food Committee Film Night: A Place at the Table**

Fifty million Americans—one in four children—don't know where their next meal is coming from. *A Place at the Table* tells the powerful stories of three such Americans, who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat. In a riveting journey that will change forever how you think about the hungry, *A Place at the Table* shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides—as they have in the past—that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all.

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

nov 16  
sat 2 pm**Ten Warning Signs Of Alzheimer's**

Golden Steps Elder Care Cooperative invites you to this lecture featuring guest speaker Meg Drislane, from the Alzheimer's Association. Her informative presentation on detecting the early warning signs of Alzheimer's will be followed by a reception hosted by Golden Steps. Meg Drislane has been a member of the Alzheimer's Association Speakers Bureaus for the past four years. Golden Steps Elder Care Cooperative is made up of 16 members who provide affordable non-medical care and companionship to older New Yorkers who want to remain safe and independent

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

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at home. They are based in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Every companion they place is a member of the cooperative and an owner of the business, committed to providing excellent service. They can be contacted at [www.goldensteps.coop](http://www.goldensteps.coop) or by calling 718-687-1978.

*Fortune*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *People*, *Esquire*, *Wired*, and *Glamour*, among others. Getty Images licenses her photography library internationally. She is also the founder of PIXOBOOK, an event-book publishing service based in Brooklyn.

nov 17  
sun 12 pm

## It's Your Funeral

Planning for your own death now (as opposed to later) is a practice that can enable you to live in the moment, face your own mortality with courage—and create an end-of-life service that reflects your values. Join Coop member **Amy Cunningham**, former journalist and graduate of the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, in a conversation about fascinating advancements within the funeral business. The talk will cover how to plan a low-cost, back-to-basics funeral or memorial service, as well as offer information on green cemeteries near New York City, cremation pros and cons, biodegradable caskets and urns, blended-faith/alternative ceremonies, and more. You'll get a glimmer of what funerals of the future might look like—and leave with planning literature for yourself or for someone you love.

nov 23  
sat 7:30 pm

## Film & Conversation: Direct Democracy...and NYC?

*It's Time We Talked* is a wry and intense road trip across direct democracy's history and potential in America, probing the historical record, stories of ballot activists, our political assumptions, and everyday people's ideas for laws, to build the case for true citizenship. Screening followed by a talk about the possibility and hurdles for modern-day citizen lawmaking in New York. Coop member **Olaf Bertram-Nothnagel** was led by what he learned making the film to coordinate the drafting of groundbreaking amendments offered for our city's charter. What law would you propose?

nov 19  
tue 7 pm

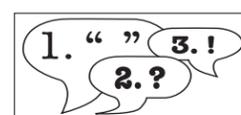
## PSFC NOV General Meeting



Meeting Agenda to be announced. For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters' Gazette*. The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the Coop office. **Meeting location to be determined. November's General Meeting is held one week earlier than usual, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

dec 3  
tue 8 pm

## Agenda Committee Meeting



The Committee reviews pending agenda items and creates the agenda for this month's General Meeting. Drop by and talk with committee members face-to-face between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m. Before submitting an item, read "How to Develop an Agenda Item for the General Meeting" and fill out the General Meeting Agenda Item Submission Form, both available from the Membership Office or at [foodcoop.com](http://foodcoop.com). **The next General Meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, on Tuesday, December 17, 7 p.m., due to the Christmas holiday, at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts.**

nov 23  
sat 12 pm

## Sleep Better, Feel Better, Live Better

Poor sleep is rampant in today's frenetic 24/7 culture and Americans spend \$100 billion on sleep-related products yearly. Sleep represents the key component of the trinity of health (with diet and exercise) and regulates both physical and mental health and is often precipitated by stress. Disturbed sleep is associated with poor cardiac health, obesity, and increased mortality as well as memory and mood dysregulation. However, few individuals seek sleep treatment and most go to physicians who prescribe sleeping medications. This workshop will present an overview of sleep and offer concrete steps to improve sleep without medication. **Dr. Ross Levin** is a clinical psychologist and behavioral sleep expert and maintains a private practice on the Upper West Side devoted exclusively to treating anxiety-based sleep disorders. He has written more than 100 scientific papers on sleep and has been a Food Coop member since 1992.

dec 5  
thu 7:30 pm

## Food Class: Eastern Mediterranean Tapas



Learn to prepare an array of traditional small plates that have been integral to the food culture in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries for many centuries. Uncover how to take ingredients and spices such as sumac, harissa, tahini, preserved lemons, and rosewater to new heights while utilizing whole grains, legumes and seasonal vegetables. Chef **Olivia Roszkowski** holds a Neuroscience and Behavior degree from Columbia University, has worked as a line cook in restaurants under Jean-Georges Vongerichten, David Chang, and Danny Meyer, and is currently a chef instructor at the Natural Gourmet Institute. **Menu includes: red quinoa tabbouleh with apricots & cilantro; duck bacon-wrapped medjool dates with dijon creme fraiche; Lebanese lemon lentil soup; swiss chard falafel with harissa-tahini dip; homemade preserved lemons; rosewater-infused dark chocolate bark with pistachios.** **ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. Please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by November 21 to make a request.** **Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

nov 23  
sat 3 pm

## Take Great Photos With Your iPhone

Get expert tips and advice for taking great pictures with your iPhone. This hands-on workshop, given by pro photographer GIRLRAY, will give you all the tools you need to make your smart phone photos 100 times better. Coop member **Sue Schaffner's** photography work has been widely published under the alias GIRLRAY and has appeared in

## still to come

dec 6 **Film Night**

dec 13 **What Is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)?**

dec 10 **Safe Food Committee Film Night**

dec 14 **The Gems of Excellence**



## MEMBER SUBMISSION

## Fair Expression and Principles of Community

### Part III: Free Speech Opportunism in Academia

By Constantine Kaniklidis,  
*Scholars for Peace in the  
Middle East (SPME)*

Hate groups/movements cloak themselves with the protective shield of “academic free speech,” enabling liberal academics to express extremist one-sided vilifications admitting no challenge or response, all this in the rarified atmosphere of academia where civil discourse and objective scholarly inquiry is the expected norm. This allows virulent anti-Semitism to assume the guise of anti-Zionism in order to evade social censure<sup>15</sup>, as concluded by numerous investigations, reports and studies.<sup>71,99-102,104-114,130-137</sup>

A breathtaking moral fraud, now well-exposed,<sup>103-106</sup> is perpetrated by universities claiming “diversity of thought” when really “a continuum that starts at liberal and ends at radical leftist,”<sup>107</sup> their anti-Israel bigotry becomes, as the Vice Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, noted, “*islands of repression in a sea of freedom.*”<sup>108</sup>

#### Silencing through “Academic Freedom”

Anti-Semitic incidents have

had the affect of silencing campus Jews from expressing their viewpoint publicly,<sup>71,72,82-84,93-106,111-114,128,132-133</sup> via the classic modes of silencing: systematic exclusion, stigmatization and intimidation.<sup>109,110</sup> Repeated calls of “slaughter the Jews,” “Hitler didn't finish the job” and “Shut the f--k up or I'll saw your head off” are silencing, intimidating, hate- and hostility-inciteful and not an invitation to the open exchange/debate of ideas.<sup>111-114</sup>

A university that permits the creation of a hostile environment cannot legitimately hide from harassment/defamation claims behind the First Amendment after fostering that environment (aided by on-campus hate movements like the extremist Muslim Student Association/MSA, demonstrably terrorist-affiliated, with many MSA officers already convicted of material support for terrorism<sup>115-124</sup>). These groups are not interested in hearing dissenting ideas, only in weaving a myth of victimhood granting license for a theology of limitless hate. Palestinian journalist Khaled Abu Toameh observed: “*What is happening on the U.S. campuses is not about supporting the Palestinians as much as it is about pro-*

*moting hatred for the Jewish state. It is not really about ending the 'occupation' as much as it is about ending the existence of Israel.*”<sup>126</sup>

#### Misuse and Abuse of Academic Freedom

Unsurprisingly, in almost all current campus controversies, the First Amendment is opportunistically invoked, even “*when there are no First Amendment issues in sight.*”<sup>127</sup> Citing campus newspapers/newsletters, Stanley Fish noted: “*editors of college newspapers... will always cry First Amendment when something they've published turns out to be the cause of outrage and controversy.*”<sup>127,128</sup> also observed by Kenneth Marcus, former Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; instead, judgments need be based on journalistic integrity within and to the community served, not specious appeals to free speech. Re anti-Israel diatribes in college newspapers, Fish correctly noted that First Amendment claims raised in response to criticism were inapposite since editors have (1) absolutely no First Amendment obligation to print hate and defamatory rants, nor (2) any Free Speech constitutional protection from the consequences

of their misjudgments.<sup>127,128</sup>

On today's campuses, free speech claims in support of threatening/harassing behavior are outside the ambit of constitutional speech protection,<sup>128</sup> a species of **free speech opportunism**,<sup>130</sup> with inapplicable and hypocritical free-speech claims now the favorite topic-changing device, repackaging actionable conducts as speech expression.<sup>131</sup> Most campus hate incidents do not pose even remotely First Amendment concerns—vandalism, rock-throwing, stalking, death threats, arson, physical intimidation<sup>132-134</sup>—all without constitutional protection. (As a former president of the ACLU acknowledged, even “*The ACLU never has argued that harassing, intimidating, or assaultive conduct should be immunized simply because it is in part based on words.*”<sup>137</sup>)

The myth of a “chilling” effect of counter-charges of defamation/anti-Semitism is a ruse decisively demonstrated to be absurd: objecting to defamatory attacks neither constitutes a threat to free speech nor a strategy for closing debate.<sup>135,136,138</sup> This is First Amendment opportunism: agenda-driven efforts to change the topic

from proscribed unprotected harassment, hate-incitement, collective guilt assignment (Jews collectively responsible for Israel's actions regardless of actual complicity) and group defamation to free speech, thus infringing on a core interest of contemporary constitutional/ civil rights law, protection of equal educational opportunities from hostile environment harassment.<sup>128,130,132</sup>

If we permit campuses to develop environments hostile to Jews, then why not to women and other minorities? Academia and other communal environments need to finally adopt and sincerely commit to Principles of Community defining the legitimate boundaries and constraints of free speech in furtherance of community harmony and cohesion, dignitary rights and the fostering of inclusive non-hostile environments free from identity-discrimination, per norms of both international<sup>1,3,19,44-51,61-62,69,78-82,85</sup> and national<sup>9-12,88</sup> laws. ■

[Adapted from, and all references found in: Kaniklidis, Constantine. *Unfree Speech and Principles of Community. At: The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: Evidence-based Reports.* <http://freespeech.evidencewatch.com>]



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### EXCESSIVE BULK BAGS ARE THE PROBLEM, NOT ROLL BAGS

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I eat nuts daily and I go through literally hundreds of bulk bags a year. Many, many times more bags than roll bags, where I can either go without, e.g. onions and sweet potatoes, or bring my own for large purchases, e.g. apples. But I am forced to buy lots of small bags of nuts for the types of nuts that I want to buy.

I, and others, have written letters on this to the *Gazette*. At any meeting, where the Environmental Committee [EC] brings up eliminating the free roll bags, someone will get up and complain about the small bulk bags. But apparently nothing can be done about this. I don't understand why it is so hard to make large-size bags available.

I've come up with an idea: Each bag of spices, nuts and candy has a .05¢ base charge for the bag, twist tie, label and packing. Now the buyer will have an incentive to not buy numerous snack-size bags. A sign would be post-

ed in the bulk aisle announcing this new charge, and there would be a simple dedicated intercom (pick up the handset and it rings in Food Processing) where people wanting larger sizes can call down to Food Processing. Someone would then bring up the

wanted item in a larger size. (The current PA system is intimidating to use and Food Processing does not necessarily pay attention to it.)

People can now go down to Food Processing and have a special bag made. But they first have to find and

get permission from a staff member to go to the cellar. Then they may not know their way around down there. This takes effort and time, and with no financial incentive, few bother.

Of course, this will be annoying to Food Processing. But it will give them

## LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

#### Anonymity

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

#### Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

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

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

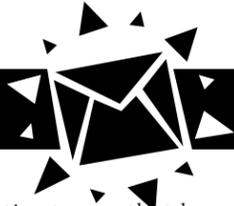
3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the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

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

#### Respect

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





a huge incentive to see that large-size bags are in stock on the selling floor. Getting a call will be a tipoff that the large sizes are no longer available. The custom deliveries won't increase the overall Food Processing effort, as so much time is now wasted making small-size bags.

The EC is welcome to take up this idea and pursue it.

Don Wiss

## A CALL FOR ACTION, RE: METHODIST HOSPITAL EXPANSION

### TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to know how Park Slope Blocks Coalition can publicize its efforts to increase awareness of how NY Methodist's expansion plans will negatively impact the Park Slope community particularly by destroying about 15 period houses.

Juliet Milkens

## RESPONSE TO LETTER ON "PLANTOCIDE"

### TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is a joke, right? ["Plantocide" by David Slarskey, Letter to the Editor, *Linewaiters' Gazette*, 10/3/13]

Sandra Catania



### BDS TOPICS:

## ISRAEL ON TRIAL AT THE COOP

### MEMBERS:

For the past five years Coop members have been subjected—with no end in sight—to biweekly reports of the Park Slope Food Coop Unofficial International Court of Criminal Justice Committee for the Prosecution Exclusively of Israel (better known by the memorable acronym PSFC-UICCJPEI, pronounced "PSFC-UICCJPEI"), chaired by a self-appointed Chief Prosecutor and assisted by a cast of European anti-Israel glitterati, most conspicuously Pink Floyd founder Roger Waters, author of the autobiographical songs "Brain Damage" and "Nobody Home." Any attempt to defend Israel is disallowed under international BDS guidelines of total boycott and deemed, a priori, a "Disproportionate Crime against Humanity" (DCAH). Absent a permissible defense, the strategy of choice is therefore to discredit the Prosecution for both its blatant double standard of a monomaniacal focus on Israel, only Israel, always Israel, and for its failure to provide evidence for its often slanderous claims.

At the latest meeting of the PSFC-UICCJPEI reported in the *Gazette* on 10/17/13, the Prosecutor, notably without giving details, condemned the conditions suffered by Palestinian children, most 16 and older, in Israeli prisons. Relevant here is that our purported child advocate has shown no similar concern about the indoctrination of young Palestinians in schools and summer camps run by terrorist groups where they are trained, with deadly effectiveness, to become martyrs and killers<sup>1,2,3</sup>. Nor is there evident concern about the moral development of young Palestinians celebrated for throwing stones, sometimes using powerful slingshots, and chunks of cement and explosives aimed at Israeli soldiers and civilians in passing cars,<sup>4,5</sup> which have caused grievous injury. The Prosecutor hasn't noticed the tears shed by Palestinian mothers when these young people wind up in prison or strap suicide bombs around their waists and blow themselves up only to become heroes and role models for their younger brothers and sisters.

Of particular note in the 10/17/13 report was the unsubstantiated, slanderous claim that "Palestinian children detained by Israeli occupation

forces are routinely and systematically subjected to abuses amounting to torture and many are threatened with rape," this odious propaganda cravenly published by *Gazette* staff unwilling to accept responsibility for producing an ethical publication by rejecting letters or statements of this nature or admitting that this contentious subject matter is beyond their expertise.

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Sylvia Lowenthal

## CAMPAIGN TO BOYCOTT THE 2014 "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORAL HISTORY" AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

### MEMBERS:

On August 12, 2013, a group of Palestinian, Israeli and other oral historians and academics from Europe, South Africa and North Africa sent an open letter to oral historians and scholars calling on them to boycott the June 2014 "International Conference on Oral History" at Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HU). The letter is signed by 76 scholars and endorsed by Academic and Cultural Boycott Campaigns: in France (AURPID), Israel (BOYCOTT!), UK (BRICUP), India (InCACBI), Palestine (PACBI), United States (USACBI) and Israel's Alternative Information Center.

While all Israeli universities are deeply complicit in Israel's occupation, settler-colonialism and form of apartheid, HU's complicity is particularly noteworthy. Your actions will have a direct impact in our solidarity with fellow Palestinian academics whose universities have been subjected to a lengthy, brutal Israeli occupation in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza (universities closed, blockaded, even bombed by

Israeli aircraft in the last three decades).

HU's complicity in land confiscation: The original campus on Mount Scopus was rebuilt and expanded on land confiscated in East Jerusalem after 1968 when Israel illegally annexed occupied East Jerusalem into the state of Israel (in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, unrecognized by the international community including UN Security Council Resolution 252). Moving Israeli staff and students to live and work on occupied Palestinian land places the Hebrew University in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

HU's complicity in the unequal treatment of Palestinians (including citizens of Israel): not providing teaching services provided to Jewish groups; no courses offered in Arabic. HU remains silent when the entire population of Gaza is excluded from enrollment by the Israeli government; restricts freedom of speech and protest for its few Palestinian students commemorating the invasion of Gaza (2008–2009) when 1,400 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces, yet offering special benefits to students who were soldiers in that invasion.

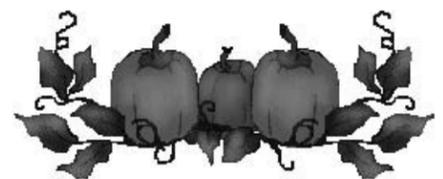
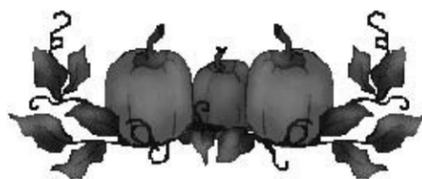
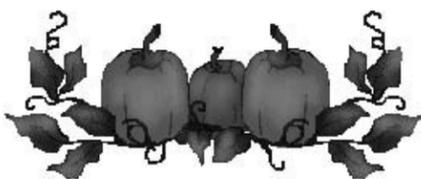
HU's complicity with settlements: Reciprocal arrangements with students and (Jewish only) staff of Ariel University (built on stolen Palestinian land surrounded by Palestinian communities). HU recognizes their academic degrees while not recognizing degrees awarded by nearby Al-Quds University.

Background of Academic and Cultural Boycott: With world powers actively complicit in enabling Israel's colonial and oppressive policies, it falls to sustained work by Palestinian and international civil society to put pressure on Israel and its "complicit institutions" to end this oppression. Inspired by the successful cultural and academic boycott against South Africa's apartheid, in 2004, with the support of key Palestinian unions and cultural groups, the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) issued a call for the academic and cultural boycott of involved in Israel's system of occupation, settler-colonialism and form of apartheid.

We call on you and your colleagues to refuse to participate, "to refuse to cross the Palestinian picket line."

References: [www.pacbi.org](http://www.pacbi.org), Ali Abunimah

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



### 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

**Currently we have members from the following fields:**

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

**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

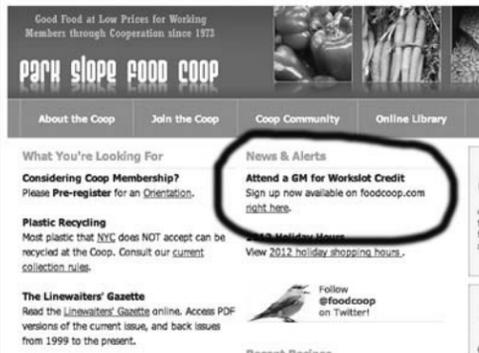
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Contact: **Jeff: 718-636-3880** or **foodcoopdc@gmail.com**

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



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



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



◆ Call the Membership Office

### 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.psf@gmail.com](mailto:pc.psf@gmail.com), and go to <http://bit.ly/120Dn2s> to fill out a short questionnaire.**

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**To Apply**

Please send a letter of application and two writing samples at least 800 words long (one sample must be a reported interview, *not* a Q&A) to [annette\\_laskaris@psfc.coop](mailto:annette_laskaris@psfc.coop). Your letter should state your qualifications, your Coop history, relevant experience and why you would like to report for the Coop. Your application will be acknowledged and forwarded to the coordinating editors, Stephanie Golden and Erik Lewis.

**Seeking to Diversify the Gazette Staff**

The *Gazette* is looking for qualified reporters. We are interested in using this opportunity to diversify our staff. We believe that we can enrich the quality of the *Gazette* and serve the membership better with a reporting and editing staff that more closely resembles the mix of Coop members.

## Square Meals: Answers

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

**SUN, NOV 3**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Permaculture Festival and Skill Share. Recycle your jack-o'-lantern to the compost. Learn, sheet mulch, vermicompost, forage, herbal remedies, seed saving and other

homesteading skills. See crafts, eat food and participate in community circles. \$10 suggested donation. The Old Stone House in Washington Park. Info: [permaculture-exchange.org](http://permaculture-exchange.org) or [theoldstonehouse.org](http://theoldstonehouse.org).

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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.

Sean Abbott-Klafter	Scott Connor	Erica Gannett	Chandler Kauffman	Anna Nadal Burgues	Lillian Rodriguez	Chris Voss
Souad Acha	Roxanne Crocker	Salome Garcia	Zach Kettman	Katherine Noland	Fernando Romero	John Welch
Gloria Amodeo	Rosanna Cruz Mercedes	Ines Gerber	Michelle Kirschner	William Noland	Colleen Rowman	Nelly Welch
Marie Angel	Jessica Davenport	James Gerien-Chen	Mona Susanne Kleinberg	Rowan Norlander-McCarthy	Mark Ryan	Kyle Wendling
Elizabeth Arias	Lindsay Dembner	Norbert Gershkovich	Maya Krivitskaya	Miranda Norris	Brittany Salemme	Danielle Wessler
Jen Baer	Michelle Derman-Berger	Victoria Gershkovich	Cheri Kroon	Tim Norris	Glen Sanders	Howard "Mike" Westin
Faith Barksdale	Craig Dermody	Ordoitz Glalilea	Gabriella Lapkoff	Deirdre O'Brien	Kathleen Scully	Hilliard Williams
Robert Bassett	Junie Desire	Josh Goldstein	Steven Lapkoff	Liz O'Connor	Allison Seelig	Jeff Winter
Ken Beer	Thomas Donohue	Nan Goldstein	Ekaterina Larina	David O'Donovan	Melody Seiling	Tehila Wise
John Benedict	Ursula Draper	Joan Gottesman	Gregory Laubsch	Jake Obstfeld	Morgan Shepard	Andrew Wolf
Toni Benedict	Louise Eberle	David Granik	Jason Longo	Lily Ockwell	Dominic Siri	Eliza Young
Paula Biedma	Sophia Eckert	Guillaume Haeringer	Kristina Lund	Alison Okuda	Morgan Sirlin	Kim Youngah
Steven-Jon Billings	Samuel Eisenstein	Anna Hallin	Colleen Lynch	Kate Oliver	Amy Siverman	Tanya Zaccak
Thom Blaylock	Stephanie Fagan	Frances Hardy	Maurine Maccagno	David Pahlman	Anna Dabney Smith	Rachel Zeff
Myron R. Boorstein	Nicole Familetti	Jason Harle	Jane Madell	Josefin Pahlman	Brandon Storm	Adva Zingher
Liana Boorstein-Knijnikova	Tiffany Fehr	Jennifer Harvey	Rob Madell	Mickey Pantano	Leo Takeda	Anne Zuerner
Brandi Bravo	Rachel Feldman	John Hein	Jack Martin	Gina Pantone-Urwin	Rie Takeda	
Madeleine Burry	Nadiah Fellah	Zachary Hoffman	Phaedra Mastrocola	Julia Patinella	Julie Tarney	
Jefre Cantu	Merfred Fermin-Castillo	Brenden Hussey	Graziano Meloni	Laura Patterson	Megan Thorsfeldt	
Jae Carey	Tatiana Figueiredo	Mara Ingram	Olivia Meyer	William Patterson	Joseph Timmons	
Elicia Castle	Vittoria Flamini	Alysse Janet	Jiresse Miense Kawita	Ashley Peters	Merisa Titlow	
Aaron Cator	Andrew Flanagan	Gabriel Jerome	Aimee Molloy	Claudette Phillip	Kiyomi Troemner	
Darrell Chang	Peter Flaxman	Meaghan Jerrett	Anna Moot-levin	Nicolas Porot	Elizabeth Tulis	
Nathalie Cheng	Rebecca Flores	Megan Lee Johnson	Catherine Mullins	Robert Randazzo	Kai Twanmoh	
Jacqueline Cipolla	Adam Francoeur	Alison Jordan	David Murdock	Janna Rearick	Thomas Urwin	
Sean Clapis	Christina Frank	Jaelyn Kahn	Elizabeth Murphy	Doug Rees	Tashya Valdevit	
Sarah Cohen	Andrea Frechtman	Kimi Kang	Matthew Murphy	Lavette Rhames	Juan Varela	
	Loryn Fridie	Parisa Karami			Mark Volow	



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# Looking for something new?

Check out the Coop's products blog.

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

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



## Revised Coop Job Opening: Web Software Developer

### Description:

The Park Slope Food Coop has an immediate opening for a Web Software Developer. The ideal candidate will work as part of a team and be well versed in Object Oriented methodologies and the full software development life cycle (analysis, design, coding, testing, debugging and documentation). 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):

- Lead the makeover of the foodcoop.com website
- Participate in designing a new application framework for the Coop
- 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

- 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
- Proficiency in Java in a Linux, Unix or Mac environment
- Linux/Unix shell scripting

### Employment & Benefit Details:

- Work week: 40 hours; flexible schedule
- Salary: \$87,260.88 per year
- Paid Holidays: July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- Paid Vacation: 5 weeks per year
- 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](mailto:hc-programmer@psfc.coop). All members who submit both a cover letter and resumé will receive a response. Please do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of your application.

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

