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Jessica Childs: Mother, Kombucha-Maker, School Lunch Master

By Taigi Smith

When Jessica Childs isn't busy fermenting probiotic teas for her growing company, Kombucha Brooklyn, this busy mom, who studied at the Natural Gourmet Institute in NYC, fills her time packing lunches for her three-year-old son, Ryder. As summer ends and fall begins, many parents start thinking of ways to fill their kids' lunch bags. I turned to Jessica, who holds a degree in molecular biology, to provide a few tips on packing the perfect lunch for a picky preschooler. Ryder attends a home-based cooperative pre-school in Brooklyn and like many Coop moms, Jessica will be packing lunches for her little one this month.

"Foods that don't require heating or refrigeration," will be in Ryder's lunch bag this year, says Jessica. "I'll make a yogurt and barley mix. I'll buy sheep yogurt and mix it with strawberries, barley and maple syrup. It's very yummy, and I'm a firm believer that berries are very good for you even though they're expensive."

Peter Wohlsen, who buys yogurt for the Coop, says he definitely sees an uptick in yogurt sales during the fall months. "Sales of yogurt tubes and baby yogurts, like Stonyfield, definitely pick up.



Jessica Childs, Founder of KB Kombucha.

The Coop sales go up 25% starting Labor Day across the board," says Wohlsen. "I'm not sure if it's because everyone comes home from vacation or because the kids go back to school." Wohlsen recommends Siggy's yogurt for parents concerned with sugar intake. "The Siggy's yogurt tubes have a lot less sugar in them...and they're a smaller, local company," added Wohlsen.

"Timing is everything when it comes to feeding the under-five set."

As a maker of kombucha, fermented foods play a big role in the Childs' household and homemade sauerkraut has become a lunchtime sta-

ple. "We're big fermenters. I'll put carrots and kale in the sauerkraut to ferment," says Childs whose degree in molecular biology has made her somewhat of an expert on all things fermented. Her latest book, *Kombucha! The Amazing Probiotic Tea That Cleanses, Heals, Energizes, and Detoxifies*, co-authored with husband, Eric, provides 50 recipes that feature the fermented tea as a main ingredient.

"It sells insanely well," says Peter Wohlsen, who also buys kombucha for the PSFC. "I think it's a fad," he says while adding that another brand of kombucha is one of the top selling items in the PSFC.

Getting kids to eat healthy isn't easy sometimes. This

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NYC's New Composting Collection Pilot Program

By Allison Pennell

There is a man somewhere in Bay Ridge who is convinced that composting his potato skins, carrot peels and eggshells will be bad for the environment and disastrous to his street cred.

Fellow Bay Ridge resident Arlene Kriv is a fan of the city's new pilot curbside composting program for 100,000 households throughout the outer boroughs. She was thrilled to trade her overflowing backyard bin for the city-provided one, and she's happily made the switch to using the city bin exclusively now for both food and garden waste.

Her neighbors, though? Not so much. "I suspect

many old-timers in Bay Ridge aren't using their bins. My neighbor, who grew up in Bay Ridge, calls it commie-posting," Kriv, a PSFC member, reports wryly. "I recently saw him sweeping leaves into a trash bag and I mentioned that he could compost yard waste. But he thinks that yard waste is important in landfills because it helps break down other materials. I like him and want to maintain peaceful relations so I didn't challenge him on this one."

And if you're waiting for some input from the Coop, Sherry Showell runs the Coop's 75-strong composting squad. "I'm a block out of the pilot area but I would love to

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The makings of compost.

Next General Meeting on September 30

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month. The September General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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

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NO NEW-MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

Due to renovations on the Coop's second floor we will NOT hold Orientations until late September.



Jessica Childs

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writer knows first hand. My three-year-old makes it her business to spit out vegetables almost as soon as they touch her tongue. No matter how hard I try, she just won't eat them until I entice her with something naughty, like a strip of bacon or a few cheddar bunnies. Thankfully, she loves healthy snacks from the bulk aisles and our lunches consist of seaweed snacks, salmon or organic chicken sausage with brown rice, a Stonyfield yogurt cup and a box of juice. Savannah also loves items from the bulk aisle like sesame snacks, pistachios and almonds. Some preschools forbid nut items due to food allergies, so parents should check their own preschools for restricted items.

And I'm sure I'm not alone in my quest to find the per-



Peanut butter.



Kale chips.

story while you're putting food in their mouth."

As far as lunch goes, Jessica's advice is pretty straightforward. If your child won't eat vegetables at home, he darn sure won't eat them at

ommends "nice fluffy scrambled eggs and rice pasta." Other parents interviewed for this article suggested fruit leathers, peanut butter, crackers, sliced avocados and edamame for lunch. Dahlia Thompson, mom to a three-year-old daughter and ten-week-old son, says her daughter is "generally picky, but it's very hard to predict what she'll like—sometimes she'll surprise us and refuse the plain pizza in favor of the meatball pizza, or refuse the hamburger and French fries and eat only the pickles!" For Dahlia, whose daughter attends Luria academy, lunch stays basically the same. "Luckily our daughter is happy to eat the same thing every day, so we are content not to rock the boat. Our only concern is to try and make the lunch well rounded—not too many



Fruit leather.



Seaweed snacks.



YoKids yogurt tubes.

carbs, not too much dairy. Peanut butter and jelly, a mozzarella stick, and fruit—in the summer, usually a peach or plum, fall/winter an apple or pear and sometimes also some hummus and grape tomatoes."

In the end, Childs' advice is simple. "Kids will eat when they are hungry. I see some parents start worrying that their kid hasn't eaten enough dinner, for instance, so they grab the nearest junk item that they know the kid will

scarf down. Next thing you know, you have a kid that only eats boxed mac and cheese. I say prepare delicious fresh food and let them eat when they are hungry."

Recipes courtesy of Jessica Childs, co-owner of Kombucha Brooklyn

Recipes:

Berry Grain Yogurt

- ½ cup plain, whole milk yogurt (Sheep milk works great!)
- ½ cup quartered strawberries or other bite-size berry
- 3 Tbsp. cold, cooked whole grain (barley and spelt berries work great!)
- Touch of pure maple syrup

Put berries, yogurt and grain in a sweet little bowl. Stir to combine well. Add just enough maple syrup to make it barely sweet. A little goes a long way! Don't blow your taste buds out on those overly sweetened flavored varieties of yogurt. Even your organic varieties that are made for kids are overloaded with unnecessary sugar.

Very Veggie Sauerkraut—perfect for kids who may be garlic-averse

- ½ head of green cabbage, rinsed in cold water and shredded
- 3 carrots, rinsed in cold water and shredded (peel on)
- 5 leaves of lacinato kale, rinsed in cold water, shredded
- Salt
- Quart-sized mason jar with lid

The shredding can be done by thinly slicing with a sharp blade. Put raw, shredded vegetables in a large bowl. Toss to combine well. Add enough salt to make it perfect to eat as a cold, raw salad. Then add a little bit more salt to make it noticeably over-salted, but still edible. Make sure to mix well throughout the salting process to ensure even salt coverage. Cover the bowl and let stand for 30 minutes. Remove cover. You should notice the veggies are very wet now. Continue to bring the moisture out of the veggies by squeezing them with your clean hands over and over again. It's a great forearm workout! Do this for about five minutes and the veggies should have expressed a good amount of liquid. Add a small amount of



Siggi's yogurt.



KB Kombucha.

the veggie mixture to the jar and use your fist or a wooden spoon to push it down into the jar as tight as you can. Repeat adding and pressing until the jar is ¾ full. If there is more liquid from the bowl that you can top it off with, do. Ideally, all of the veggies are submerged below the level of the liquid. Put the lid on loosely and let it stand in a corner on your counter, out of sunlight for two to three weeks.

DAILY—use a fork or wooden spoon to push down the veggies. Do this step even if the veggies are still submerged to disturb the surface of the liquid and deter mold growth. The liquid will get a little bubbly and translucent, but this is not moldy. Mold very specifically grows above the surface of the liquid and has a dry, fuzzy appearance. Taste your kraut regularly, it's safe to eat throughout the process. When you deem it ready, when it has reached a good acidity level for your taste, put it in the fridge to slow down the fermentation process.

You can ferment all sorts of veggies this way but stay away from delicate items like spinach, which will just turn to mush. Throw some fruit chunks into the jar for a lively and delicious ferment! Serve it on a typical sandwich to squeeze in some yummy veggies. Serve it as a side or a snack—Another fun thing to do is put some on a rice cake, cover it with a few slices of cheese and put it under a broiler just to melt the cheese. ■



The bulk aisle has lots of ready-made snacks.

fect toddler-friendly vegetable recipe. "Veggies are a hard sell," says Jessica who pauses and then adds, "when they (kids) have a choice. Sweet veggies are usually easier—corn, carrots, beets, sweet potato. Chop up deep greens and scramble them with eggs. Purée greens in the blender with eggs to make green French toast and call it something like ogre toast," says Jessica, who has figured out a way to get Ryder to eat his veggies. "Put out the things they may not gravitate towards first, when they are ravenous. I always put out the veggies first before presenting the grains/protein. He'll always eat greens if they're cooked in a flavorful way. We'll braise greens in stock or put a little apple cider vinegar and a little honey in there," and if all else fails, says Jessica, "Distract them. Read them a

lunch when you're not looking. "I put down foods that are going to be accepted at the right time. In a lunch situation, when a kid has a choice, he's gonna put the things aside that he least wants. My son will not eat the vegetables at lunch. I'm not gonna put kale in his lunch bag unless it's kale chips," says Childs, who insists that timing is everything when it comes feeding the under-five set. "If there are certain things that are acceptable at some times but not at others, keep them out of their visual plane," says Childs. "Don't let the kids see the things that you don't want them to eat." In that case, it's time for me to put away the cheddar bunnies, sesame snacks and the forbidden...Annie's macaroni and cheese...gasp!

Instead of macaroni and cheese, Jessica, a fan of alternative grain pastas, rec-

Let the Sun Shine On... And Energize Your Road

By Hayley Gorenberg

While we don't have a count of how many Coop solar enthusiasts there are among us, certainly PSFC members helped catapult sun-powered Solar Roadways into becoming the most popular campaign ever on Indiegogo.

Solar Roadways, Inc., a company that seeks to replace petroleum-based asphalt with heavy-duty hexagonal glass panels embedded with photovoltaic cells, garnered \$850,000 in small business innovation federal research grants from the Department of Transportation, followed by a viral Indiegogo crowdfunding drive last spring that drew more than 15 million views and attention from Star Trek veteran and prolific tweeter George Takei. The campaign ultimately attracted \$2.2 million from supporters—more than double its original goal.

Solar Roadways, founded by Idaho couple Scott and Julie Brusaw in 2006, envisions replacing the nation's roads with LED-lit panels that have the central feature of generating renewable energy. Collaterally, they could be electronically reconfigured to

community Award in 2010; and was a finalist for the 2013 World Technology Award.

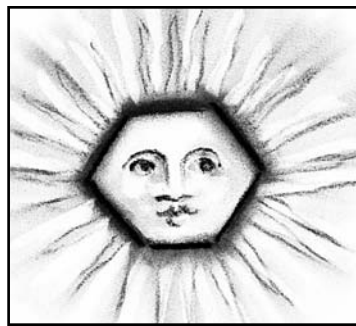
Solar Roadways has its doubters and detractors. Cleantechnica examines whether solar roadways are "too good to be true."

Among the critiques it has tackled are whether glass panels can withstand heavy truck traffic (the Brusaws claim each panel can withstand 250,000 pounds of pressure) and questions about the utility of replacing roadways in overcast or shady environments with expensive solar panels.

Equities.com asks "where are they going to find actual customers who would rather spend vast sums of money on redoing their parking lots rather than putting cheaper, more-efficient solar arrays on their roofs."

Matt Kleiman, the Coop's information technology coordinator in charge of web development, finds Solar Roadways intriguing. Kleiman, with an engineering degree from Northeastern University that focused on digital electronics, suggests the solar roadways project brings together a collection of new technolo-

the potential for using embedded technology to track traffic. He's a fan of Google's traffic applications that help guide travelers to the best driving routes, and points out that with "smart" roadways "you could very easily gain a lot of data about how many cars are going and how fast." He acknowledged that data mining processes often raise concerns, nevertheless, he felt positive about the possibility of "essentially networking the ground that we drive upon, generating huge amounts of data about the way people drive, how fast people are driving, traffic patterns...maybe you could tell when there's an accident." He concluded, "Like all of these new technologies,

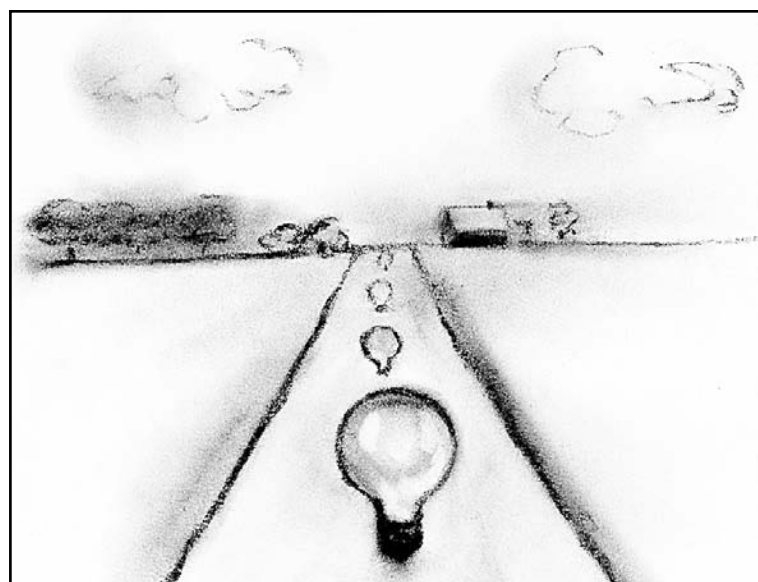
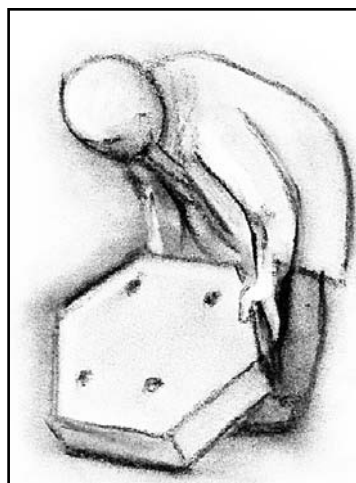


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there's a bit of give and take."

Meanwhile, the Brusaws plow forward. In the process, they've developed a trove of fascinating online answers to frequently asked questions.

After educating readers that their heavy-duty glass is, indeed, stronger than asphalt ("bulletproof and bomb (blast) resistant glass is made with laminated tempered glass"), they explain repairs to 110-pound modules that communicate wirelessly. "For instance, 'I-95 mile marker 114.3 northbound lane, third panel in, panel number A013C419 not responding.' ... A single operator could load a good panel into his/her truck and respond to the scene. The panel could be swapped out



give up-to-the-minute traffic information, heated from below to reduce roadway icing and snow build-up, and would eliminate the vulnerability inherent in above-ground energy cables.

The endeavor has been a finalist in the EE Times Annual Creativity in Electronics Awards' "Best Enabler Award for Green Engineering" category and "Most Promising Renewable Energy Award" category; won a \$50,000 General Electric Ecoimagination Com-

panies for a product that "wouldn't have been possible" a few years ago. He points out, for example, that "if LEDs weren't around, it would require too much energy to light a piece of roadway, so they'd be wasting energy." And he surmised that relatively recent improvements in solar technology created more efficient technologies to help support solar roadways' effectiveness.

Kleiman particularly likes

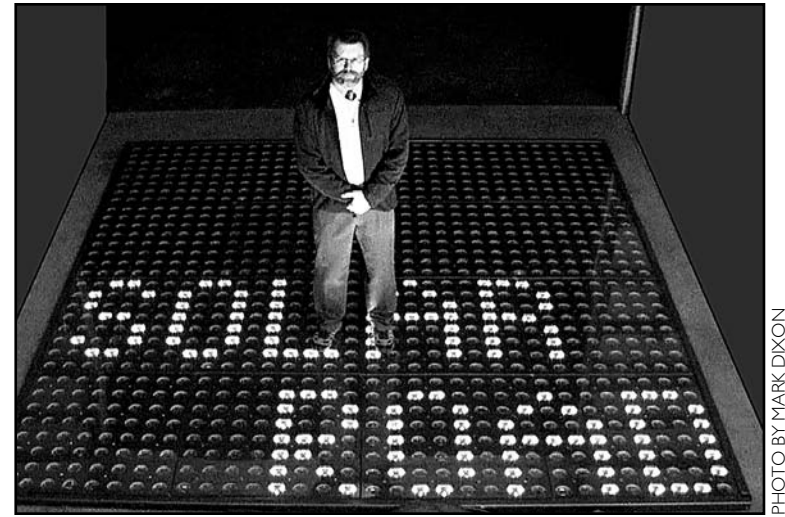


PHOTO BY MARK DIXON

Scott Brusaw, founder of Solar Roadways.

and reprogrammed in a few minutes. The damaged panel would then be returned to a repair center. Think of how this compares to pot hole repair!" Solar Roadways claims its panels will last at least two decades. "Solar cells are the limiting factor: they can continue to work up to 30 years but they're at the end of their life cycle by then."

Solar Roadways envisions replacing the nation's roads with LED-lit panels that generate renewable energy.

With the Indiegogo funds, the Brusaws say they plan to move beyond their own partnership and enthusiastic volunteers, to engage "a team of engineers to help us make some final adjustments in our panels and streamline the production process to bring costs down and allow us to produce them more quickly." They will also "start building machinery for assembly" of their panels. "You wouldn't believe how many solar cells we broke while assembling 108 prototype panels!"

Those panels make up the only currently installed project, a parking lot in Sagle, Idaho. They plan that beginning next spring, their hometown of Sandpoint, Idaho, will sport the first public projects, including sidewalks, airport tarmac, the welcome center parking lot, city sidewalks and "the parking lot of our local animal shelter." The Brusaws say they are in touch with a testing track near St. Paul, Minnesota, where they are considering installing 500 feet of Roadway to test with 18-wheelers, which would give them data on the sound of high-speed traffic on a roadway (as well as testing durability, one would presume).

Staving off what they call "the misconception...that we need to pay for projects," the Brusaws claim "a very long list of potential customers wait-

ing for our panels to be ready for purchase."

Their web site covers power distribution extensively. Solar Roadways proposes to replace overhead and underground lines currently running along roads nationwide with a "cable corridor" that would offer power, phone and internet companies convenient access to cables where "no one can dig into them, ice can't bring them down, fallen trees or tree branches won't bring them down, and vehicles can't hit the poles supporting them."

In addition to the enthusiasm they report from corporate contacts, the Brusaws point out that current energy systems "provide power from a central location and send it out via transmission lines over long distance, which leads to substantial loss" and "create security risks...as they can be taken out by hackers, targeted by terrorists, etc." In contrast, "A decentralized system such as ours offers much more security. Much of the power is used near the power source—i.e., driveways power homes, parking lots power businesses, etc. Excess power produced by our system can feed surrounding neighborhoods. This helps with security: suppose a terrorist detonates a bomb in the middle of a Solar Road and blows the road completely in half. Since both sides of the now damaged road still produce electricity, no one loses power. The decentralized power grid offers much needed national security. Since driveways, sidewalks, patios and parking lots supply power to homes and businesses, less energy needs to be transported over long distances, resulting in less loss. It also means smaller cables are required, saving materials and therefore costs. In our system, the power is produced right at the point of use." ■

For more info on Solar Roadways, visit www.solarroadways.com.

Composting

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be able to compost some of the items I can't do in our backyard like corn husks and bones." The PSFC's scraps—some 30,000+ gallons per year per Showell's guesstimate—go to seven local gardens and parks including the Brooklyn Botanical Garden and community gardens in Red Hook and Park Slope.

Showell agrees that curbside composting is the only way you can compost all the waste in the city but hopes that it won't come at the cost of local composting, which ties communities together and benefits neighborhood gardening. Her other concern is that in order to accomplish citywide composting, NYC will end up trucking most of the organics to places far afield of the city.

Addressing Showell's concerns, the New York City Department of Sanitation Composting operation has a facility in Staten Island that handles not just food waste but a range of compostable materials, which are being used by city agencies and nonprofits for urban gardening, soil mitigation and other improvement projects. There will be other industrial scale facilities utilized upstate and out of state and it's not yet known how much would be trucked away.

According to statistics provided by the New York City Department of Sanitation, organic waste accounts for close to a third of total residential waste in NYC. Separating out yard waste, food scraps, compostable paper (napkins, paper plates, etc.) will reportedly save millions in landfill disposal costs, reduce pests by storing food waste in handy-dandy rodent-resistant bins, and turn all that stinky garbage into compost to be used for fertilizing gardens, parks and street trees.

What's not to like?

"I hate the compost pilot program! HATE it!!!" e-mailed my upstate neighbor and Park Slope Food Cooperating resident of Third Street, Karen

Wenderoff. I don't have long to wait for an answer to why. Though reportedly religious about recycling, Wenderoff can't get past the moldering, smelly grossness of keeping food scraps in a container in her kitchen. The last time she tried it, she says she opened the city-provided container only to find it full of mold and that was the end of that.

Longtime Coop member Gersh Kuntzman wouldn't necessarily be opposed to trying out the new receptacle



Coop member Arlene Kriv composts in Bay Ridge.

thingy himself but his building doesn't have them and he too has a lot of concerns about how a citywide pro-



Sherry Showell runs the PSFC's composting squad.

gram will be administered—i.e. "unvetted, underfunded and, as a result, never really useful. CitiBike!" And "the horrific new stench that has become Park Slope's version of LA's smog, hovering over the entire block on pickup days." Heh. Kuntzman asks if



Gersh Kuntzman raises practical considerations about NYC's Compost Project.

sanitation workers will get training for rotting vegetative matter disposal, who will hose down the receptacles, what about the big buildings like his who aren't interested and the landlords who don't want to bother?

Oy. I don't know, Gersh. I don't know!

NYC officials say organic waste accounts for close to a third of total residential waste in the five boroughs.

In another area apartment building, Coop member Emily Douglas is enthusiastically pro-curbside composting and greatly relieved she was able to convince her neighbors to give it a try. The gratitude may be running so high because in her PCC (pre-curbside composting) days, Douglas used to haul her frozen compost on the subway to Union Square's farmers market two to three days a week. And once she forgot it on the train. Uh oh and PU. "Curbside is, obviously, a hundred times easier," Douglas relates. Even food that goes bad doesn't go wasted, Douglas's household produces very little trash now, it's so much better for the environment, and the city can make money off of it.

For buildings larger than nine units, Douglas says the Department of Sanitation has a formal application process and even sends a representative out to do a site visit and special training. "Our DOS representative was very enthusiastic and help-

ful," says Douglas, "and the Department was responsive throughout. It felt like they really want the program to succeed. I would encourage any Coop-ers in the pilot

NYC Compost Project



NYC compost bucket.

area who are in large buildings to request bins."

Haley Rogers, a staff analyst with the Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling has already likely heard every kind of feedback by this point and says that generally the response has been positive, especially once their initial reservations are addressed.

When asked for the greatest hits of pros and cons as reported by program participants, Rogers reported:

- Residents love the sturdy construction of the bins provided by Sanitation, which have wheels, handles and latches and other rodent-resistant features.

- Many residents express their pleasure and gratitude that New York City is offering

a program like this, often using the word "finally."

- During the warmer months, odors and/or maggots can sometimes be found in discarded food scraps—whether those scraps are placed in a separate organic waste bin, or with trash in black bags (which is the traditional method of discarding food scraps where curbside composting is not available). Regular garbage was left at the curb overnight in far more accessible bags for pests.

- We remind residents that this is the same material they are already handling and discarding of. Now they just have a different bin to put it in.

While the program is still in the pilot phase, the DOS is testing different options and tweaking the program based on feedback. They have started allowing residents to line the outer bin with a regular clear plastic bag rather than a compostable one and are also trying out different collection schedules and outreach strategies. The findings will be presented to the City Council in October 2015, which will decide if the program goes citywide.

How to Deal With Maggots And Flies (source: NYC Dept of Sanitation)

Bluch. Maggots are fly larvae and occur when flies lay eggs on organic waste. Sorry to say, these eggs are often already present on our food waste.

- You can discourage flies from laying their eggs in and around your bin by reducing odors and reducing access to food waste.

- Flies are attracted to protein, like meat and bones. Try waiting until the night before collection to place these items in the bin. If space permits, wrap and store them in your freezer for the time being.

- Certain scents will repel flies, such as camphor, eucalyptus, mint or bay leaves. Try hanging some bruised leaves of these herbs in clusters, or apply dabs of herbal oil to the outside of your bin.

- Line the outer rim of your bin with salt or spray with vinegar to keep flies from entering. You can also sprinkle rock salt or garden lime inside the bin.

- If you get flies or maggots in your bin, cover maggots with salt or vinegar to get rid of them. ■

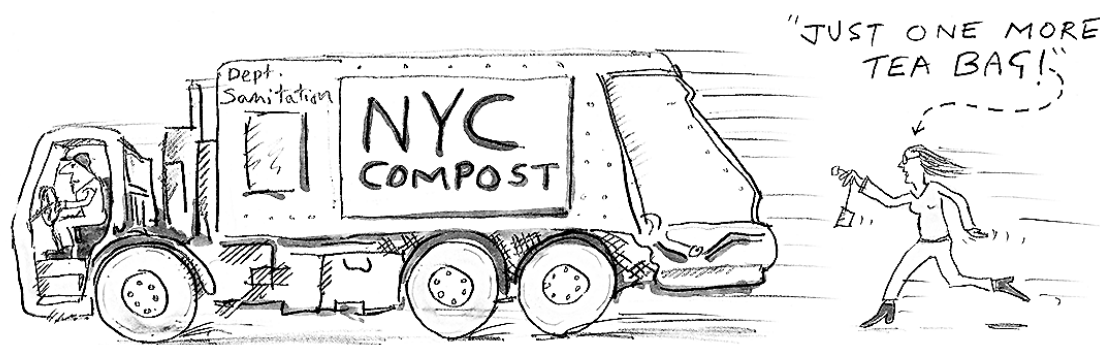


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MEMBER SUBMISSION

The Story Behind 'Once Again Nut Butter'

By Suzanne Meadows

We stock "Once Again Nut Butter," and one of the founders, a family friend I grew up with, has since passed. Here's his tribute found on Facebook www.facebook.com/OnceAgainNutButter?

Rest in peace, Jeremy Thaler... you will be deeply missed.

Once Again Nut Butter was founded by husband and wife couple, Jeremy Thaler and Connie Potter. Almost as long as Jeremy Thaler could remember, he had a deep sense and dedication to the spirit of community. Specifically, Jeremy's obsession with worker-owned cooperatives, organic and sustainable farming, providing healthy food choices, and the nature of working are the core values on which Once Again Nut Butter was built. Jeremy's concept of community was multifaceted. He believed that people should be paid fair wages for their work, and that people must work in community and togetherness. His belief in togetherness extended to employees, commodities providers (farmers, bee keepers, international commodities suppliers, etc.), and our local, national and international communities.

Jeremy grew up in Spokane, Washington. His career began during the 60s when he worked as a foreclosure specialist in the State of California. He didn't like the position because of the conflict it caused with his values and the hardships foreclosure created

for people. He left his position and headed north. He became involved with the first new wave coop in California. Then Jeremy moved to Wisconsin and became involved with the coops there, which is where he met his wife, Connie Potter. Jeremy had extended family in the Rochester, NY area, so Connie and he moved to Rochester.

After moving to Rochester, they started a whole-wheat bakery where Jeremy bought a barrel roaster to use for granola making. Jeremy and Connie's obsession for coops continued to grow, and in 1972 they decided to start a worker cooperative business naming it Clear Eye Distribution. The company distributed to the coops in the New England States. In addition to Clear Eye Distribution, Jeremy, Connie and about a dozen others also started a food coop, which eventually closed and reopened as Abundance Food Coop.

The bakery became less satisfying for Jeremy's high-energy style. A friend of his got him thinking when he asked him "You have a barrel roaster, why don't you use it to make peanut butter?" To Jeremy, that sounded like a really neat idea. Jeremy's next purchases were first a meat grinder

and then a spice grinder and his peanut butter ingenuity began! In 1976, with the investment of \$125 for a roaster and \$600 for a grinder, Once Again Nut Butter was born.

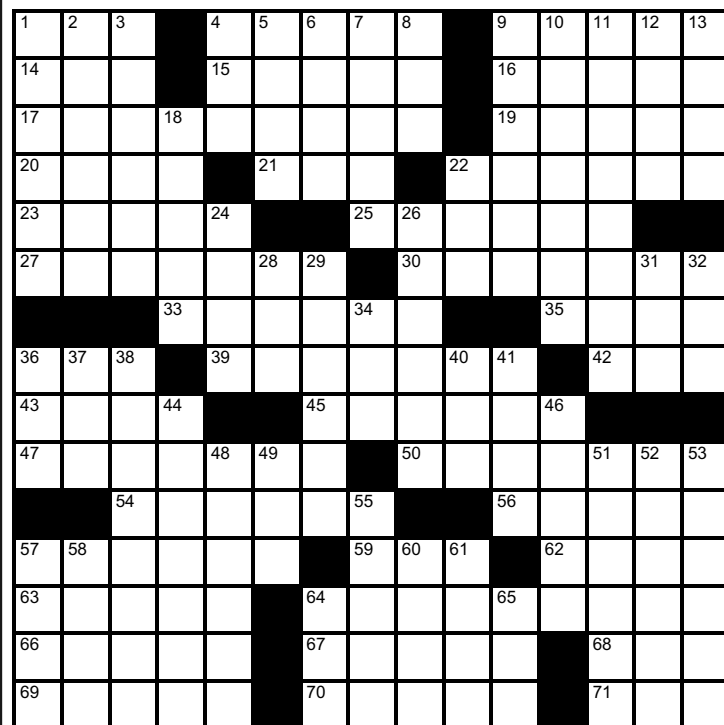
Connie and Jeremy wanted to leave the City of Rochester, so they purchased some land outside of Nunda, NY, and built a home. They built their home as a peanut butter factory with loading docks and manufacturing, production occurred in their basement. In 1980 production outgrew their home's capacity so they purchased a former silk factory in the Village of Nunda, NY.

In the beginning, Once Again Nut Butter only produced peanut butter available in 35 lb. pails. The pails came from a nearby doughnut shop that would throw them away. In love and care for the environment, Jeremy and Connie recycled them for use in their new peanut butter making endeavor. Through the coop, Clear Eye Distribution, the peanut butter was dispersed. Shortly after producing peanut butter, Once Again introduced cashew butter and then almond butter.

In 1972 Jeremy became interested in organic farm-

son of action, committing personal time and energy into making the world a better place. He had personally invested his time in starting economic development projects such as investing in a sewing coop in Nicaragua. He made Once Again Nut Butter a company for consumers to feel good about supporting. ■

Crossword Puzzle



Across

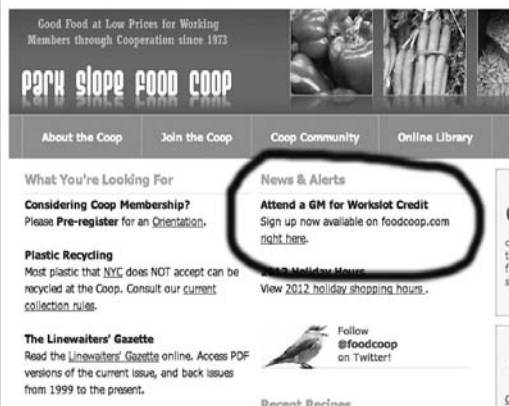
1. Senior ____ Tour
4. [Nothing but net]
9. "That's something!"
14. Start of many church names
15. Brunch time, perhaps
16. To ____ phrase
17. What's seen at a recently destroyed bakery?
19. Pitched well
20. Turner on screen
21. Pulitzer-winning biographer ____ Bird
22. Cybill's role on "Moonlighting"
23. "You can't teach ____ dog ..."
25. Wilson of Wilson Philips
27. Numbers yet to be crunched
30. Sign painter's aid
33. Texas city named for a Ukraine city
35. "Just playin' with ya!"
36. Words before and after "what"
39. Reason why the alimony check never arrived?
42. Family nickname
43. Tax time VIPs
45. The Cars singer Ric
47. Excited
50. Deli order
54. Last name in skin care
56. "Goosebumps" series author
57. Wasted
59. Busy airport
62. "____ Small World"
63. Milk: Prefix
64. Impale computer whizzes?
66. Electronic monitor site
67. Nonsensical
68. Unsafe?
69. Months in Madrid
70. Craps and pool table surfaces
71. Geog. high points

Down

1. Wood the "Mona Lisa" is painted on
2. South America's French ____
3. "You ____ free to move about the cabin"
4. Philharmonic sect.
5. 10,080 minutes
6. Ancient Andean
7. 2012 NHL Hall of Fame inductee Joe
8. "____ Pinafore"
9. Gas station figure
10. Harry who came through Ellis Island in 1914
11. Prevail in a raffle that's offering house attachments?
12. "That's ____ haven't heard!"
13. Dwyane of the NBA
18. He's found in books
22. TV star with a Mandinka warrior haircut
24. Miami-____ County
26. Words that follow "cool" or "quiet"
28. Lone Star State nickname
29. Inclined
31. "Rocky ____"
32. Mormon Church initials.
34. The Kings of the NBA, on scoreboards
36. "Nasty!"
37. Big hairy one
38. Security devices that get installed in the middle of spring?
40. The Wildcats of the NCAA
41. A century in Washington: Abbr.
44. Where Starbucks was founded
46. Suri Cruise's mom
48. List for a new hire
49. Japanese vegetable
51. Soap alternative
52. Ajar
53. Wild things
55. French wine region
57. Exploding cigar sound
58. Actress Diane
60. Russia's ____ Mountains
61. Hunched (over)
64. Alternative to .jpg
65. Mike Ditka and Ozzie Newsome, for two: Abbr.

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

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



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



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



◆ Call the Membership Office

MEMBER SUBMISSION

People's Climate March in NYC: Coming Up September 21

By Mimi Bluestone

"Sometimes you can grab the zeitgeist by the scruff of the neck and shake it a little." Those words come from "A Call to Arms: An Invitation to Demand Action on Climate Change," an article by author and climate activist Bill McKibben that appeared in *Rolling Stone* in May.

McKibben is a guiding spirit behind the fossil fuel divestment movement. His *Rolling Stone* article invites everyone who cares about our planet and its climate to show up in New York on September 21 for the People's Climate March.

What does this have to do with the Park Slope Food Coop? Everything.

Climate change threatens everything we as a Coop care about: a sustainable environment; healthy communities; a fresh, diverse, affordable and

nutritious food supply. The People's Climate March, like the Coop, seeks to unite people of all backgrounds to preserve and protect life on earth.

But why march now? First of all, because we are in an accelerating crisis. Climate change is engulfing us now, not in some distant future. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported in May that the melting of the West Antarctica ice sheet appears to be unstoppable, and that we should expect sea levels to rise

by a meter by 2100.

The second reason for calling a march in September is that United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has called government and other leaders to a World Climate Summit world leaders to meet in New York on September 23. The People's Climate March is timed to put pressure on these leaders to take meaningful action. The more people who show up on September 21, the more reason for governments to listen.

Like the Coop, the People's Climate March is a participatory event, challenging all of us to play an active role. Hundreds of organizations have already endorsed the march; you can see these groups listed on the Climate March web site. It's a breathtakingly varied gathering of environmental, community, labor, and religious organizations that all recognize climate change as an issue that can't wait.

Like the Coop, the People's Climate March is connecting the dots rather than viewing climate change in isolation. It's putting to rest the old fallacy that environmentalism is a job killer. Labor unions were a vital presence at a kickoff event on July 31 in Times Square: there were unions representing electrical workers, nurses, janitors, food workers, teachers, transport workers, hospital workers. "As a father, I recognize the need to act," said International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) leader Christopher Erickson. He also recognizes the potential for green jobs for his members building and running renewable energy facilities.

The People's Climate March insists that social justice must be a key element of any movement to fix our climate crisis. "Climate change affects every-

body, but not all the effects are evenly felt," Eddie Bautista of the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance told the crowd, noting that that low-income people bore the brunt of Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy.

Of course environmental groups are part of the coalition, including the Sierra Club, representing 2.4 million members, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Also participating: numerous affiliates of 350.org, a group that is spearheading efforts to convince college and retirement funds to divest themselves of any fossil fuel stocks. The number 350 refers to the need to decrease carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere to 350 parts per million. The current level is 400 parts per million.

Planning for the march drew nearly 200 artists to the Brooklyn Museum on July 31 for a "Sporatorium" designed to germinate seeds of creativity for the march and beyond. Artists and musicians envision a Seachange Flotilla to float down the Hudson from Troy and circumnavigate Manhattan; a "Honeybeelujah" of singing, swarming beekeepers; and a platoon of scientists in white coats marching to the slogan, "Out of the labs, into the streets."

September 21 should be a glorious day of protest. But The People's Climate March wants to be more than a moment. It plans to build a movement.

As Coop members, I believe that we're already part of this movement, but I also believe that we need to act in as many ways as possible. I hope every Coop member will try to participate in the march. Go to the People's Climate March website. Volunteer. Organize. Create. Bring everyone you know on September 21. Help give the zeitgeist a really decisive shove. ■

www.peoplesclimate.org/march/

Note: At the time of writing the march's route has yet to be determined pending negotiations with the NYPD. Check the People's Climate March website for updated information.

Another version of this article appeared on the "Notes from a Small Planet" blog of the publication Jewish Currents.

The Park Slope Food Coop is looking for a Font Server Administrator

who will administer Universal Type Server 4 for Macintosh. This is a workslot, not a paid position. We have seven workstations using UTS, and we are also using Adobe CC and Quark 8. Currently workstations are using OS 10.7.5, but we have plans to update shortly to OS 10.8. Updating, maintenance and testing of UTS to work with current versions of OS plus Adobe CC and Quark 8 are required. The Coop currently uses the UTS extensis font server to produce a bi-weekly newsletter and internal documents. Hours are as needed, for FTOP credit.

Contact: ann_herpel@psfc.coop.



THE MARCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 AT COLUMBUS CIRCLE

The Food Justice contingent meet-up and rally will **START AT 11 A.M.** and meet at the assigned side street **west of Central Park West** (check www.peoplesclimate.org for exact location).

Wear your **Park Slope Food Coop T-shirt**, bring a hat, sun block, lots of water, and pots and pans if you want to be part of a huge percussion group. Bring the kids for this historic and perfectly safe march (permitted by the NYPD). We will have gorgeous displays, signs, speakers and entertainment at the pre-march Food Justice rally.

Contact ClimateChangeBFC@gmail.com for more info and to offer to help out.

MEMBER SUBMISSION

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and BDS

By Thomas Cox

In April of this year Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote a succinct description of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement:

"The BDS movement emanates from a call for justice put out by the Palestinian people themselves. It is a Palestinian-led, international non-violent movement that seeks to force the Israeli government to comply with international law in respect to its treatment of the Palestinian people."

I have supported this movement because it exerts pressure without violence on the State of Israel to create lasting peace for the citizens of Israel and Palestine, peace which most citizens crave. I have witnessed the systematic violence against and humiliation of Palestinian men, women and children by members of the Israeli security forces. Their humiliation and pain is all too familiar to us South Africans.

In South Africa, we could not have achieved our democracy without the help of people around the world, who through the use of non-violent means, such as boycotts and divestment, encouraged their governments and other corporate actors to reverse decades-long support for the Apartheid regime. My conscience compels me to stand with the Palestinians as they seek to use the same tactics of non-violence to further their efforts to end the oppression associated with the Israeli Occupation."

The BDS campaign has three goals, all non-violent and in accordance with international law: an end to the occupation of Arab lands occupied by Israel since 1967; full equality for Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel; and the right of Palestinian refugees displaced or expelled during conflict in the region to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.

Now in the aftermath of the ongoing atrocities perpetrated by Israel against Gaza, we see more endorsement of the BDS goals, including this one organized by Rachel Giora, professor of Linguistics at Tel Aviv University:

The [over 80] signatories to this [July] statement, all academics at Israeli universities, wish it to be known that they utterly deplore the aggressive military strategy being deployed by the Israeli government. The slaughter of large numbers of wholly innocent people is placing yet more barriers of blood in the way of the negotiated agreement which is the only alternative to the occupation and endless oppression of the Palestinian people. Israel must agree to an immediate cease-fire, and start negotiating in good faith for the end of the occupation and settlements, through a just peace agreement.

On Saturday evening, August 16, many thousands of demonstrators gathered for a pro-peace rally in Tel Aviv under the slogan, "Changing direction: toward peace, away from war."

As reported in *The New York Times*, August 15, in a letter to the Israeli ambassador to the Netherlands, Henk Zanolli returned his medal as one of the Righteous Among the Nations. Here's what he said: It is with great sorrow that I am herewith returning the medal I received as an honour and a token of appreciation from the State of Israel for the efforts and risks taken by my mother and her family in saving the life of a Jewish boy during the

German occupation of The Netherlands. . . Against this background it is particularly shocking and tragic that today, four generations on, our family is faced with the murder of our kin in Gaza. Murder carried out by the State of Israel.

In a blatantly hypocritical statement, the government of Israel implausibly calls its military "the most moral in the world." Israel's specious claims go with every bomb: terrorists and/or rockets were hiding in every school/hospital/farm/home, Hamas was using Palestinians as "human shields"—justifying the many hundreds of children killed and maimed by Israel in the last few weeks. These self-serving claims come from Israel and its apologists alone, and are not verified. The preeminent Israeli human rights group, B'Tselem, contradicts these claims, stating that "Airstrikes on homes were central to Israel's military policy from the start of its latest operation in Gaza" and the Israeli effort to avoid responsibility "is a faulty premise, both legally and morally."

We owe it to ourselves, our communities and the world to speak out for justice, peace and equal rights, and to work to combat racism, anti-Semitism, colonialism and oppression. We can help by refusing to buy SodaStream products, produced in occupied Palestine on illegally confiscated Palestinian land. Then we can demand that the Coop no longer carry these products. ■

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

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.

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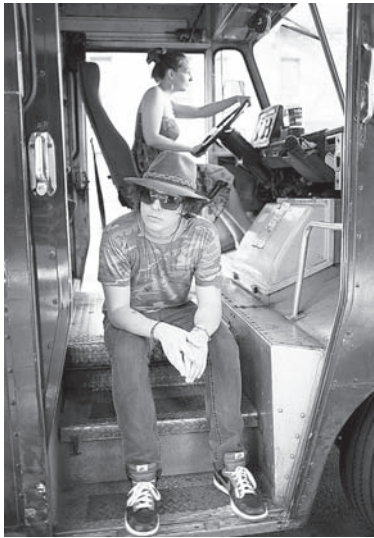
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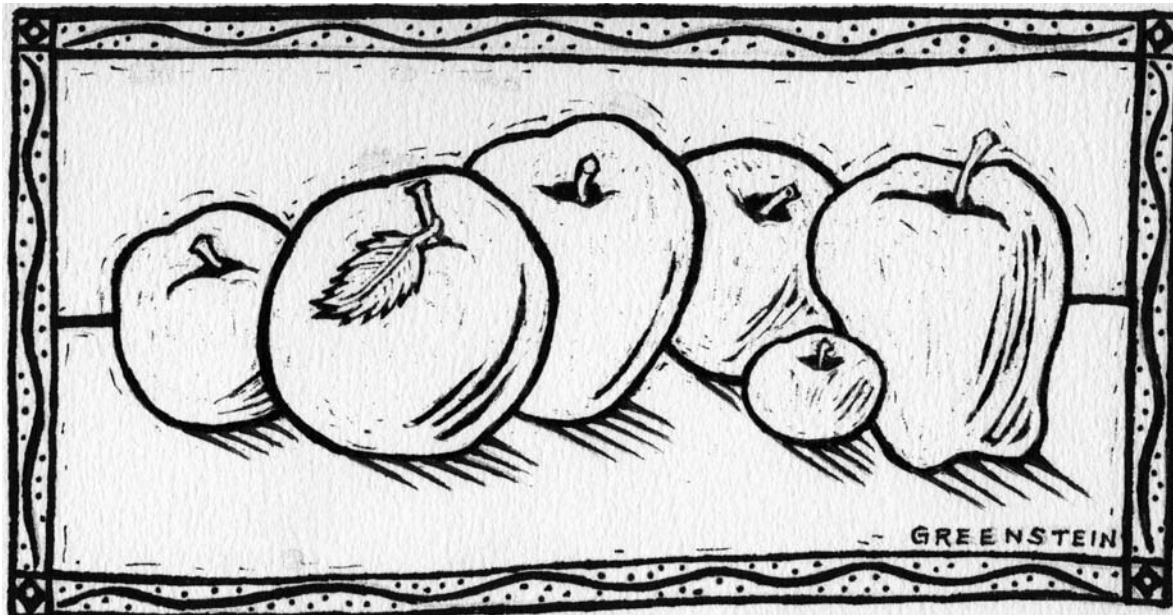
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COOP CALENDAR

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

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General Meeting Info

TUE, SEPTEMBER 30

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUE, OCTOBER 7

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the September 30 General Meeting.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Sept. 18 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, September 8
Oct. 2 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, September 22

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Sept. 18 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, September 10
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ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.

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

Location

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

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

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

Meeting Format

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

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

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

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

Agenda (8:00 p.m.) The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

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

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

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

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• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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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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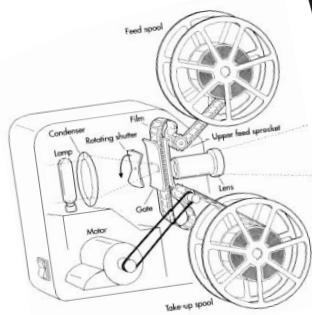
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**Please e-mail Gabriel Rhodes
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MEMBER SUBMISSION

Colombia Trade Problems with the U.S.

By Maria Victoria Castillo

Almost a year ago, potato growers in Colombia went out to the streets to protest the rapid decline of their livelihoods. Colombian farmers have been badly hit ever since 2012, when the Colombia-U.S. Free Trade Agreement went into effect. It is no wonder why given that they had to compete with subsidized American agricultural products and because the terms of the FTA were the result of inequitable negotiations.

Why would the U.S. be so keen in signing an agreement with Colombia, given that it accounted for only 1.6% of U.S. trade in 2013? U.S. firms have been jumping on the trade agreement bandwagon because in the pursuit of growing their markets, small developing countries have been signing trade agreements with each other. This means that the U.S. slowly lost its hold in these emerging markets. To stop this trend in its tracks, the U.S. began signing trade agreements to guarantee preferential treatment to their products, even if they would not be cheaper for the consumers of these less wealthy nations.

And they have succeeded in bringing countries to the negotiating table under the pretense of creating a "level playing field" for trading—the ultimate opportunity to enter the highly coveted U.S. market. But these countries have paid a large price for it, sacrificing the livelihood of their farmers. As if to say that these small

farmers had no right to their way of life—that they, out of all sectors of society, had to pay for an inequitable deal which they never had a say in it. To put it more concretely, while the U.S. has increased its agricultural exports to Colombia, Colombia would stand to lose a net amount of \$63 million in the medium term, with some vague and minimal promises to gain \$550 million each year in the long term, according to the U.S. Research Service.

This scenario, where the U.S. is forcefully gaining preferential access to the markets in emerging countries, leveraging access to their natural resources, and exporting expensive products, sounds a lot like what the British tried to do with its American colonies, and it reeks of economic imperialism. But this can stop, firstly by making the process of signing international trade agreements more transparent. Secondly, by making it a force of positive change by using

the U.S.'s economic leverage to influence a countries' behavior. Even though the potato growers are still in a massive disadvantage with their U.S. counterparts, the American and Colombian governments worked together to make an action plan to protect labor unions and worker's rights in Colombia as part of the trade agreement. These trade agreements should be used to push other governments to ameliorate the welfare of their people, not worsen it. ■

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**Congregation Kolot Chayeinu and
the Brooklyn Food Coalition
Present Jim Shultz**
An analysis and a discussion on Citizen Action
on Climate Change: The Case for Hope

Contact: ClimateChangeBFC@gmail.com

Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m. Kolot Chayeinu, 1012 Eighth Ave. (10/11 Sts.), Brooklyn

Jim Shultz, executive director of the Democracy Center in Cochabamba, Bolivia, has been a leader in the analysis and global outreach for environmental struggles in Latin America for the last 25 years. Speaking immediately before the historic People's Climate March on Sunday, Sept. 21 (meeting at Columbus Circle), Jim will discuss the ways in which we can speak about and join the global movement for sane climate treaties that can slow down and help us adapt to the coming climate crisis. Jim has dozens of examples of victories of the climate movement and has an optimistic yet realistic view of what is possible. He is engaging, direct and humorous. His optimism and clarity will bring you to your feet to cheer and to march.



park slope
FOOD COOP

calendar of events

sep 19
fri 8 pm

Stephanie Rooker & Ben Tyree; Mamie Minch



Potently intelligent, pensively psychedelic, vocalist **Stephanie Rooker** draws her influences as deeply from conscious hip-hop as from jazz, soul, and funk. She delivers songs of personal and societal empowerment with a voice that is at once evocative and healing. Guitarist **Ben Tyree** wields virtuosic ability, eclectic tastes, and the power to move people—either with a buoyant groove to get audiences out of their seats or with emotional depth to touch a listener's soul. Park Slope local singer and guitarist **Mamie Minch** sounds something like a well-fleshed-out 78-rpm record. She's known around town for her Piedmont-style fingerpicking chops, her big deep voice and her self-penned antique-sounding songs. She's played music all over the world and Brooklyn, with all kinds of excellent people, including Dayna Kurtz, the Roulette Sisters, Jimbo Mathis and CW Stoneking.

Concert takes place at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West (at 2nd St.), \$10, doors open at 7:45. Prospect Concerts is a monthly musical fundraising partnership of the Coop and the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture.



sep 30
tue 7 pm

PSFC SEP General Meeting



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

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

I. Member Arrival and Meeting Warm-Up

II. Open Forum

III. Coordinator and Committee Reports

IV. Meeting Agenda

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

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

—submitted by the Hearing Officer Committee

Item 2: Proposed Cancellation of December 2014 General Meeting (10 minutes)

Proposal: Proposal to cancel the December 2014 General Meeting.

—submitted by General Coordinators

Item 3: Formation of an International Trade Education Squad (30 minutes)

Proposal: Formation of an International Trade Education Squad to keep members informed about how they affect our ability to maintain our values and realize the goals of the Park Slope Food Coop.

—submitted by Susan Metz

Item 4: Study of Member Characteristics Pertinent to Retirement Policy (30 minutes)

Proposal: The General Meeting shall authorize and supervise implementation of a demographic study of Coop members, relevant to work shift policy, retirement, disability, and related issues.

—submitted by David Laibman

V. Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

sep 27-28 Food Drive to Benefit sat-sun 9 am-7 pm CHIPS Soup Kitchen

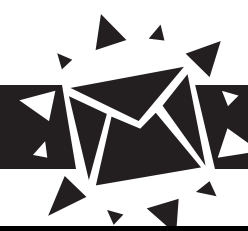
CHIPS Soup Kitchen, located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street, is the recipient of much of our edible but unsaleable perishable food. They also need donations of nonperishable foods. This food will go to CHIPS to help them feed people in the neighborhood who are in need of a nutritious meal. Consider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

still to come

**The Food Coop's
second-floor meeting room
will be unavailable for
Coop events through late
September, due to office
renovations on that floor.**



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

NO MORE
ROBERT'S RULES
OF ORDER AT GM'S

TO THE EDITOR,

I felt very disappointed by the tabling of the discussion of Eden Foods at the July 29 General Meeting and dismayed by the way that decision was made. I had not attended a GM before. I left the meeting with the strong sense that Robert's Rules of Order has got to go. I mean no disrespect to the people who have spent their time and energy on the GM committees and who chair the meetings. But when the motion was made to table the agenda item, was seconded, and then voted on without discussion, I thought: Robert's Rules exists to shut down conversation, not enable it. A comparison of Democratic Rules of Order with Robert's Rules says that "Members with a greater knowledge of [Robert's] rules can use it for personal advantage" (see www.democraticrules.com/compare.html). I certainly felt that was the case. The chair did not explain the rules for first-time attendees, nor did she seem to understand the rules herself. The meeting seemed chaotic and at times unfriendly—several people spoke more than once, with a tone of exasperation and an edge of ridicule for the sponsor of the agenda item, who had not shown up. I had been eager to attend to hear how

other members view the issue of reproductive rights and discuss how we should respond to Eden Foods' desire to restrict covering its women employees' contraception. I left feeling alienated and frustrated.

I suggest that we seriously investigate alternatives to Robert's Rules of Order, an outdated, competitive method of group decision making. We can do better.

Joy Jacobson

ALLEN ZIMMERMAN,
HAVE A HAPPY
RETIREMENT

TO THE EDITOR,

Among some of the inspiring moments of my life as a PSFC Member are Allen Zimmerman's presentations at the Coop General Meetings, telling us why we absolutely need to get this week's mangoes from Mexico or sharing in great but concise detail the virtues of local young ginger. With Allen's retirement, we are losing wisdom that can only be acquired and dispensed by those who do what they do with passion. Another great lesson from Allen (mentioned in the interview published on in the August 7 *Gazette*): getting bored as a primary goal for when he retires. It takes some perspective to see that boredom is a constructive and necessary state in which to linger from time to time. Thanks for your knowledge and passion, Allen, and

happy retirement! And please be so kind to grant us with a special guest star appearance at General Meetings every now and then.

Christian Benes

GREEN2
PRODUCTS: NOT SO
GREEN AFTER ALL

TO THE EDITOR,

The Coop has been selling and also stocking in the bathrooms, products from Green2 (e.g. toilet paper). My concern about this product is that it is made in China and shipped here at a large carbon cost. The Coop sells competing products that are made in the USA and require a lot less energy to ship. The other brands we sell include Marcal, manufactured in Elmwood Park NJ, (approximately 500 local jobs), [now part of Soundview Paper], and 7th Generation which is generally made in the U.S. Marcal collects at least part of its recycled paper from the NYC metro area, keeping the recycling loop very close to home.

Please consider these other values, less carbon emissions from shorter shipping distances, more local jobs and the use of local recycled paper while shopping.

Perhaps the Coop will consider stocking our bathrooms with recycled products made in the U.S.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stewart Pravda

BDS TOPICS:

BAN THE
GAZETTE'S BDS
SECTION

TO THE EDITOR:

BDS is abbreviation of Boycott, Divestment and Sanction campaign against Israel that started by Palestinian non-government organizations. This movement claims that the Israelis discriminate against Palestinians in Israel and occupied Palestinian lands. BDS compiled a long list of so-called crimes that Israel committed against Palestinians and calls the entire world to isolate Israel, better yet, destroy Israeli economy and eventually to put the end of existence of Israel as a state.

BDS singles out Israel and accuses the Israelis of all possible crimes. BDS does not talk about the Palestinian society which is severely intolerant to homosexuals. The Palestinian society treats its own population with cruelty. The suicide bombers are encouraged and the Palestinian children are growing up in the society full of violence and hate. Very recently the world learned that Hamas built more than thousands tunnels to terrorize the Israelis. Hamas killed the Palestinians who worked in the tunnels for them, so they tunnel workers would not give out any information. The Hamas leaders were staying comfortably in the tunnel city while the Palestinian population took heat in the war started by Hamas.

BDS does not talk about how many Jews are in the Government of any of the Arab countries, be it Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen or any other Arab country. There is not a single Arab country, that has the Jews in the Government or the Parliament. There are more than 100 of the Arab countries in the Middle East. In fact, many of these countries killed or expelled the Jews that lived there for many generations. Not only all the Arab countries became Jewfree (Hitler's dream!), many of the Arab countries refused to accept the Arab popula-

tion that left the land during the 1948 war when the Egypt, Jordan, and Syria attacked young Israel. Those who let the Arabs from Palestine to stay never gave them the citizenship and never accepted them as equals. In fact, the entire Arab world keeps the Arabs from the Palestine in awful conditions in the refugee camps making them perpetual refugees.

Israel on the other hand absorbed 600,000 Jews who were thrown out of the Arab countries. BDS does not talk about it and does not demand to Boycott and condemn these Arab Countries.

BDS talks about occupation and blockade. What occupation? What blockade? On any given day there is convoy of trucks, one kilometer long full of stuff going to Gaza. Hamas brought in enough cement and high technology construction machinery to build the entire underground city and to fill it with thousands of rockets and other arms. But BDS does not talk about it. BDS singles out Israel for no other reason that this organized campaign is Anti-Israeli and Anti-Semitic.

BDS does not target Palestinians for the violations of human rights or China for her treatment of Tibet population or Saudi Arabia for treatment of Saudi women. BDS chose Israel because it is Jewish state, the only democracy in the Middle East.

The policy of BDS is discriminatory and Anti-Semitic. BDS also is the movement that supports terrorism. By having the entire section dedicated to BDS the *Gazette* supports discrimination, Anti-Semitism and terrorism. This is violation of Coop policy. The *Gazette* must not give the forum for anti-Semitic organization that supports terrorism.

Fanya Vasilevsky

[Editor's note: the *Gazette* policy is to print all letters that conform to the publication's policies. It's a free speech platform. Editors try to carefully apply these *Gazette* policies for each issue, doing that job as best as possible as they are not experts in the Palestinian Israeli conflict.]

LETTERS POLICY

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

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

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

Anonymity

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

Fairness

In order to provide fair, comprehensive, 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.

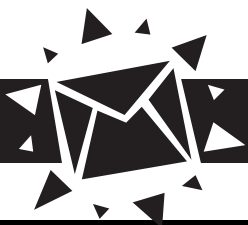
3. Copies of submissions that make substantive accusations against specific individuals will be given to those persons to enable them to write a response, and both submissions and response will be published simultaneously. This means that the original submission may not appear until the issue after the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





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

GAZA CENSORSHIP

DEAR EDITORS,

I would hope that readers of the Letters section might think twice about believing the regular anti-Israel info-dump here after reading here first-hand accounts of reporter intimidation in Gaza.

(July 27, 2014. FPA.org) "The Foreign Press Association deplores the Hamas government's decision to close down media operations in the Gaza Strip including the offices of Al Arabiyeh. Hamas is not only acting in contradiction to the freedom of press and freedom of speech, it is hurting itself by not allowing press coverage of the territory it governs. The Hamas government's crackdown on the media organizations is cause for grave concern. The FPA calls on the Hamas to allow Al Arabiyeh and other media organizations immediate access to their offices, equipment and to resume their news assignments without impediment."

July 21, 2014. Nick Casey, *Wall Street Journal*, in a Twitter post before it was deleted: "You have to wonder with the shelling how patients at Shifa Hospital feel as Hamas uses it as a safe place to see media"

July 28th, 2014. Tamer El-Ghobashy, *Wall Street Journal*, in a Twitter post before it was deleted: "An outside wall on the campus of Gaza's main hospital was hit by a strike. Low level damage suggests Hamas misfire."

July 24, 2014. (www.liberation.fr/monde/2014/07/24) The remains of an article by Palestinian journalist Radjaa Abou Dagga, detailing how Hamas used a section of Shifa hospital as their offices just meters from the emergency room, detailing how Hamas intimidated him, and how Hamas forced him to leave Gaza: "This article, which described the attempted intimidation of Palestinian journalist Radjaa Abu Dagga correspondent for 'Ouest France' and formerly of 'Liberation' was unpublished at his request."

Editors: any information coming out of Gaza that casts Hamas in a negative light is being self-censored out of concern for a journalists' own safety. I call on the

editors to perform an act of professional solidarity: add a note to letters quoting reports about Gaza that the information cannot be completely accurate due to a state of violent censorship by Hamas inside the Gaza Strip.

Ron Rosenbaum

THIS LETTER DOES NOT MENTION BDS

DEAR EDITORS,

Hamas has murdered 18 Palestinians accused of being "collaborators" with Israel. Collaborators? What does that mean? Does it mean that these men were just sick and tired of Hamas and its single-minded mission to exterminate Jews at the expense of their own families? What do these executions say about an entity that kills dissenting voices? If Hamas was interested in peace, it wouldn't murder men who can't bear for their homes and schools to be used as munitions depots. If Hamas's was interested in statecraft, it would have demonstrated from the start the will to build homes, schools, and an economy based on trade. Instead, Hamas' alternative worldview is plain for the world to see, even at the expense of Palestinian lives.

All well for some people to decry the Jewish taking up of arms in defense. Tell again, what's the alternative? Few people are so liberal that they feel guilty for not being killed.

This letter does not mention BDS, so please do not put it in that section.

Ulrich Gradinger

[**Editor's note:** because of layout issues and other reasons we are placing this letter in the BDS section.]

THE CRIMES OF HAMAS

TO THE EDITOR,

The most remarkable thing about the four anti-Israel letters in the BDS section of the last *Gazette* is that not a single one of the authors mentions Hamas, the current ruling authority in the Gaza Strip. Perhaps they are unaware just what

Hamas is and does.

Hamas is a totalitarian Islamist group with ideological and political roots in the Salafists and the Muslim Brotherhood. It has the same roots as al-Qaeda and Islamic State. It violently seized control of Gaza in 2007. It evicted the legal Palestinian government, killing and maiming members of the rival Fatah party. Hamas suppresses the expression of any activity to give voice to the aspirations of the million plus Gazans who wish to live in peace with Israel. Hamas' publicly executed over 20 Gazans in the last few days.

Rather than build hospitals, schools, industry or infrastructure, Hamas subverts funds and material for weapons, member salaries, and the construction of an elaborate tunnel system. They conscripted both children and adults for the tunnels projects. At least 160 children died in the construction of the tunnels, and adult workers report torture and execution. The tunnels were part of an elaborate scheme to conduct a mass casualty event against Israel, targeting the Israeli agricultural communities near the Gaza border. Most of the damage and deaths caused during Operation Protective Edge occurred during Israel's destruction of this tunnel system.

Each of the over 3,500 rockets indiscriminately fired from civilian areas towards civilians in Israel constitutes a war crime. Hamas' use of child soldiers is also a war crime. Its use of hospitals, schools, residences, and mosques for storing and launching weapons converts those structures into legitimate military targets. This, too, is a war crime.

In spite of Israel's unprecedented and well-documented efforts to limit civilian casualties, many innocents have been killed. This is a tragic and unavoidable consequence of war, and it is why civilized peoples work to avoid war. Yet, the age and gender distribution, as well as the terror brigades' websites, indicate the majority of Gazan casualties are combatants

Hamas initiated the cur-

rent violence; Hamas is the aggressor. As of this date, Hamas has either rejected or broken 11 cease fires.

It seems to me rather cynical to claim a concern for the human rights of Gazans without mentioning Hamas' abuse of the Gazan people. Writing about Gaza without mentioning Hamas, appears to be a sign of either woeful ignorance or intentional concealment of Hamas' behavior.

Barbara Mazor

HOW CAN ISRAEL JUSTIFY DROPPING SO MANY EXPLOSIVES ON A CAPTIVE CIVILIAN POPULATION

MEMBERS:

Context: The Israel-Palestine conflict is a struggle/resistance by an occupied people (Palestinians) in Gaza, West Bank and East Jerusalem against the occupying power (Israel). In a press conference, July 11, 2014, in Hebrew, Netanyahu said: "there cannot be a situation under any agreement, in which we relinquish security control of the territory west of the River Jordan." (There will be no independent Palestinian state.)

How many bombs has Israel dropped on Gaza? Israel claims 3,360 rockets were fired from Gaza into Israel between July 8—August 6; causing minimal damage and casualties, most falling in "open areas." This is miniscule compared with the volume of ordinance Israel fires into Gaza estimated at tens of thousands of artillery shells.

Evidence suggests munitions are inaccurate and indiscriminate in the context of densely populated areas where they are widely used, contrary to Israel's claims about care taken to protect civilians. In one severely hit area (Khuzaa), the UN counted 2,493 destroyed structures, 1,243 severely damaged structures and 2,024 impact craters. Israeli military: between July 8—August 5, aerial, naval and ground forces struck 4,762 sites (including homes, mosques, power and water infrastruc-

ture, schools, agriculture, food industries).

Estimated cost of total ammunition used by Israel in Gaza was \$370 million: 23,400 tank shells, 20,400 artillery shells and 2.9 million bullets, a woeful underestimation according to one military source. Israeli munitions factories were working in shifts, 24 hours a day, to provide enough ammunition and shells to forces attacking Gaza. In addition, the Obama administration replenished Israeli stocks.

Highlights of Israel's inaccurate and indiscriminate weaponry used against Gaza: not fewer than 40,000 **155mm artillery shells** were used. This explosive projectile can spread about 2,000 fragments in all directions. The error radius is 25 meters making Israel's shelling indiscriminate in densely populated areas like Shujaiya. **Tank shells:** 23,400 were used. The Kalanit type, manufactured in Israel, can explode in midair over areas with houses, schools, hospitals or mosques. It can also breach concrete walls exploding inside buildings killing and injuring a large number of civilians. **Mortar shells:** number used uncertain; generally far less accurate than other weapons. A video shows four vehicle-mounted large caliber mortars firing shells toward Gaza at a regular rhythm of four shells every two minutes by female soldiers. **Bombs dropped from the air:** 800 tons of explosives were dropped by air force jets on targets during the first week. July 20, in Shujaiya, an aerial attack included about 100 one-ton bombs.

www.electronicintifada.net/blogs/ali-abunimah/how-many-bombs-has-israel-dropped-gaza

Note: From the Peace Index in Israel: "only 6% of the entire Jewish public sees the IDF as having used too much firepower in Gaza. The rest are almost evenly split between 48% who regard the use of firepower as appropriate and 45% who think the IDF made too little use of it."

Mary Buchwald

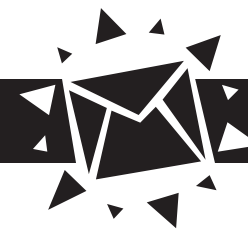
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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BDS TOPICS:

OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS FROM SAPPHIRE

DEAR COOP MEMBERS,

On May 30, 2014 I arrived in Amman, Jordan where I met with an international group of writers and artists. We were participants of the Palestinian Festival of Literature 2014, Palfest. Participants included renowned artists like the Canadian novelist Michael Ondaatje and the Palestinian poet and scholar Natalie Handal. After five hours of hassles at the border we entered Israel. We visited Ramallah, Nablus, East Jerusalem, Haifa, Bethlehem, and Balata Refugee Camp. As an African American what hit me like a baseball in the face was the apartheid, undisguised segregation based on race, religion, and nationality. Our hosts fed us and showed us the sights in the different cities. At one point we came to a site that our hosts walked past, but that seemed interesting to me—I wanted to check it out and said so, “Hey, guys I

want to go in here!” There was a silence, then the renowned Egyptian novelist and one of the organizers of Palfest, Ahdaf Souief, said, “Go ahead Sapphire, we’ll wait for you outside, Palestinians can’t go in there.” I was transported back to being a little girl carried in my father’s arms to the back of a gas station to a dim foul-smelling room with a filthy hole because we could not use the gleaming white porcelain and stainless steel bathroom labeled WHITE ONLY. It was incredible to me that these women clutching designer handbags, who spoke four and five languages, and had advanced university degrees could not go in someplace; that their movements were restricted because of ethnicity. Later I would see that certain cars had certain color license plates, only certain color license plates could enter certain areas, only certain groups can live in certain areas, certain areas are surrounded by a massive wall, to get from certain sections of the city we had to go through checkpoints (and people of color will understand when I say that the checkpoint equaled gun-

point! It ain’t no joke!). Another thing that struck me in the democracy was encounters with the Israeli police where they demanded that members of our group delete the pictures on our cell phone cameras! They did not want us taking pictures of them with their guns drawn or of the checkpoints.

In Haifa we met Omar Barghouti, founding member of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel and a leading speaker and writer on the non-violent resistance of BDS. He published *Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions: The Global Struggle Of Palestinian Rights*. What struck me as he talked was (and as Desmond Tutu has pointed out) that despite the violent opposition to BDS, it is a NONVIOLENT movement!

The exact words of Desmond Tutu are: “Please turn the tide against violence and hatred by joining the nonviolent movement for justice for all people of the region”¹

¹www.haaretz.com/opinion/premium-1.610687

Sincerely,
Sapphire

Novelist, Poet, and Author
and FTOP Receiving worker

BDS HULLABALOO TO THE LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE:

This letter is in response to the hullabaloo of the BDS. It is not perfectly all right to boycott products from the Food Coop. That kills the whole theme of what the Food Coop is about. You could get technical and boycott Chinese products, or American products. Israel is fighting to defend its country. Other countries do the same thing, including America. I oppose any actions of the BDS to boycott Israeli products.

Nancy Spitalnick

A LETTER ABOUT BDS LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

Any sadness members might feel about reading the many letters, any fright or feelings of victimization that are whipped up against Coop members on any side of the Israel/Palestinian issue, stem directly from one incident and one incident only: the proposal to boycott Israel.

Whose proposal was that? Let me check the Gazette. Oh my goodness, it was yours! Step up to the plate and

take responsibility for what you’ve created. You and your allies spent a lot of the Coop’s time, money, and patience to get the Israel/Palestine imbroglio into the public realm—at the same time claiming that you were only trying to save the democratic process. Where are those BDS legions of democracy-activists today? I see no evidence of these gallant reformers anywhere in the Gazette or at the General Meetings. What I do see is deliberate and continuous attempts at divisiveness within the confines of a cooperative grocery store. Your tactics don’t create bridges—your tactics burn them. It’s a sham, and obvious one, and you can’t say you never predicted a backlash from people who saw right through it.

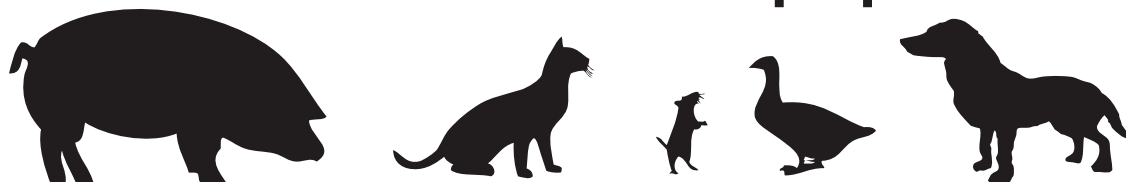
Until you take real action to mend what your proposal broke, spare everyone the crocodile tears because you are neither victim nor failed hero.

Pinny Lew

[Editor’s note: we have stated in the past and will continue to say that the letters to the editor section on the Gazette is a free speech platform. We work hard to follow the Gazette letters policy as best as possible.]

Did you ever wonder exactly what those humane claims on product labels at the Coop mean? Or want to confirm which items we carry are not tested on animals?

The Animal Welfare Committee provides transparent animal welfare information about the Coop’s products.



We work with staff, the Coop’s vendors and external research resources to provide species- and issue-specific information for YOU, the Coop member. You can find us online at our blog and twitter account and you can find our guides all around the Coop, next to their relevant products!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads.

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

FRI, SEP 5

7 p.m. CLIMATE CHAOS OR CLIMATE JUSTICE? Panelists Sean Sweeney, Michael Klare, Janet Redman, and JJ Johnson discuss the social and political forces that prevent action on global warming and what we can do to create real change. Memorial Presbyterian Church, 186 St. John's Pl. at Seventh Ave., Bklyn. Info: 718.624.5921 or climateaction@brooklynpeace.org.

8-11 p.m. JITTERBUG JAM! First Friday Swing Dance in Park Slope with Flying Home and Arturo Perez. Dance lessons with Arturo Perez followed by live 30s and 40s swing music from Flying Home with guest singer Cynthia Hopkins! BSEC, 53 Prospect Park West. More Info: www.brooklynswingdance.com

SUN, SEP 14

9 a.m. "Run for Chips 5k Run/Walk" Come join us. All Proceeds Benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen and Frances Residence for Women and Infants. Where: Prospect Park. Enter Park at 15th St. and walk down to approximately. 11th Ave. Prospect Park SW. Registration: nycruns.com. Fee \$25.

SAT, SEP 20

12 p.m. PermaFest 3 Theme: "Building Resilient Communities" Skill sharing, services, a barter market, a gift circle, a talk about soil nutrition and climate change, live music and a picnic dinner at 6 p.m. This year's event will be held in conjunction with the Cli-

mate Change Convergence. Old Stone House and Washington Park, 336 Third St., Bklyn.

SAT, OCT 11

10 a.m. Kings County Fiber Festival. Spend the day with natural fiber artists, crocheters, dyers, felters, knitters, quilters, spinners and weavers in the second annual fiber fair at the Old Stone House and Washington Park, 336 Third St., Bklyn. For more info: kingscountyfiberfestival.org

8 a.m. The Run for The Rings, Half marathon or 5k benefit run for Michael Ring, Coop member and Prospect Park Track club events organizer/volunteer. For more info: nycruns.com/races/?race=run-for-the-rings.

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

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

BROOKLYN FREE SCHOOL Open Houses:
Oct 22, 6pm
Nov 19, 6pm

To learn more about our unique Pre-K thru High School program, visit brooklynfreeschool.org

Crossword Answers

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

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

Do you want your old Coop attendance records?

Up until September 2009, the Coop kept attendance on index cards.

If you were a Coop member before then, we may still have your old partial or complete cards.

If you would like to have this as a souvenir, please come to the Membership Office and ask for it. If we have it, it's yours!

We will be recycling them shortly.

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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.

Moriah Akers	Phillip Kerr
Jennifer Bastien	Emily Melander
Gerald Beallor	Peg Nayduch
Eugene Bukhman	Bart-Jan Polman
Joshua Cabrido	Nathan Reich
Rebecca Durday	Eliza Relman
Scott Durday	Alyson Schacher
Eric Fensterheim	NiAstebNut SiaMaat
Kathlina Fisher	Mariah Twigg
Dotan Greenvald	



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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**

★ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ★

Bathroom Cleaning

Tuesday, 12 to 2 p.m.

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

Entrance Desk

Friday, 5:45 to 8 a.m.

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

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.

Compost Haulers

We need members with a van or truck to haul the compost from the Coop to various community gardens. It is a regular work slot, every four weeks. The time of day is flexible. If you are a member with a truck and not afraid to haul buckets of compost, please consider this very important work slot. For more info talk to Annette Laskaris in the Membership Office or e-mail your interest to annette_laskaris@psfc.coop.

General Meeting Set-Up

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Adaptable, physically energetic, team workers with excellent attendance needed to help set up and break down the space where the General Meeting is held. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, adriana_becerra@psfc.coop.

Van/Truck Driver for GM Delivery/Pick-Up

Last Tuesday night of the month

Member with a van or truck needed to pick up and load the team of workers and gear from the Coop at 5:30 p.m. and drop them off at the local General Meeting venue (currently M.S. 51) and help unload. Then, be on call to return to venue for pick-up and loading of workers and gear between hours of 8:45-10 p.m., and drive back to Coop. You must be dependable, with good attendance. Contact Adriana Becerra, Membership Coordinator, adriana_becerra@psfc.coop.

COME JOIN US FOR THE



Run 4 CHIPS 5k Run/Walk

**All proceeds benefit CHIPS Soup Kitchen and
Frances Residence for Women and Infants**

When: Sunday, Sept. 14

Where: Prospect Park

Start Time: 9 a.m.

Location: 11th Ave. (Prospect Southwest)

Park Entrance: 15th St. Bartell-Pritchard Square

T-shirts and Prizes will be given • Register at nycruns.com • Registration Fee: \$25

