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Meet the Maker: Barry Schwartz of Barry's Tempeh

By Lily Rothman

The Food Coop sells several varieties of tempeh, a vegan friendly protein, but the Barry's Tempeh brand is unusual for being found among frozen food rather than in a refrigerator case. (Most tempeh at the Coop is found alongside the eggs.) Being locally made by a small producer also makes this brand unusual. It's produced under the Grown in Brooklyn label, and supplied to the Coop outside the usual distributor channels.

The Linewaiters' Gazette caught up with Barry Schwartz—the eponymous Barry himself—to find out how he got into the tempeh game and what else makes the product special.

LWG: So, the most basic question: What exactly is tempeh?

Schwartz: Tempeh is a traditional food from Indonesia. Traditionally it's made from soybeans that are fermented with a special culture called *Rhizopus oligosporus*, which binds the beans together so the beans become a sliceable cake. It's a perfect vegetarian protein.

How did you first discover it?

I actually had a friend in the early '80s who had a very large tempeh shop. I really didn't exactly know what tempeh was, but he started making tempeh, and when I moved away from New York for a bit I looked up the man that actually introduced tempeh to America. He lived in Berkeley, California, and I went to go visit him. That really isn't how I started making tempeh, but I was interested in it.

I've been through a couple of adventures in my life, one of them being that I was a paramedic for a few years, and I was the nurse for a socialist youth-movement camp in upstate New York. While I was the nurse there, it was a little boring. I didn't have much to do, the

kids didn't get sick that much, and I like to be kept busy, so I started playing with making tempeh. Eventually it started getting too cold to stay upstate in a cabin that didn't have any heat, and I found on Craigslist that a yoga ashram that wasn't too far away was looking for somebody with medical knowledge. So I applied for the job, myself and my hundred-pound dog, and we moved onto the yoga ashram. I became the chef there. That's how I discovered that I loved making food. I lived there for a year and I perfected my tempeh-making there.

How did you decide to turn it into a business?

I realized after living on a yoga ashram for a year that if I didn't get out of there I would be institutionalized—not in a bad way, but that I'd never be able to leave. They don't pay much and then you get used to living in a situation like that. From the ashram I was discovering Brooklyn, and I said to myself, "There's a place that could use tempeh."

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What was it about Brooklyn that gave you that idea?

It seemed like a kind of hip place that people would like tempeh, and I needed to get out of the yoga ashram, so without knowing anyone here, I left the yoga ashram. I was totally broke. I didn't have a car. My daughter came and picked me up, and we drove around looking for a

place to live. I have a dog I've had for a long time, he's the worst dog in Brooklyn, and I live near the bottom part of Prospect Park, so from walking the dog I met other dog people. This one guy I met who had a dog introduced me to Gordon [Bennett], my present partner. Gordon thought that the tempeh I made was great and that it would be a great business.

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Eating Locally and Seasonally with Ayurveda

By Devin Harner

Ayurveda is an ancient Indian system of health and wellness, and a sister science to yoga, that's translated literally as "science of life," according to Lauren Fecarotta, an Ayurvedic nutritionist and yoga instructor who teaches at Greenhouse Holistic in Williamsburg.

Fecarotta studied Ayurvedic nutrition and cooking with several doctors in Kerala, India, and started teaching the principles of Ayurveda in 2010 with six students at a small healing arts center in Carroll Gardens. Since then, she's also taught her eight day Ayurvedic cleanse program 10-15 times a year at studios throughout the city.

Ayurveda seeks to balance the three doshas, or biological energies: Vata, Pitta and Kapha. It splits the year into three sea-

sons, the human lifespan into three periods, and it defines us as three distinct body types that correspond to the doshas.

Late fall to early winter is the Vata season—defined by the elements of air and space. The properties of Vata are cold, dry, fast, rough, clear and irregular says Alison Cramer, Director of

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The December General Meeting Is Canceled

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is typically held on the last Tuesday of each month. The December General Meeting, however, has been cancelled.

The January General Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. at MS 51, 350 Fifth Ave., between Fourth and Fifth Sts. Enter on Fourth St. cul-de-sac. The Fourth St. entrance is handicap-accessible.

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

Coop Event Highlights

Tue, Dec 2 • Agenda Committee Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Thu, Dec 4 • Food Class: Sound Food 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Dec 5 • Film Night: Happy Valley 7:00 p.m.

Tue, Dec 9 • Safe Food Committee Film Night: Food Design 7:00 p.m.

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

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Barry Schwartz is the brain behind Barry's Tempeh. After a life full of a wide range of pursuits, from being a paramedic to cooking at a yoga ashram, he moved to Brooklyn to make and sell the vegan-friendly bean-based protein, which comes in several varieties and is available in the Food Coop's freezer section. Tempeh is made with a special fermentation process; unlike most prepackaged tempeh, Barry's Tempeh is frozen raw rather than pasteurized. "From the ashram I was discovering Brooklyn, and I said to myself, 'There's a place that could use tempeh,'" he tells the Gazette.

Tempeh

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Has your tempeh technique changed at all over the years?

Everything about me seems to change about every five minutes! Traditionally, tempeh is made of soybeans, but I found that you can make tempeh out of everything. So we make tempeh out of buckwheat, quinoa and brown rice—that's one variety of tempeh—and white beans and brown rice; adzuki beans and brown rice; and soy, oats

and barley; as well as traditional soy tempeh.

How is your tempeh different from the prepackaged kind?

The packaged tempeh you usually find in the refrigerated section, because tempeh is fermented and if you don't stop the fermentation, the taste of the fermentation will be strong. It's not a taste that Americans have a good palate for. The other companies get it to a place where it's not strong and then they pasteurize it. We don't pas-

teurize our tempeh; we freeze it to stop the fermentation. So it's still kind of alive, but the fermentation has stopped. You can really taste the difference. It tastes like a much more vibrant food.

When did you start selling at the Park Slope Food Coop?

It's probably been about two years.

Do you remember how that came about?

I'm the one who does most of the sales work, and I can't really handle rejection. What we do is outdoor markets, and we wait for people to discover us. [But] I did go to the Coop to sell, and it took... probably three or four visits before the Coop took us.

In your time in the tempeh business, has interest grown? Are more people eating it?

It's a little hard to judge that, because in the world of tempeh, it's still a tough sell. In probably different parts of the country more people know what tempeh is, but here there are different kinds of people who would be our customers. There are people who don't know what tempeh is, and I have to force them to try it. I have to be really charming and give them a taste; that's what we do at the markets, have samples out. Then there are people who've tasted [commercial] tempeh and hate it. For them too, I have to be charming and force

them to taste it. For the most part I have to force everyone. I'm pretty good at it.

What's your favorite way to cook and eat tempeh?

I'm always discovering new things, but pretty much it's just cubed and sautéed in oil with salt and pepper. It's adaptable to so many different ways of preparing it. Right now I'm making our version of tempeh bacon.

What does that mean?

It's sliced thinly like bacon might be, and it's smoked.

Nothing's really exactly bacon, but it tastes pretty bacon-y. It took me three years to figure out something that would make tempeh taste like bacon. We don't use soy tempeh because it seems like people have an aversion to eating soy, particularly vegetarians, because they just eat so much of it. The tempeh bacon we make is made with adzuki bean tempeh. It's really delicious. I'm almost happy with it. ■

Barry's Tempeh can be found in the Coop's freezer aisle.

Crossword Puzzle

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- Across
1. Sideways on a ship
6. Triangular sails
10. Eminem's "Just ____"
14. Cheeky
15. "She's ____ doll" (4 Seasons lyric)
16. Ritzy
17. How some drinks are ordered ... or a good name for a 62-Across
19. Have ____ with
20. LAX monitor info
21. Boundless
22. Little fella
23. Cramped person's desire ... or a good name for a 62-Across
27. Oregon's capital
29. Gray wolf
30. May 1, in Hawaii
32. Pub pour
33. Texter's "Take that as you will"
37. Subj. of the 2005 book "Many Unhappy Returns"
38. Bart Simpson catchphrase ... or a good name for a 62-Across
41. Actor Butterfield of "Hugo"
42. Eponymous scale developer
44. ____ room
45. Cause for alarm
47. "Take a Chance on Me" group
49. Wined and dined
50. Significant amount of time ... or a good name for a 62-Across
56. Dark
57. Apple and peach, e.g.
58. Mag. staff
61. Thor's father
62. Establishment that might have a fun name like "There's No Place Like Om," e.g.
65. DVR brand
66. Jay of "Jerry Maguire"
67. Kitchen draw
68. Tree of Life locale
69. "Marching" insects
70. "The Odd Couple" role
- Down
1. "For ____ all know ..."
2. Switch's partner
3. Create
4. Shade of gray
5. R&B singer with the hit "It's All About Me"
6. Speak abusively to
7. Kind of coffee or whiskey
8. Setting of an historic 7/14/1789 event
9. Mil. rank
10. Two
11. NBA All-Star Rajon ____
12. "Like me"
13. ____ Penh, Cambodia
18. FDR power project: Abbr.
22. Putin's former org.
24. Bloodshot
25. Slate, e.g.
26. Ceaselessly
27. Like some pickings
28. Flying start?
31. San Francisco's ____ Buena Island
32. "Modern Family" network
34. Film in which Robert De Niro's character says "We're not gonna have a war, we're gonna have the appearance of a war"
35. "Ah, that makes sense"
36. Voting district
39. 1/768 gallon
40. President known as "Big Bill"
43. Audited, as a college course
46. Japanese computer giant
48. "Wanna ____?"
50. Repeat word for word
51. Reversed
52. "As ____ and breathe!"
53. Like best friends
54. Brings up
55. Suffix with baron
59. Stopping point?
60. Zoom up
62. Soprano Sumac
63. Letter after sigma
64. Gravesight site

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

**Special Ordering
Temporarily Suspended**

**We will NOT be taking
special orders
from Fri 11/14/14
to Sun 01/04/15**

**Special ordering will resume
Mon 01/05/15**

**Vitamin/Supplement special orders are
suspended indefinitely and will NOT
resume on Mon 01/05/15**

Ayurveda

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Ayurveda at Laughing Lotus Yoga Studio in Manhattan (and soon to be in Brooklyn). Cramer has been teaching yoga for more than a decade, and was inspired to study Ayurveda after coming across a book called *Path of Practice* by Maya Tiwari.



Ayurvedic Drinks

Courtesy of Ruah Bhay

Drink two cups of lemon water first thing in the morning to boost your nervous system, immune system, metabolism and pH balance. It is important to stay hydrated and drink water before you get thirsty, especially during Vata season.

Drink ginger-turmeric tea every morning. Boil raw ginger and turmeric in a sauce pan of water for 5 to 10 minutes, sprinkle cinnamon or cayenne pepper on top and drink alone or add honey to taste.

Note: Pregnant women should avoid turmeric.

Drink a green smoothie for breakfast and throughout the day as a snack from a to-go mason jar.

Here is a smoothie recipe:

Anti-Inflammatory Cold Buster

3-4 cups water (or combination of water and coconut water)
2 handfuls spinach and kale
1 handful cilantro
1-2 oranges, peeled and quartered
1-2 lemons with peel, quartered
1 handful pineapple chunks or strawberries
1 green apple, cut into pieces
chunk raw ginger and turmeric
small piece of jalapeño pepper
sprinkle of cayenne pepper

Mix in blender and enjoy.

According to Cramer, a lot of the Ayurvedic diet is common sense. During Vata season, we should eat things that are well cooked and avoid raw food as much as possible.

If your body, and your digestive fire, or agni, gets out of bal-

ance, then the conditions of Vata season are manifest physically. We might get spacey, detached and cold, and suffer from dry skin, hair and nails (which is likely to be exacerbated by the raging steam heat of the city's apartment buildings).

According to Ayurveda, disease begins with improper digestion, Fecarotta explains. This notion echoes recent research and thinking on the importance of gut health, and probiotics, on the immune system, and on health generally.

For Vata complications such as constipation, gas and bloat, Fecarotta recommends chewing on fresh ginger before meals to boost agni and improve digestion.

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Also, counter to traditional nutritional thinking, Fecarotta advises that we eat white basmati rice rather than brown rice during times when the agni is weak, and when ill, because white rice is easier to digest.

Fecarotta also discourages the consumption of caffeine because of its taxing effect on the liver and adrenal glands.

Eating Intuitively

When we're healthy and in balance, a lot of what we crave, and what is seasonal and local, is also good for us, Ayurvedically speaking.

Ayurveda categorizes foods into six rasas or tastes: sweet, salty, sour, bitter, pungent and astringent. Although we need all six to be healthy and to have a balanced diet, during Vata season we should focus primarily on consuming sweet, salty and sour.

But sweet doesn't mean cookies, cake and candy. The sweet rasa is found in root vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts, seeds and dairy products. Although Cramer advises us to tend toward milk, butter and ghee, rather than cheeses when it comes to dairy, and to use fresh cheeses versus excessively aged and fermented ones like blue cheese.

There's nothing saltier than salt and, accordingly, it's OK to have a bit more salt during Vata season—and to eat things like the seaweed that's prevalent in Japanese food.

The sour rasa is more of a fermented taste than what we typically think of as sour, or citrusy. Miso, soy sauce, alcohol, vinegar, pickle, kimchi, yoghurt and tempeh are all sour Ayurvedically.

While we're talking sour, all of the practitioners I talked to rec-

ommended drinking hot lemon water of some sort, maybe laced with ginger, cayenne and turmeric, during Vata season, although pregnant women should avoid turmeric. Fecarotta notes that although lemon is acidic, its post-digestive effect is actually alkalizing to the body, and thus warm or room temperature lemon water is recommended throughout the day.

The three remaining rasas, which should be consumed in moderation during Vata season, are as follows:

Hot spices like chili pepper and tangy cheeses are considered pungent; leafy greens like mustard greens, broccoli raab, cabbage and brussels sprouts are classified as bitter; and dried legumes, bark teas and white potatoes are astringent.

Since many of us, whether vegetarian or not, consume large quantities of legumes during Vata season, Cramer advises us to add digestive spices that enhance agni to them, like traditional Indian masalas, and cumin, coriander, fennel, turmeric and cinnamon.

Cramer stressed that the point of Ayurveda is balance, that an Ayurvedic diet is not an elimination diet, and that we should include all tastes in all seasons, but emphasize the three above.

Overall, foods to eat during Vata season should represent the opposite of the Vata elements and should be evocative of the earth and water elements



Seaweed Salad

Courtesy of Alison Cramer

1 package wakame dried seaweed from Maine
Approximately 1 ½ Tbsp. toasted sesame oil
Approximately 3 Tbsp. brown rice vinegar
1 tsp. reduced-sodium tamari sauce (gluten-free)
1 small dried chili pepper or dash of hot sauce or cayenne, to taste
½ to 1 tsp. ginger powder or the same in finely chopped ginger root
Pinch of cumin
Approximately ¼ cup finely grated, lightly steamed carrot
Approximately ¼ cup finely grated, lightly steamed

for the sake of balance. Think grounding and heavier, like roasted root vegetables with olive oil and salt and nut butters.

Vata season would be a good time to try the parsnips, turnips, carrots and beets in the produce aisle. And maybe even the ugly looking, but aromatic celery root you've been contemplating.

It's also advisable to avoid cold salads. So add hot roasted veggies, warm quinoa or beans to your salads and dress them well with lots of salt and oil. When eating bitter vegetables like Brussels sprouts, broccoli raab and members of the cabbage family, be sure to lace them with olive or coconut oil and sprinkle them liberally with salt to increase the agni.

A lot of Ayurveda is intuitive and following what we crave or already know. "Ayurveda says we know what to do," says Cramer. "If we listen to our bodies, our bodies will tell us."

Of course, if we're out of balance, then we may find ourselves eating out of season and unhealthily, as our cravings, and, in turn, our bodies oscillate.

Ruah Bhay, who's been teaching yoga for over a decade, and who currently teaches at Yogaworks and Equinox in Brooklyn Heights, recommends that in addition to diet, we remember to keep our chests, heads and throats warm during Vata season. Doing so will protect the endocrine and lymphatic glands.

She also advises non-yogis

purple cabbage
1-2 Tbsp. toasted sesame seeds (buy them raw, put them in a skillet, dry roast for a few minutes until they start popping, then quickly take them off)

Soak wakame in a big bowl with lots of water for 5 minutes. Drain completely. Put back in large bowl (this makes a lot!). Toss with grated carrot and cabbage. In a small bowl, combine oil, vinegar and tamari. Crush the chili pepper and throw that in, too. Add the ginger. Stir vigorously to combine. Pour dressing over seaweed and carrot and toss until thoroughly coated. If you are not going to eat it right away, don't put sesame seeds on, they get too soggy. Right before serving, add sesame seeds and toss again. Feel free to improvise, add some julienned cucumber or some grated daikon radish. Keeps for 2 days in the fridge if you can stop yourself from eating it all.

and yogis alike to hydrate first thing in the morning with lemon water, to move for five minutes before eating breakfast and to cut back on sugar.

If you don't have a yoga practice, then do something as simple as jumping jacks or marching around the room, says Bhay.

The principles of Ayurveda are there to help. "People can put this wisdom to work and keep themselves well," says Fecarotta, who was inspired to delve deeper into Ayurveda, and to begin practicing it professionally to complement her yoga teaching, after her mother died of lung cancer in 2010. "Having an opportunity to share it is a gift," says Fecarotta.

Please see the sidebars for three Ayurvedic recipes for the Vata season—all of the ingredients can be easily obtained at the Coop. ■



Roasted Yellow and Red Beets with Garlic, Cilantro and Cashews

Courtesy of Lauren Fecarotta

2 medium red beets (with greens)
2 medium yellow beets (with greens)
½ cup cashews, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
¼ cup cilantro, finely chopped
1 medium white onion, chopped
2 cups chopped kale
2 Tbsp. olive oil or grapeseed oil

Heat oven to 350°F. Cut beets into small pieces and place in small glass pan. Chop 1 clove of garlic and add to pan. Season with sea salt and pepper. Add beets and roast for 30 minutes. When the beets are nearly done, sauté the onion with the remaining clove of garlic, seasoned with salt and pepper over medium-low heat until garlic turns brown and onions turn clear. Add greens (beet greens, kale, spinach, Swiss chard or all of the above) and allow to wilt. Add cilantro and mix. Remove from heat and set aside. When beets are tender (fork pierces softly), combine beets with greens and onions.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

What's Next After the People's Climate March?

By Ilyana Kadushin,
Environmental Committee

Ilyana Kadushin (member of PSFC Environmental Committee) interviewed Wes Gilliam, who is Program Director at Catskill Mountain Keeper, about the impact of the recent People's Climate March in NYC, where New York State stands on fracking right now, and what we, the Coop community can do to help.



Ilyana: What is next after the People's Climate March?

Wes Gilliam: The People's Climate March was a remarkable opportunity to meet and dialogue with an incredibly diverse range of climate, energy and other groups doing frontline activism throughout the U.S. and worldwide. At both the March and the People's Climate Summit, which we were pleased to be a part of, many of these groups

came together for the first time, networked, and discussed possibilities for cooperation going forward. The next step is to build on that. We have to take these new relationships and ideas and turn them into something real and concrete—into actions that drive our country towards an energy policy that makes sense and is good for all people. We need to work together to rapidly

bring about the transition to other forms of energy, and curtail the efforts of the fossil fuel industry to invest more in oil and gas. Right now, when we should be reducing our dependence on fossil fuel, we're expanding it, by investing in new extreme energy infrastructure that's causing harmful impacts all over the country. This is a last-ditch effort by the industry to reach far-flung and extreme forms of energy, like tar sands and fracked oil and gas, and squeeze a bit more out of the earth. We all have to work together to stop this.

Ilyana: Where does New York State stand on fracking right now?

Wes Gilliam: For now the six-year moratorium on fracking in New York remains in place, although we won't know until after the election, at the earliest, what decision Governor Cuomo will make about

the future of fracking in our state. Catskill Mountainkeeper and others have consistently called on Governor Cuomo to order a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment of fracking by a qualified and independent body, but he has yet to do so. Instead, he directed the State Department of Health (DOH) to evaluate a "review" of the health impacts of fracking, which is a fundamentally different process, one that is less comprehensive, transparent or objective. The Governor stated the regulatory review process on fracking would not be completed until this health review was finalized, and that his decision about whether to allow fracking in New York would be based on the science. However, the findings of the review have still not been made public, and the whole process has been highly secretive. While we await the findings of the review, we think it's vital to keep the pressure on Governor Cuomo—to let him know that a majority of New Yorkers oppose fracking, and that nothing short of a permanent statewide ban is acceptable.

Ilyana: What can we, the Coop community do to help?

Wes Gilliam: There's a lot you can do. Take a look at the "Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking (Unconven-

tional Oil and Gas Extraction)," compiled by the group Concerned Health Professionals of NY, and educate yourself as to the many reasons why fracking is impacting our health and environment. Make phone calls to Governor Cuomo asking him to ban fracking in New York. And contact your state senators to request hearings on the risks of oil and gas infrastructure expansion in New York. This is a critical issue that our state leaders need to be looking at more closely. And take a look at where your money is, and vote with your dollars. If you have investments in companies that build pipelines or otherwise are contrib-

uting to our continued dependence on fossil fuels, pull that money out and put it somewhere else, with a more socially responsible company or cause. Reach out to other local organizations or groups that are involved in the climate and renewable energy movement, and find out about other opportunities to get out and make your voice heard. ■



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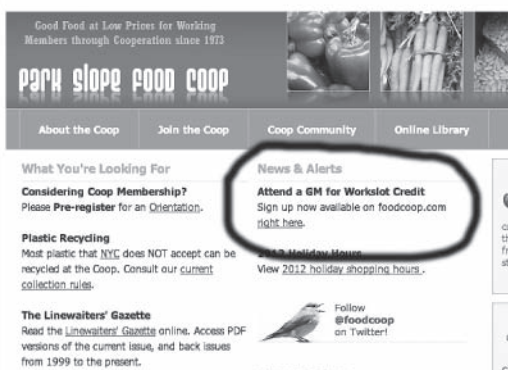
CALLING EXPERIENCED INDEXERS!

Help the Archives Committee create a subject index of the notes that have been taken at every General Meeting from 1976 to the present. From administrative decisions to committee reports to product sale debates, these GM notes need an index to make one of the Coop's most important primary sources more accessible.

This is a temporary project and can be done for FTOP or make-up credit. If you're interested, please e-mail archivecommittee@psfc.coop by December 31 and tell us about your interest and skills in indexing, as well as how long you've been a Coop member.



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



INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD

Letter to Brooklyn Representatives: Vote NO on Trade Agreement Fast Track

By Susan Metz, Vicky Castillo
and Willy Naess for the ITES

The International Trade Education Squad (ITES) sent Brooklyn Representatives another letter calling for a NO vote on Fast Track on trade agreements, substantially the same letter we sent last year. We were authorized to study "free trade," particularly the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). If a Fast Track bill passes, no time for study would be permitted. Fast Track would give the President authority to sign an international treaty without the Congressional oversight that is written into the U.S. Constitution. The President would hand all 29 complicated chapters to legislators 90 days before they would each have one vote—yes or no on the whole package. During this "lame duck" session, after an election with so much money spent and voter turnout so low (30% in NY State), what will come before the Congress is unpredictable. ■

Dear Representative,

Among the 16,400 members of the Park Slope Food Coop we have been studying and discussing in our publications and meetings how international trade agreements might impact on our individual lives, our collective enterprise and our community. Founded in 1973, the Coop has grown to be a large and influential institution in central Brooklyn. Members work to maintain our store as well as an extensive website and a bi-weekly newspaper, the *Linewaiters' Gazette*.

Since the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) are negotiated in secret with alarmingly little mass media coverage, we recently created a work squad to investigate for ourselves. We expect that you will help us to get the information before an agreement we never examined controls public policy. Thank you for voting NO on Fast Track. We count on you to support our aspirations for participatory democracy.

Democracy requires that the full text of the TPP, the TTIP be available to elected officials, to the press, advocacy groups and to the public. Democracy requires that the text be studied, publically debated and voted upon openly in Congress before the stipulations become obligations which bind all levels of government to conform to rules that supersede laws developed through our legislative process.

We have seen ample evidence of harmful repercussions of the WTO, NAFTA, DR-CAFTA and the series of bi-lateral agreements in signatory nations including the U.S.

Sections leaked from the current negotiations (developed behind closed doors with advice from 600 representatives of multi-national corporations) indicate additional havoc would be caused by restricting the ability of communities to govern ourselves on issues as important as:

- Local procurement of goods and services for local projects, including Buy America

- Regulating food safety, including labeling of GMOs and country of origin of imports
- Protecting against contamination of water, soil and air, as in fracking for natural gas
- Retaining and creating jobs, including the right to organize and bargain collectively in unions for decent working conditions and wages
- Maintaining open and inclusive access to the Internet
- Expanding access to life-saving medications
- Maintaining a strong national court system that allows the government to enforce regulation of corporate profit-seeking behavior, among others

The Park Slope Food Coop joins a wide variety of self-organized associations in a formidable coalition calling for NO on Fast Track.

The Citizens Trade Campaign (CTC) is a national coalition whose members include Americans for Democratic Action, Communications Workers of America, Friends of the Earth U.S., Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, National Family Farm Coalition, National Farmers Union, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, Sierra Club, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, United Mineworkers of America, United Students Against Sweatshops and Witness for Peace among many others.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment to the struggle for a truly participatory democracy. We look forward to meeting with you to share our perspectives when the new Congress convenes in 2015. We will be pleased to publicize your answer to this letter. Thank you for a prompt and full response.

Most sincerely and respectfully,
Susan Metz, Vicky Castillo and Willy Naess for the ITES

**The Agenda Committee is
urgently seeking new members!**
Join the Committee and
help set the monthly
General Meeting agenda.

Requirements:

- ◆ Attend monthly Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Attend at least five General Meetings per year
- ◆ Have a cooperative spirit and willingness to work in a collaborative committee environment
- ◆ Be interested in the ongoing business of the Coop
- ◆ Have a good attendance record

If interested, contact Ann Herpel at 718-622-0560 or ann_herpel@psfc.coop. The Committee will interview applicants before submitting candidates to the GM for election. We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop's membership.



PSFC Construction Committee Needs Another Welder

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

E-mail: ibraim_dauti@psfc.coop



EDITORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Writers of Letters to the *Linewaiters' Gazette*

Dear Letter Writers,

We believe the purpose of the Letters section of the *Linewaiters' Gazette* is to give Coop members a platform to express themselves on issues that they feel are important, that is, important to the Coop and/or important to Coop members as "citizens of the world." We believe the Coop, at 16,000 members, can be likened to a not-so-small town, and the *Gazette* is an important means of communication for this community.

For some time now we have read letters complaining about how political topics, particularly issues in the Middle East pertaining to Israel and the Palestinians, should not be in the *Gazette*—particularly after the referendum on whether to vote on whether or not to boycott Israeli products was decided in the negative—because they do not pertain to Coop business or Coop life.

The argument is routinely made that that issue

has been decided for the Coop, and therefore letters about it have no place in the *Gazette*. The Letters section is flooded with letters about the coercion of journalists in Gaza; newsletter-type summaries of international events relating to the Middle East; and most recently a letter that threatens to be a serial column about Darwinism, and purports to be a protest that exemplifies the absurdity of the *Gazette* printing letters on Middle East politics that are equally irrelevant to Coop life.

It has even come to our attention that some letters are template letters, letters pre-written espousing a certain viewpoint and signed and submitted by others. The overall effect of all this letter writing (intended or not) is to overwhelm the pages of the *Gazette* with letters, much the same as a "denial of service" (DOS) attack on a website is aimed at shutting down a targeted website by

flooding it with a cascade of meaningless inquiries, a tactic used famously by the cyber-collective Anonymous against credit card companies to protest the arrest of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange.

The operative words here are "denial of service." The *Gazette* is a service, and the effect (intended or otherwise) of flooding the *Gazette* with letters (some patently absurd) is to deny the service to the intended users.

The Letters section of the *Gazette* isn't Nasdaq or Visa or Mastercard (all targets of these DOS attacks) or the editorial board of *The New York Times*. It is a free-speech platform created to allow Coop members to communicate with each other. Issues of world, regional and local politics are of importance to members of the Coop community, and they should be allowed—even encouraged—in order to let members express their opinions.

What is equally important is that letter writers use this platform of the Letters section reasonably, respect-

fully and civilly—as responsible members of the Coop community. To this end, the editors would like to share new policies the have created for letters and member submissions. They are aimed at promoting civil discourse, and the use of the Letters section to express the letter writers' original opinions. These new policies are published on page 12 in this edition of the *Gazette* but in brief they are:

No gratuitous personalization. That is, no unnecessary naming of Coop members in polemical letters and articles. Writers are encouraged to deal with ideas not persons. [This is spelled out in detail in the policies.]

No letters or articles that are more than 25% non-original writing. That is, writing should be mainly original thought or opinion of the writer, not pass-along reporting from other sources.

To repeat, the aim of these new policies and the existing policies of fairness and respect is to encourage civil and respectful

discourse within the Coop community. But editorial policies aside, the most important and effective way to encourage and maintain civil discourse is for letter writers to guide themselves responsibly. If a letter is self-described as "drivel," please think twice before submitting it and having the editors, layout workers, copy inputters and others spend their workslot time reviewing and preparing it for publication.

If a letter is pre-written and circulated to you for a rubber-stamp signature, please think at least once if you want someone else putting words in your mouth. For the *Gazette* to shut down legitimate discourse on topics of interest to Coop members would be a "denial of service," unacceptable to the spirit of the *Gazette* and the Coop. So we are asking letter and article writers to accept the "messiness" of democracy and to uphold its decency and to write responsibly, respectfully and thoughtfully. ■

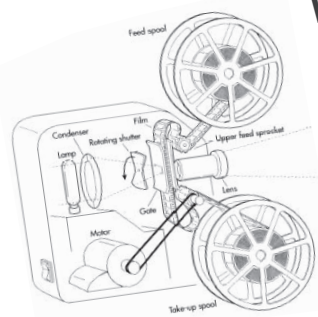
Erik Lewis
Co-Coordinating Editor,
Linewaiters' Gazette



ARE YOU A BROOKLYN-BASED FILMMAKER?

Would you like to screen your work at the Coop?

Then submit your film for possible inclusion in the Coop's Friday Film Night Screening Series.



If you're a Coop member you'll receive one FTOP credit for screening and offering a Q+A with your film. If you're not a member, it's still a chance to spread the word about your work and build your fan base by screening for a local audience.

We accept documentary and fiction, both features and shorts (we program shorts as a group).

Please e-mail Gabriel Rhodes for details at gabrielrhodes@me.com.

MEMBER SUBMISSION

From the Express Line

By Robert L. Graziano

What truly makes our Coop different is the quality of our membership. Each member has a story, and some should be passed on. So here is a simple story told to me by one of our members. We were on the "express checkout line" the other day....

The lady in front of me recounted that her father was a public relations official with the New York Yankees. His job required that he travel extensively with the team. Spring training was in St. Petersburg, Florida, while the summer season was spent in the Bronx, or on the road. It is not surprising, therefore, that strong friendships developed between the front office and the players. One day her father took his daughter to breakfast at a New York hotel. From there the plan was to go to Yankee Stadium and watch the team's baseball game. In the middle of breakfast, Mickey Mantle, the "Home

Run King," walked in and joined them. The young girl was mesmerized by the blonde giant. The young girl read the sports pages with her father, and had memorized the team's statistics. And here was Mickey at the table. He spoke with them for a while. She listened to the conversation quietly. As he was about to leave, he asked her father if they would be attending the game that day. The young girl spoke up hardly able to contain her pent up excitement, "Yes!" she enthusiastically responded. He looked directly at her and said "I'll hit a home run for you today."

At the game, the young girl and her father were seated in the best seats directly behind the Yankees' dugout. All of her heroes were within arms reach. Sitting next to her was a boy about her age. As they watched the game the young girl tried to be friendly, and share her excitement for the game. She

explained that she was very friendly with the players and that she had breakfast with Mickey Mantle that morning. The boy seemed skeptical. She assured him it was true, and as a matter of fact, he had promised to hit a home run for her today. You can imagine how that declaration was received.

As the game progressed, Mickey got his chance at bat. The third pitch went sailing out into the center field seats: a home run! The stadium went wild. Mickey Mantle trotted around the bases in his inimitable style. As he passed home plate he waved to the crowd and proceeded to the dugout. Just before entering it, he looked up into the stands and noticed the young girl. His face broke out in a broad grin, he pointed to her and called out, "That one was just for you young lady."

Sixty years later, the lady on the express line said that the memory of the expression on that young boy's face still makes her smile, it was priceless. "Next!" ■

MEMBER SUBMISSION

Editorial Policy: Selective Disrespect

By Sylvia Lowenthal

The expression “Never Again” is a response to the Holocaust slaughter of six-million Jews during World War II. It expresses the Jewish determination to never stand by and allow people to be killed for the crime of being Jewish. It reminds us of what human beings are capable of and what can happen if we are not vigilant.

Distorting and trivializing the meaning of the Jewish expression “Never Again,” a recent *Gazette* article with that title (10/30/14) applies it to the Nazi theft of Jewish property. The piece begins by quoting a Holocaust survivor: “Little by little, our non-Jewish neighbors had begun stealing things from us. Their behavior was deemed acceptable because we were Jews.” This sentence is subsequently modified to suggest equivalence between what the Nazis did to the Jews and what the Jews have done to Palestinians: “If we simply move the location of the prefix ‘non-’ ...we have a concise description of the crux of the ongoing Palestinian ‘Nakba’ (catastrophe): Little by little, our Jewish neighbors had begun stealing things from us. Their behavior was deemed acceptable because we were non-Jews.” (This, of course, ignores the historical rights of Jews).

There are so many layers of profound misunderstanding, deception and defamation in this juxtaposition that it is breathtaking:

(1) It reduces the Holocaust to the theft of property.

(2) It compares Jews to Nazis. This inflammatory inversion—playing the “Nazi card” (“the Nazification of Israel”¹)—is proscribed under the Ottawa Protocol

on Combating Antisemitism² and other international covenants.

(3) It subscribes to the delusion that the formation of Israel was a catastrophe for Palestinians on the order of the Holocaust.

(4) It attributes the Israeli/Palestinian conflict to conjectured Jewish racism rather than the ongoing threat posed by endless terrorist attacks against Israel and its citizens by peace-rejecting groups and individuals unwilling to tolerate a Jewish neighboring state (see Hamas charter³) or, for that matter, any Jewish presence whatsoever in the Middle-East.

The “Working Definition of Anti-Semitism” developed by the European Monitoring Center of Racism and Xenophobia⁴, adapted by the U.S. Department of State, includes a section titled “What is Anti-Semitism Relative to Israel?” Examples include: “Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis,” “Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist.” The latter two comprise the underlying principles of the BDS movement, unbeknownst to some supporters who believe the goal is an equitable and secure two-state solution.

After almost six years of back-and-forth letters, it’s incomprehensible that *Gazette* editors fail to appreciate the selectively prejudicial bias and animus of the BDS movement, condemned even by progressive critics of Israel like Noam Chomsky who noted that an M.I.T call to divest from Israeli universities “could [be] and was attacked as pure anti-Semitism, unfortunately with justice”⁵.

Editors have repeatedly published previously discredited falsehoods such as hyperbolic claims of Israeli “massacres” during self-defense operations. (One such claim was recently contradicted by the highest ranking U.S. military officer, General Martin Dempsey who noted that Israel went to “extraordinary lengths” to limit civilian casualties in the recent war in Gaza and that the Pentagon had sent a team to see what lessons could be learned from the operation⁶). This failure demonstrates why the editors are supremely unqualified to monitor writings about Israel (and by association, Jews) and are therefore incapable of applying their much-heralded and much-ignored policy of respect when it comes to

related propaganda.

At this particular time in the two-millennia history of Jewish demonization, persecution, exclusion, expulsion, and genocide, the term “Never Again” means that Jews will not stand idly by as global anti-Semitism morphs into its latest incarnations (with acts including South African boycotters dumping a pig’s head into a supermarket’s kosher meat section, the murders at the Belgian Jewish Museum, calls for isolating Israeli academics, artists and even athletes, and calls for “death to Jews” and the destruction of Israel as a sovereign democratic Jewish state). Yet our Food Coop has cravenly chosen to contribute to this crusade by ceaselessly and shamelessly publishing the repetitious, hateful and group defamatory diatribes that BDS supporters submit.

(Editors: Kindly refrain from appending the usual Coop mantra: free speech über alles. It simply doesn’t fly. This is a food coop, not the Internet, not an academic institution, not a country, and not an international criminal court.) ■

¹ <http://www.eisca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/nazicard.pdf>

² European Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism: <http://www.crr.ca/en/news-a-events/articles/item/24188-ottawa-protocol-on-combating-antisemitism>

³ http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/hamas.asp

⁴ <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/156684.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5hY-gffV0M>

⁶ <http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/11/06/israel-usa-gaza-idINKBN0IQ2MI20141106>

Coop Job Openings: Friday/Saturday & Saturday/Sunday Receiving Coordinators

Description:

The Coop is hiring two part-time Receiving Coordinators to work on the weekends. One position will be Fridays and Saturdays. The other position will be on Saturdays and Sundays. Schedules to be determined and will include evening hours.

The part-time Weekend Receiving Coordinators oversee the smooth functioning of the Coop. Along with other Coordinators, they support Squad Leaders and squads to keep the store well stocked, ensure that produce quality is maintained and member questions are answered.

The Coop is looking for reliable, responsible self-starters who have:

- Excellent interpersonal skills. Able to cooperate with a diverse group of co-workers and members
- Proven ability to prioritize tasks, teach/explain procedures, delegate work and give feedback
- Patience and ability to work in a hectic surrounding
- Attention to detail and good organizational skills
- Facility with computers, Macintosh a plus
- Ability to lift or move up to 50 lbs. repeatedly and work in cold environments
- Experience working in a grocery environment a plus

Hours: Approx. 16 hours in 2 days, either Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday.

The Coop is looking for candidates who strongly desire a part-time schedule for the foreseeable future. Ability to occasionally work another shift during the week is a plus. As a retail business, the Coop’s busiest times are during traditional holiday seasons. Applicants must be prepared to work during many of the holiday periods, particularly in the winter.

Wages: \$26.24/hour.

Benefits: This position offers no benefits except for New York City mandated sick pay.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the Park Slope Food Coop for at least one year immediately prior to application. Must have experience working on a Receiving/Stocking squad.

How to Apply:

E-mail your resumé and cover letter to hc-receivingcoordinator@psfc.coop. Please put “Friday/Saturday Receiving Coordinator” or “Saturday/Sunday Receiving Coordinator” in the subject field. If you are available to work either position please put “both positions” in the subject field. Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledging receipt of their materials. Please do not call the Membership Office to check on the status of your application. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis until the position has been filled. If you applied to a previous Coop job offering, please re-submit your materials.

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

Attention
children’s
book
writers and
illustrators!

The Food Coop’s Fun Committee is considering a future children’s book fair event and wants to find a pool of children’s book writers and illustrators who might be interested in participation.

If you are and are interested, please contact Tasha Paley at tashapal@gmail.com



COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS'
GAZETTE

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

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

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

Committee Reports: Maximum 1,000 words.

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

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

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

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

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Friday, December 19, 8:00 p.m.

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



Singer, songwriter and arranger **Pyeng Threadgill** grew up surrounded by music and steeped in New York's downtown arts scene. Drawing influences from a vibrant mix of jazz, funk, soul and the blues, she channels an earthy, celebratory strength in her voice, as heard on her recordings *Sweet Home: The Music of Robert Johnson* (2004), *Of the Air* (2005) and *Portholes to a Love* (2009), which won her a fellowship from the New York Foundation for the Arts. At this year's Prospect Concert show self titled "SNOW," Pyeng shares her musical boundaries in unique interpretations of songs from her catalog and personal favorites.



An entertainer with outrageous visions and smiles for miles, **Elijah Tucker** and his band, including Craig Dreyer on keys and sax, creates a warm Rock 'n Soul party anytime they take the stage. "Tucker evokes all the joys of rock and roll on [his second solo release] *Saturn*, but underscores it with a thoughtfulness and maturity that is compelling." —Wildy Haskel, *Wildy's World*

www.facebook.com/ProspectConcerts

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

RETURN POLICY

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FOOD COOP

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

REQUIRED FOR ANY RETURN

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

CAN I EXCHANGE MY ITEM?

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

CAN I RETURN MY ITEM?

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

NEVER
RETURNABLE

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

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

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

RETURNABLE

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

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COOP CALENDAR

New Member Orientations

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

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

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop

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General Meeting Info

TUE, DECEMBER 2

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.

Submissions will be considered for the January 27 General Meeting.

Tue, JANUARY 27

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Gazette Deadlines

Letters & Voluntary Articles:

Dec. 11 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, December 1
Dec. 25 issue: 12:00 p.m., Mon, December 15

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Dec. 11 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, December 3
Dec. 25 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, December 17

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, January 27, 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.)

- Submit Open Forum items
- Explore meeting literature

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

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

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

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

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

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

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

• Advance Sign-up required:

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

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

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

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

• Certain Squads not eligible:

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

• Attend the entire GM:

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

• Signing in at the Meeting:

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

• Being Absent from the GM:

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

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

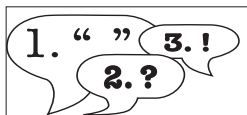
The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values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

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FOOD COOP

calendar of events

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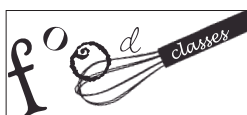
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dec 4
thu 7:30 pm

Food Class: Sound Food



In this class, along with preparing delicious, seasonal, healing vegan recipes, we will integrate principles of sound healing, energy work and promotion of stress-free, uplifting meal preparation to support sound body, mind and spirit. **Chef Hideyo** was born and raised in Tokyo, where she was trained as a sushi chef. She has also worked as a Japanese chef and a pastry chef in New York City. She graduated from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition and Natural Gourmet Institute. Currently, she is working as a chef instructor at the Natural Gourmet Institute. She is also working as a private chef and a health coach. She specializes in cooking vegan, gluten-free and refined sugar-free food. She also specializes in cooking a wide variety of fish and in finding new and healthier ways to prepare seafood. **Stuart Silverman, M.D.**, is an integrative physician, board certified in child, adolescent and adult psychiatry. He received his diploma from the Natural Gourmet Institute in 2012, is a certified Sound and Music practitioner, is certified in acupuncture for physicians and is trained in Reiki. Stuart is interested in the synthesis of the healing and creative arts, and healthy cooking to promote overall well being. *Menu includes: comforting roasted autumn vegetables with coconut oil; heart-healthy warm rainbow swiss chard salad with flax seed oil dressing and hemp seed; kenchinjiru (calming sauteed root vegetable miso soup with sesame seeds); uplifting avocado chocolate coconut mousse with banana cream.* **ASL interpreter may be available upon advance request. If you would like to request an ASL interpreter, please contact Ginger Jung in the Membership Office by November 20.** **Materials fee: \$4. Food classes are coordinated by Coop member Susan Baldassano.**

dec 5
fri 7 pm

Film Night: Happy Valley



In his newest film, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker **Amir Bar-Lev** (*My Kid Could Paint That*, *The Tillman Story*) takes audiences on a thought-provoking journey into the town of State College, the home of Penn State University, an area long known as "Happy Valley." The film delves into the culture of a school, town and country where football is religion; into the world of Joe Paterno, Penn State's iconic head football coach for more than four decades; and into the days, months and years leading up to November 2011, when everything came crashing down. Bar-Lev's directorial credits include *Fighter* (2001), *My Kid Could Paint That* (2007), and *The Tillman Story* (2010), for which he won an Emmy. Bar-Lev also directed the music documentaries *Re:Generation* (2011) and *12.12.12* (2013). Bar-Lev co-produced the documentary *Trouble The Water*, 2008 Sundance Grand Jury Prize Winner and 2009 Academy Award Nominee. He is currently directing a documentary on The Grateful Dead. **To book a Film Night, contact Gabriel Rhodes, gabrielrhodes@me.com.**

dec 7
sun 12 pm

Sound and Health Through Music

Experience the enchantment of Indian ragas as you join violinist **Michael Braudy** in a unique meditative journey listening to and enjoying magical patterns of music. Music relaxes our bodies and minds and offers calmness and enhanced focus. Coop member Braudy is a violinist who specializes in the music of India, Western classical and Celtic music. He collaborates with poets, storytellers, dancers and actors and performs in the U.S. and abroad. He has also explored the effects of music on health, and teaches workshops worldwide on sound and meditation.

dec 7
sun 4:30–6:30 pm

International Folk Dancing



An evening of folk dancing by members of the Park Slope Food Coop. Celebrating the diversity of the Coop. If you are interested in leading folk dances (for possible workslot credit), please contact sung.uni.lee@gmail.com. Free event. Refreshments available. Presented by the PSFC Fun Committee. **Event takes place at Spoke the Hub, 748 Union St., Brooklyn.**

dec 9
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: Food Design



Food Design takes a look at the secret chambers of a major manufacturer of food, where designers and scientists are defining your favorite mouthful of tomorrow. It shows how form, color, smell, consistency, the sounds made during eating, manufacturing technique, history and stories are all aspects of food and eating that both influence food design, and are created by it.

dec 19
fri 8 pm

Pyeng Threadgill, Elijah Tucker



Singer, songwriter and arranger **Pyeng Threadgill** grew up surrounded by music and steeped in New York's downtown arts scene. Drawing influences from a vibrant mix of jazz, funk, soul and the blues, she channels an earthy, celebratory strength in her voice, as heard on her recordings *Sweet Home: The Music of Robert Johnson* (2004), *Of the Air* (2005) and *Portholes to a Love* (2009), which won her a fellowship from the New York Foundation for the Arts. At this year's Prospect Concert show self-titled "SNOW," Pyeng shares her musical boundaries in unique interpretations of songs from her catalog and personal favorites. An entertainer with outrageous visions and smiles for miles, **Elijah Tucker** and his band, including Craig Dreyer on keys and sax, creates a warm Rock 'n Soul party anytime they take the stage. "Tucker evokes all the joys of rock and roll on [his second solo release] *Saturn*, but underscores it with a thoughtfulness and maturity that is compelling."—Wildy Haskel, *Wildy's World* **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.**



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

All events take place at the Park Slope Food Coop unless otherwise noted. Nonmembers are welcome to attend workshops. Views expressed by the presenter do not necessarily represent the Park Slope Food Coop.

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dec 30
tue 7 pm

Learn to Read Your Labels

Reading labels on your food can be tricky. What does “all-natural,” “USDA-organic,” “GMO-free,” “gluten-free” mean? Learn to read your products and the meaning of ingredients. Having the knowledge gives you the choice of what you buy. This presentation will define the different food labels and teach you how to read your produce and packaged food labels. Learn how to read your cosmetics and how to have a safe kitchen and bathroom for you and your family. Coop member **Arianna Sertoli** is a health coach certified from the Integral Institute of Nutrition, is a yoga teacher certified at Yoga Works and Bend & Bloom, and is an advocate for Beautycounter cosmetics. She is from Italy and moved to the United States 11 years ago.

jan 2
fri 7 pm

Film Night

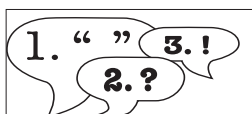


Film to be announced.

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jan 6
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jan 9
fri 7 pm

Wordsprouts: New Poetry for a New Year



Join us for an evening with three Brooklyn poets, reading some of their new poems, and discussing writing poetry. **Taylor Mali** is one of the most well-known poets to have emerged from the poetry slam movement and one of the original poets to appear on the HBO series

“Def Poetry Jam.” A four-time National Poetry Slam champion, he is the author of two collections of poetry and a book of essays, *What Teachers Make: In Praise of the Greatest Job in the World*. **Susan Brennan**’s poems appear in various publications. Her chapbook, *numinous*, is forthcoming from Finishing Line Press. *Drunken Oasis*, her full-length book of poems, is published by Rattapallax Press. She co-wrote *Vegas—Based on a True Story*, which premiered in competition at the 2008 Venice and 2009 Tribeca Film Festivals, and wrote the script for the award-winning, million-plus-hits Web series, *Verse*, a poetry murder mystery. **Caitlin Grace McDonnell**’s chapbook of poems, *Dreaming the Tree*, was published by Belladonna Press in 2003 and her first full-length book, *Looking for Small Animals*, was published by Nauset Press in 2013. Her poems and book reviews have been published in *JMWW*, *Washington Square*, *Chronogram* and others periodicals.

jan 10
sat 2–5 pm

Auditions For Our Coop Kids’ Variety Show



Coop members ages 4-18 may audition on Saturday, January 10, 2-5 p.m. or Sunday, January 18, 12-3 p.m. in the Coop second-floor meeting room. To reserve an audition spot contact **Martha Siegel**, 718-965-3916, msiegel105@earthlink.net. You must audition to be in the show. Polished act not required for audition; we can help you polish it. Singers and other musicians,

poets, jugglers, stand-up comics, rappers, dancers, magicians, gymnasts, etc. (no lip-syncing please). Performance date is Saturday, March 7. New show time is 5 p.m. at the Old First Church. We look forward to hearing from you!

Another audition takes place on Sunday, January 18, 12-3 p.m.

Performance date is Saturday, March 7, 5 p.m., at Old First Church.

jan 13
tue 7 pm

Safe Food Committee Film Night: The Story of Seeds



Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds. A film by Coop member **Sean Kaminsky**. Most people don’t know that one of the world’s most precious resources is at risk. Seeds provide the basis for everything from fabric, to food, to fuels. Seeds are as essential to life as the air

we breathe or water we drink. Over the past 100 years, seeds have steadily shifted from being common heritage to sovereign property. Large corporations are stealing seed varieties from under us by slowly patenting them. Corporate-owned seeds now account for 82% of the worldwide market. This groundbreaking film will help others learn what is at stake and what can be done.

jan 16
fri 8 pm

Jenny Hill & Liquid Horn, Tomas Rodriguez



Jenny Hill presents an evening of music inspired by Brazil, Africa, and American jazz, featuring **Todd Isler** on drums and percussion, **Jerome Harris** on bass, **Debbie**

Deane on vocals, and **Stefan Bauer** on vibes. Jenny Hill, saxophonist and flautist, is currently working with the Easy Star All-Stars, Denis Leary and the Enablers, and leads her own jazz group, Liquid Horn. Bill Milkowski of *Jazz Times* calls her “an accomplished composer-arranger and first-rate soloist, with some bold playing on tenor, soprano and flute. Highly recommended.” **Tomas Rodriguez** has a unique repertoire for the solo guitar based in the folkloric music of Galicia, Spain, of his ancestors, coupled with little-known and unique arrangements of the music of the African kora and touching on contemporary flamenco. Rodriguez’ own compositions, emerging from these diverse musical inspirations, include original choros, Venezuelan waltzes and flamenco granainas. Critic Norman Weinstein (*Christian Science Monitor*) wrote, “Rodriguez plays with a passionate originality, with an individual touch, drawing from the musical heart of the Latin world. The folk and classical traditions of Spain and South America are richly evident in his playing, but he transmutes them into a sound clearly, fervently his own.” He is joined by **Barry Kornhauser** (bass, cello) and **Urbano Sanchez** (percussion).

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.



still to come

jan 18 Auditions For Our Coop Kids’ Variety Show

jan 22 Food Class

jan 27 PSFC JANUARY General Meeting

jan 30 Cheese Class

feb 3 Agenda Committee Meeting

feb 5 Food Class

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A SIMPLE IDEA:
POST THE SHIFT
CALENDAR IN THE
GAZETTE

TO THE EDITOR,

It would be SO helpful if the *Linewaiters' Gazette* could post the shift calendar for a couple of consecutive months in every issue of the paper. The A-B-C-D week calendar on the website does NOT allow you to look at several subsequent months, only the current month. Who hasn't made a mistake about the designated weeks? I know I have, and I have called the office and found the office worker I talked to also made a mistake.

There really is enough stuff in the *Gazette* to easily find two square inches to do this! At the very least, you might post the details for one month in the future, since the website has the current month.

Kate Garrison

TIME FOR A COOP
MAKEOVER?

MEMBERS,

Recently, I have been struck by the contrasting experience of shopping at the Coop and the way that merchandise is presented at the Union St. Market just down the block. I doubt the produce at the Union St. Market is any better, but the staff has managed to display fruits and vegetables in a very attractive manner. Shopping at the Coop is not a negative experience, but the overall impression is that of a slightly funky place which hasn't changed much over the years. Is it time for a makeover? I am sure that there are Coop members who have expertise in design and who might be willing to advise.

Nikolas Kozloff

MY RETIREMENT
REVEALED THE
WONDERS OF THE
COOP!

DEAR EDITOR:

The report from the General Meeting about Coop retirement policy ("GM Report," October 16, 2014) led me to think about my own experience of the Coop now that I am retired from my job. The Coop turns out to be one of the many perks of retirement. Who knew? My husband has always been the chief Coop shopper, hopping on his bike outfitted with panniers early on weekend mornings, back home before I am up and fully functional. All that changed when I retired. I have rediscovered the joy of cooking (the experience, not the book), and when I am inspired I take my shopping list and go to the Coop. I also stop in on my way to and from other activities in the neighborhood. I experience the Coop at its best, that is, when it is uncrowded. I have the time and, because it is not crowded,

the space, to explore nooks of the Coop that I have never fully explored (face creams and cleansers, anyone?), and search out new products in sections I am very familiar with (red rice, anyone?).

I am not eligible to retire from working at the Coop, and won't be for years. Would I retire now if I could? Definitely not! Time has been one of the gifts of retirement; I can work at the Coop without feeling that I am stealing time from my family or my job or myself. I also have time to appreciate the wonder of the Coop as an organization that, if truth be told, I have not fully appreciated in the past.

Judith Sackoff

EDEN FOODS: RUSH
TO JUDGEMENT

TO THE EDITOR,

I wish that there could have been more discussion in the *Gazette* before the GM voted to censor Eden Foods; I can't make GMS. And what interest group got a feature article published for action, but none against? I wrote asking that the Coop not take partisan political stands, but it was published after the decision, and now there is no alternative but to contend.

It is tempting to respond in kind to those who voted to "intervene with this relative [Eden Foods] who has lost his way" [November 13th issue of the *Gazette*]. I think it more useful not to deal on that level, but on issues.

It is alleged that Eden Foods is "seeking to deny reproductive health care coverage." Isn't it ironic that a company known for organic foods, "consistently high quality," and "past good behavior" as an employer would violate employee rights "out of personal [conscientious] conviction"?

Pregnancy is a natural process, not a disease or health care crisis, and conception is likewise a natural healthy process, not a disease or disability. If someone wants to prevent or terminate pregnancy, that is a choice, but I don't want to pay for what is an entirely elective procedure. Now it is true that health issues are sometimes involved, but that is not the situation in the vast majority of cases that we are discussing here. There is no reason, therefore, that contraception or abortion, in the vast majority of cases, has any place in

a health care insurance bill, especially when extremely offensive to such a huge portion of the population.

But this is not about contraception. Contraceptives are available free, and no contraceptive is 100% effective. Therefore, sooner or later, the use of contraceptives is normally going to lead to pregnancies and in some of those cases to abortions. So this controversial health mandate is really about paying for abortions. As for contraception, the most effective form of contraception, by far, is Natural Family Planning, as evaluated in field tests among people taking classes and in third world countries. I am sure that Eden Foods supports this "organic" and "natural" approach.

But this is why Alison Rose Levy, in an October 16th *Gazette* article, put such emphasis on the position of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Congress that contraception supposedly "reduces fetal ... morbidity and mortality" and "need for abortion." She doesn't say that this is because the OG Congress defines human life as beginning not at conception, but at implantation, and that the Embryologists, who should know, and Pediatricians, as well as a majority of the OG membership, last time I checked, and the science all disagree and that the OG Congress did it not for scientific reasons, but for political reasons, precisely because it would be difficult to sell products that by definition cause pre-fetal morbidity/mortality.

Abortion side effects include significant maternal mortality.

The law is about solving poverty with abortion. It's a partisan political nightmare.

Daniel Marshall

ADDITIONAL NEW POLICIES ON
LETTERS AND MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

In the interest of promoting civil discourse and upholding the main purpose of letter and member submissions to the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, the Editorial Board of the *Gazette* has created additional policies for "Letters to the Editor" and member submissions:

Letters and member submissions cannot contain gratuitous personalization—that is, needlessly identifying a Coop member and directing the substance of the letter/article to him or her, as in a polemical debate. Letters and articles should deal mainly with ideas and not persons. Letter/article writers will be asked to reword their submissions in accordance with this guideline.

Letters and member submissions must be mainly (that is 75% or more) original writing, and the opinion of the writer. Submissions that are essentially cut-and-paste, pass-along writing from other publications will be rejected, and the writer asked to re-submit with original writing.

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—The Editors, *Linewaiters' Gazette*

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

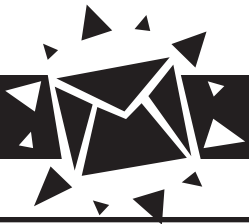
In order to provide fair, comprehensive, factual coverage:

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.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BDS/MIDDLE EAST

318 EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS APPEAL TO THE EUROPEAN UNION TO SUSPEND THE EU-ISRAEL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

MEMBERS:

The EU-Israel Association Agreement: 318 human rights groups, trade unions and political parties across Europe have called for the European Union ("EU") to hold Israel accountable for its massacre of Gaza earlier this year by suspending the EU-Israel Association Agreement. Since 2000, the "association agreement" is the main framework for the close relationship between the EU and Israel, granting Israel preferential access to European markets. It allows Israel to participate in a wide variety of EU projects. Israeli ministries and weapons companies receive EU funding. By continuing the "association agreement," the EU is both providing "material support" to Israel's violations of international law and contributing to the climate of impunity and lack of accountability. The appeal, delivered to Federica Mogherini, the EU's new foreign policy chief, was one of the most widely endorsed statements by European organizations on Palestine to date.

The appeal highlights Israel's violations of international law: condemns Israel's latest massacre of Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip: 2,160+ killed, 10,800+ injured, 500,000+ displaced. The UN and other international bodies accuse Israel of deliberately targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, as well as other war crimes. "For decades, Israel has denied Palestinians the right to self-determination: seized territory and resources by force, transferred Palestinians from their land, brutally repressed those opposing its occupation. Immediately following the end of the Gaza massacre, Israel announced the confiscation of another 1,000 acres of Palestinian land in

the Bethlehem region of the occupied Palestinian West Bank, in order to expand its illegal settlements. The UN, the EU and other bodies accuse Israel of violations of international law in Palestinian occupied territory."

EU dialogue with Israel has failed: The EU has long argued that its close relations with Israel put it in a strong position to engage in dialog with Israel regarding its oppression of Palestinians, but Israel's brutal massacre of Gaza shows that this dialog has failed. With the continued existence of the "association agreement," the EU and its member states are sending Israel the message: it does not have to abide by international law. It is time for the EU to take actions that will pressure Israel to comply with international law."

The European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine (ECCP), (founded 1986) spearheaded the appeal. ECCP set up a website where people across Europe can contact members of the European Parliament, urging them to read the statement and support its demands. ECCP issued a position paper: The EU-Israel Association Agreement. Israel clearly violates Article 2: "relations between parties shall be based on respect for human rights and democratic principles guiding internal and international policy." EU suspended its "association agreement" with Sri Lanka in 2010, and applied restrictive measures on Russia regarding annexation of Ukrainian territory. EU's failure to apply similar measures to Israel is a double standard that amounts to support for Israel's continued violations of international law.

Source: Michael Deas

Mary Buchwald

Brooklyn For Peace

PSFC members for BDS

www.psfcbds.wordpress.com

DISTORTED HISTORY IN RIEMAN LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR,

The article "Never Again" that I wrote for the October 30 *Gazette* was mischaracterized by Coop member Michael Rieman (November

13 letter). He said that it was "meant to spur the reader to view Israel's actions toward Palestinians as equivalent to that of Nazis toward Jews." This is false and slanderous; no such equivalency is claimed or implied. We rightly decry the spurious claims of Holocaust deniers and should likewise recognize the reality of the Palestinian **Nakba** (Catastrophe) of 1948.

My article centered on the disparity of American attitudes to property thefts in two cases: property confiscated from Jews by German Nazis, and property confiscated from Christian and Muslim Palestinians by Jewish Zionists.

It was the Israeli **Plan Dalet**, orchestrated before the establishment of Israel in 1948 that led to many Palestinian deaths and the expulsion of over 700,000, and the seizure of their personal property. Associated with this great expulsion of the Christian and Muslim people of Palestine were many atrocities including the most famous, the **Deir Yassin** massacre. When the world demanded a ceasefire in 1949, Israel controlled approximately 78% of what was previously the British mandate of Palestine. In order for Israel to gain admittance to the United Nations, it agreed to abide by international law, and repatriate the expelled Christian and Muslim Palestinian refugees, but Israel never intended to honor this promise, and still has not until this day.

Jewish Israeli historian and socialist activist professor **Ilan Pappé**, College of Social Sciences and International Studies, University of Exeter, after extensive research of military and historical documents, described these events in great detail in his masterful book, **The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine**.

There was nothing remotely legal about these property confiscations, nor the subsequent confiscations of vast tracts of Palestinian lands in the West Bank, land captured by Israel in 1967. Often referred to today as the "Occupied Territories," most of the world condemns this Israeli conquest. These illegal land confiscations continue to this day, as Israel builds

Jewish only housing, roads, and industrial developments such as the SodaStream facility on land belonging to Palestinian Christians and Muslims. To attempt to hide these racist crimes of property theft with the label "eminent domain" is disingenuous or ignorant at best.

Readers interested in knowing more on these subjects will not need to search beyond Jewish writings and organizations. Read Jewish Israeli-American author **Josh Ruebner**, Policy Director, U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation; Jewish American author, journalist, and blogger **Max Blumenthal**; Jewish Israeli professor of history **Shlomo Sand**, Tel Aviv University; **B'Tselem**—The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories ("Order to demolish homes of Palestinians . . . is collective punishment that is both unlawful and immoral"); and **Jewish Voice for Peace**, New York.

Astute readers will not trust the Zionist label of "self-hating Jew," flung so frequently at Jews who disagree with the expansionist policies of Israel.

Thomas Cox

BDS - AMENDMENT TO SUBMISSION BYLAWS COVERING THE GAZETTE

TO THE EDITOR,

The motion to support BDS was handily defeated at a record turnout at a PSFC General meeting.

The *Gazette* continually publishes letters from the BDS supporters. As BDS is a lightly veiled anti-Israel and anti-Jewish movement it does not conform to the *Gazette* standards. It is a hate-mongering group that often spreads misinformation and has kidnapped the *Gazette*, with the result that very few people are sending articles to be published in the paper. Articles should be relevant to the Coop and its workings and philosophy.

I therefore propose an amendment to include *Gazette* editorial coverage in the bylaws, in order to cease publishing these hateful missives from an ill-informed group.

Please sign up to attend the next General Meeting on

December 18th* and support this amendment.

M. Alan Ettlinger

**Editor's Note: The December General Meeting is canceled. The next GM is January 27, 2015.*

BDS PROPAGANDA

TO THE EDITOR,

Over and over again, when questions on the BDS Issues column arise, editorial reflexively claims free speech. But propaganda is not free speech, nor is any forum predicated on one-sided political corruptness. By its very title, the column takes a side in the debate. It is not the Middle East Issues column or the Israel and Palestine Issues column; it is the BDS Issues column, which comes neatly as close to advocacy as an endorsement.*

Honest free speech forbids using the title of one side in any discussion. Why does editorial justify the continuation of a column when the paper should be supporting the Coop mission? It is not the Park Slope Debating Society or the Park Slope World Political Forum. The PSFC is about equality and justice. It is people working together for a realized ideal not a polarizing rant so distant from the truth that light years are inadequate to describe the disconnect between fact and fiction.

The editors seem not to ask whom does it serve? They distort the mission of the *Gazette* with polarizing folly that serves only the BDS propaganda mission. They fail to frame the paper for the benefit of the majority of members and instead enable a splinter group dedicated to repetitious dissonance.

The issue was concluded. A look at the annual report clearly shows the *Gazette* loses money. That alone is reason to keep it neutral and maximize its appeal. Who knows, maybe the paper could turn a profit if it aligned with why people shop at the Coop instead of a gripe column for the propagandists.

Rodger Parsons

**Editor's Note: The "BDS" Column was renamed the "BDS/Middle East" column as of September 18, 2014.*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BDS/MIDDLE EAST

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

DEAR EDITORS,

More voices for engaging constructively with Israel, and standing against bigotry.

www.facultyforacademicfreedom.org/

FacultyForAcademicFreedom.org. (As of 10/15/2014:) 1,471 signatures.

"We, the undersigned academics, (faculty, full time and part time, academic staff including librarians, researchers, post doctorates, technicians and technologists, administrators, and trustees) vigorously support free speech and free debate but we oppose faculty or student boycotts of Israel's academic institutions, scholars and students.

Our opposition is rooted in the following core principles.

1. Academic freedom: The BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement discriminates against Israeli institutions, professors, and students for no other reason than their nationality and the policies of their government. Thus BDS violates the very principle of academic freedom. Academic boycotts such as those promoted by BDS activists "are antithetical to the fundamental principles of the academy, where we will not hold intellectual exchange hostage to the political disagreements of the moment," according to a statement signed by 300 university presidents in 2007, and additional statements written by over 250 university presidents last year in response to the ASA boycott of Israel. The American Association of University Professors, other academic organizations, and more than forty Nobel Laureates have opposed all academic boycotts for this reason.

2. Truth: The factual record does not support the accusations and narratives of the BDS movement. Many are based on overstatements, cherry picked evidence, outright falsehood, or on disputed or highly biased data.

3. Peace: The two-state solution—which guarantees to both parties mutual recognition—enjoys the endorsement of the United Nations, the

United States, the European Union, and the Arab League. By demonizing and seeking to isolate one of the two parties to the peace process, the anti-Israel BDS movement sets itself apart from the global consensus for peace.

4. Access to World-leading Scholarship: BDS would have the practical impact of undermining academic cooperation and would deprive universities significant Israeli contributions in many academic areas, especially scientific research. It appears that such a loss is immaterial to the leaders in the BDS movement."

Martin Rosenberger

PROPOSAL FOR ENACTING 80% MINIMUM GM VOTE TO ENACT BDS BOYCOTT

DEAR MEMBERSHIP,

Please support the movement to cement the vote for any new boycott at an 80% majority.

By stating in her latest letter, "...where Palestinian Bedouins are being forcefully transferred [by Israel]...." Carol Wald is so preoccupied with boycotting Israel she misses the facts.

Bedouin do not fit into any known framework for boycotting Israel (most things don't anyway). Bedouin are Israeli citizens, not Palestinians. Culturally speaking, some Palestinians do not consider the Bedouin to be Palestinian, and many Bedouin do not consider themselves Palestinian. Bedouin received Israeli citizenship in 1954 and are the fastest growing minority group in Israel. Bedouin are represented at many levels of society, including the army. So while they have experienced displacement and discrimination by the Israeli government through the decades, the Bedouin are not a special case.

I welcome Ms. Wald's show of concern for Israeli citizens, but it suddenly appeared when she saw that SodaStream will relocate its factory from the West Bank to inside Israel proper (something she has advocated all the while) where it would indeed displace many Israeli Bedouin. This makes me question her authenticity

and her commitment to ideology over facts.

I also hope BDS's proud warrior-accountant can understand that SodaStream and sugary-drink companies across the board are losing revenue due to campaigns against obesity, not because of boycotts. If boycotting is about economics, though, perhaps Carol should study how SodaStream's relocation will cost hundreds of Palestinians their jobs.

I also question Thomas Cox, another proponent of boycotting Israel, who believes that reports by hundreds of international journalists exposing Hamas' use of human shields are fantasies. He states: "These self-serving claims come from Israel and its apologists alone, and are not verified." Hopefully he will recant this statement soon. I also hope that Mary Buchwald will recant her belief that Woody Allen boycotts Israel, based on Internet rumor so transparent it doesn't even qualify as spin.

The central problem with boycotts here isn't Israeli products. It's the possibility that a vocal and tiny minority of people will create and twist facts just to get a 51% majority vote. I think these voices are racist, and I fear that such a vote will force the Coop to publicly stand behind them. So I continue to advocate a proposal for enacting a formal 80% minimum vote at the general meeting to enact a boycott.

It's time to change the conversation, finally.

Thanks! Read a free comic! www.nimble-dog.com/one-step-behind-the-sun/

Best,

J. Rosenfeld

GAZETTE PLEASE CLARIFY YOUR GUIDELINE ON FAIRNESS

DEAR GAZETTE

EDITORS:

I applaud your efforts to provide a free speech platform for letters in the *Gazette*. I would like you to provide some clarification to your guidelines policy so that we can understand what to expect, and know that the guidelines are applied equally and fairly to all letters. I refer directly to your

guideline on Fairness.

Please explain:

1) How do you define "allegation" and "accusation" and what is the difference between the two.

2) What is your rubric for determining specificity of an accusation that you are willing to publish it?

3) You say an accusation must be "substantiated by factual assertion." What if the assertion is false? What is your criteria for defining "factual assertion."

4) To whom does the rule regarding accusations apply? Only Coop members and staff? What about individuals outside the Coop? Does it apply to accusations against organizations or institutions? What about accusations against groups or classes of people?

5) What is your rubric for considering an accusation to be "substantive" that it merits a response from the specific individual? Must the individual be named? Or is it enough to allude to the person? How much time will you give the target to prepare a reply? By not replying, can the individual effectively silence the "accuser"?

I, like many others in Coop, am fatigued of seeing the constant stream of letters for and against BDS. What is the actual cost of their publication? For the past four years we have been publishing letters. What is the cost of publishing a single 16-page issue of the *Gazette*? When an issue has nearly two full sides of a page devoted to BDS, one eighth of the publishing cost is being spent on BDS. Also, how many *Gazette* worker hours on average are devoted to the reading, approving and layout of the *Gazette* letters?

What were the full costs of the General Meeting in March 2012 when we voted on holding a referendum on BDS? How much was the space rental? Did we buy or rent special equipment for that meeting? What did that cost? What were the printing costs? How many staff hours were spent in preparation for that meeting? How many FTOP hours? How many Coop members received work slot credit for attending the March 2012 General Meeting? How do these amounts compare with the cost of other General Meet-

ings held in early 2012?

Thank you.

Renee Silver

REGARDING THE COOP'S MOVE TO JOIN THE EDEN FOODS BOYCOTT

DEAR GAZETTE:

A steady chorus of anti-BDS letters has loudly proclaimed that we are in the business of food, not politics, that we have no business getting involved in boycotts. So how is the call to boycott Eden not a call to get involved in politics? This is deeply inconsistent.

The BDS vote and many letters to the *Gazette* evidence that many members are apparently not repelled by the murders of over 2,000 people, the entire neighborhoods reduced to rubble, the bombing of universities, UN shelters, and schools, and a country laid waste and held captive. Nor is the Coop troubled by the international protests against SodaStream, for its exploitation of Palestinian workers, and its support for the IDF's policies.

We're totally OK with that, because of a higher good—our right as consumers to continue buying our SodaStream machines, our cous cous, and our imported hummus free of the intrusion of "politics".

But somehow we are up in arms and incensed that one company's discriminatory health insurance policy dictates that we speak out, make our voices known, and punish them by removing our dollars from their income stream.

And lest we not forget—the Coop published an article on the horrific reality of cashew production in Africa and Asia, that is on a par with "conflict diamonds", which includes cashews we sell. Did members vote to boycott cashews? Not an ounce of indignity for African child labor: We've still got our Dr. Cow cheese, bulk cashews, and cashew butter, and all's right with the world.

Now there are many ways we could be responding to Eden Foods' position on birth control and other feminist issues: a petition drive, letters even a demonstration at the next organic trade or fancy food show.

I have been following a macrobiotic diet since 1987.

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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.

THU, DEC 4

7 p.m. Books launch and discussion: *Eating Delancey: A Celebration of Jewish Food* By Aaron Rezny & Jordan Schaps at The powerHouse Arena 37 Main St. BKLYN, NY 11201 For info please call: 718.666.3049. RSVP appreciated: rsvp@powerhousearena.com.

FRI, DEC 5

8-11 p.m. SWING DANCE NIGHT, Park Slope - JITTERBUG JAM 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 Shawn Clark! BSEC, 53 Prospect Park West. More Info: www.brooklynswingdance.com.

SUN, DEC 7

2 p.m. Join the Brooklyn Friends of the People's World at a luncheon to honor Fighters for the 99% at SEIU1199, 310 W. 43rd St, NY. Hear Zephyr Teachout, Cormanita Mahr, Rev. Danillo Lachapel, and Bill Davis. Tickets are \$40 or \$20 student/low income. Call 212-924-0550.

MON, DEC 8

8:30 p.m. Conan Magee will be presenting a class on the history and practice of socially responsible investing at the Brooklyn Brainery, 190 Underhill Ave. Bklyn NY. Tickets (\$10) are available at brooklynbrainery.com/courses/can-finance-be-a-force-for-good.

SAT, DEC 13

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Winter Wonderland Workshop. Make nature-inspired ornaments, garlands, hand-printed wrapping paper. Where: 6 River Terrace Battery Park City. \$15 per person, incl. supplies. Register by 12/10. Call 212-267-9700 ext 363 or e-mail: registration@bpcparks.org.

SUN, DEC 21

4 p.m. BPL Chamber Players present: Adela Peña and Miki-Sophia Cloud, violins Ah Ling Neu, viola Roberta Cooper, cello Peter Weitzner, double bass at the Dr. S. Stevan Dweck Center for Contemporary Culture Central Library. 10 Grand Army Plaza BKLYN. Admission Free.

To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

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

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

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- Use the scannable Fund for New Coops donation cards available on the shopping floor
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- Mail a check—made out to the Fund for New Food Coops—to: FJC, 520 Eighth Ave., 20th Flr., New York, NY 10018

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Crossword Answers

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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.

Kristen Acimovic	Robert H. Burns	Ashley Ellefson	Amanda Henning	Tracy Lawson	Howard Nierman	Linda Rzesniowiecki	Ganesh Trichur
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Raquel Bujans	River Eirtree				Jennifer Ruff		

★ EXCITING WORKSLOT OPPORTUNITIES ★

Receiving Produce
Monday-Friday, 5–7:30 a.m.

The Coop is looking for members to work in the produce area. Responsibilities include: lifting boxes, unloading deliveries, stacking boxes in the basement. You should be willing to get or have wet hands while you are working. Boxes usually weigh between 2-20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs.

Vitamin Assistant
Saturday, 6–8:45 p.m.

Are you a detail-oriented worker who can work independently and in a busy environment? The Coop's vitamin buyer needs you to help her check in orders, organize the vitamin supply area in the basement and on the shopping floor, label vitamins and supplements, and other

related tasks. If you are interested in this workslot, please contact the Membership Office for more information.

Office Set-up
Monday, 6–8:30 a.m.

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



Store Equipment
Cleaning
Monday, 6–8 a.m.

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

General Meeting
Set-Up
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

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

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BDS/MIDDLE EAST

Eden's entire inventory serves people in the macrobiotic community, a fact that is apparently lost on those supporting the boycott. Many people adopt a macrobiotic diet to recover from serious illness or cancer. Eden is also the only company who proclaims its cans are BPA-free, another reason I buy their products.

The personal consequences for me if this resolution goes through are that my weekly food bill would just about double. It would double my shopping time, as I'd now have to go to Whole Foods for everything I normally get at the Coop, and would make it impossible for me to buy basic foodstuffs during blizzard season.

The Coop carries many varieties of hummus. A boycott against Israel would not negatively impact on any constituency losing their basic foodstuffs. People can live without Soda Stream machines and imported hummus. People cannot live without basic foodstuffs. The Coop can't have it both ways. We can't prohibit a referendum on BDS by saying we must stay out of politics, but then vote to boycott Eden.

*Cooperatively yours,
Carol Lipton*