

# **CME** CENTER FOR MARXIST FOUNDED IN 1975 **EDUCATION**

## December 2017 Events Schedule

**Saturday, December 2 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM**

### **The Voice of a True Revolutionist**

Roman Kordansky, CPUSA-Boston

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, the Communist Party USA-Boston will be sponsoring a round table discussion, question, and answer session with Roman Kordansky, a former member of the USSR. You can read all of the books found in the library, listen to American academics share a historical frame about the USSR, but that knowledge combined cannot offer the value of engaging with a comrade who can discuss what the Revolution means to him, his day-to-day life in the USSR, and why being in the Communist Party USA speaks to his working-class values as he reflects on his former life.

**Saturday, December 16 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM**

### **Assessing Changes in the Material Basis for Revolutionary Optimism**

Wadi'h Halabi, Economics Commission, CPUSA and CME

Can humanity complete the transition from capitalism to socialism? Since the Communist Party-led victories in southeast Asia in 1975, workers and oppressed have suffered a string of defeats and missed opportunities. Most serious have been counter-revolutions in the Soviet Union and eleven similar states-- the worst defeats in working class history. Is there a material basis for revolutionary optimism today? How has that basis changed in recent decades and years? The analysis can make our struggles today more productive.

**Thursday, December 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

### **BookTalk: Capital**

Sandeep Choubey

Capital is Karl Marx's magnum opus, and remains the best explanation of how capitalism works and why this system is prone to cycles of booms and busts. Join us for an engaging discussion of this still relevant text. We will be reading Chapter 14.

**December 31 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

### **Bread and Roses, [Watch the trailer.](#)**

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee  
Maya is a quick-witted young woman who comes over the Mexican border without papers and makes her way to the LA home of her older sister Rosa. Rosa gets Maya a job as a janitor: a non-union janitorial service has the contract, the foul-mouthed supervisor can fire workers on a whim, and the service-workers' union has assigned organizer Sam Shapiro to bring its "justice for janitors" campaign to the building. Sam finds Maya a willing listener, she's also attracted to him. Rosa resists, she has an ailing husband to consider. The workers try for public support; management intimidates workers to divide and conquer. Rosa and Maya as well as workers and management may be set to collide.

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