

# Naivelt בניין על News

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## COMING UP AT CAMP

**Bagel Brunch:** Sunday August 11 at 10:00AM at the LacShack. With the refrain of "Stayin' Alive" as our theme song, this week's Bagel Brunch will bring our community together to outline some critical issues regarding the future directions of UJPO and Camp Naivelt. As apparent in last weekend's Music Camp and Peace Tea, we have a rich heritage of politics, nature, arts, progressive thinking and most of all, community. This fall, UJPO will be celebrating its 85th anniversary, and it is time for us to ensure that the next 85 years will be as vibrant, relevant and sustainable as the first. At this week's Bagel Brunch you will find some great treats and you will hear from the Location Working Group, the Strategic Planning Committee and each other. What is important to you and your family? How should UJPO be addressing a new generation of current and potential members? Where does Camp Naivelt fit into this picture? Please join the UJPO Board to add your voice as Ronit Little, Paula David and Julia Barnett will outline some of the issues, challenges and next steps to ensure "Stayin' Alive".

**Alarm Her Majesty:** Performing Saturday evening at 8PM at the Lasowsky Centre, is a Toronto-based folk band looking to revive the intergenerational sing-along tradition of the left. The band blends banjo, cello, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, piano, percussion and vocals to provide contemporary interpretations of protest songs. From Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger to Tracey Chapman and the Clash, Alarm Her Majesty draws inspiration from folk, blues, pop and punk.

The band takes its name from the antiquated section 49 of Canada's Criminal Code which makes it an offence to alarm Her Majesty the Queen, reflecting its playful yet militant approach to social justice. Alarm Her Majesty is an autonomous collection of young musicians from across the country, and is affiliated with the Law Union of Ontario. Its members are Meara Conway, Mae Jane Nam, Brendan Jowett, Andrew Maclsaac, Safia Lakhani, Luke Brown, & Jesse Gutman. It is a solidarity band that appears at local community events and struggles, and includes a mobile flying squad available for march and protest events.

## Bulletins

### Saturday, August 10

12PM Bagel Making Workshop, Part I  
1PM Aquafit  
2:15PM Bagel Making Workshop, Part II  
8PM Alarm Her Majesty Concert

### Sunday, August 11

10:00AM Bagel Brunch  
10:30AM UJPO Community Meeting  
1PM Aquafit

The summer is flying along and the closing Banquet is quickly approaching. This year we are reviving a Naivelt tradition: the Talent Show! The Talent Show is an opportunity for everyone to share some hidden talent or ability. So start thinking about a piece of poetry, a song, some music, some jokes, a Yiddish saying, whatever you want.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**MAINTENANCE ISSUES:** Please note that cabin owners are responsible for their own cabin maintenance, so maintenance issues pertain to common areas, including water lines to your cabin.

Call Barbara Blaser who will contact Sol Blaser: 416-268-4405

**EMERGENCY 911:** Hill 1 address is Camp Naivelt, 8596 Creditview Road. Hills 2 & 3 are Camp Naivelt through Eldorado Park, 8520 Creditview Road.

Provide your Hill Number and Cabin Number (the fire department has access through the gates)

## RECAPS

**Music Camp Concert:** Neither stomach flu, nor rain, nor heat, nor darkness or early mornings, nor hugely varying degrees of skill and talent will stay the Camp Naivelt Music Camp from accomplishing its appointed task, which would be delivering the music.

Delivering the music was exactly what happened down at the Lak last Saturday night when the camp participants put on a very enjoyable concert for a packed house. As he seems to do magically every year, **Martin Van De Ven** skillfully merged a motley collection of musicians from the kids in the percussion section Esther, Simon, Micah and Zohar through to the experienced talents of Alan, Andrea, Barbara, Paula, Evan, and Charna and the precocious abilities of Nevine, Gabriel, Simone all the way down to Robert who began the camp by trying to blow into the fat end of his saxophone. Nevertheless the Klezmer themed concert was enthusiastically received.

**Faith Nolan** led the choir this year, which also had a great turn out, in a rousing collection of new songs and some old lefty classics and then culminated the whole evening with the audience singing in a giant circle a First Nations chant about empowerment. A chant Faith learned through her work with aboriginal women in prisons (a subject she spoke passionately about during a workshop she gave during camp week). Everyone really seemed to have had a good time.

Many thanks to Barbara Morris who worked tirelessly and wore many hats to help music week happen and also to Martin and Faith and all the campers for a fun week and great Saturday night concert.



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SATURDAY / 8PM / THE LAC**



## RECAPS, CON'T

**Women in Prison:** Faith Nolan took an hour from a busy week with the singers at music camp, to share what she has learned from over 30 years of volunteering in women's prisons. Faith shared Black Panther Angela Davis's critique of the Prison Industrial Complex which, according to Davis, began as a source of cheap labor after the slavery was abolished. That economy persists today, with Aboriginal people and people of Colour still vastly over-represented in the prison system. Prison-based work on licence plate and clothing manufacture, and even call centers, paying wages of 14 to 25 cents an hour.

"It costs \$137,000 a year to keep one woman in jail," says Faith. Meanwhile, corporations like the security firm Wackenhut, and mass caterer CARA, make huge bucks out of the prison system. Food for one woman costs \$30-\$50/day, and it's not great. One of the songs Faith wrote with female prisoners is called "green baloney."

The closing of mental health facilities effectively transferred many former patients to the prison system, and pharmaceutical companies have been cashing in: "About 55% have mental health issues going in," says Faith. "98% are diagnosed and medicated in prison."

Rape is not rare, and women are still subjected to frequent strip search (which Faith pointed out is a form of rape) and handling and surveillance by male guards. Women prisoners have been known to give birth in chains, and newborns are taken from their mothers.

Drugs are the biggest issue that keeps women in jail. They are almost always self-medicating from the pain of abuse. Most were jailed for "non-contact" crimes: "In 30 years, of visiting prisons, I've only met two Homolkas," said Faith. Those who are charged with serious crimes, have usually been defending themselves from abusers. To stay out of jail, "All women need are jobs and peace."

It's a pretty bleak picture, but, says Faith, "We will overcome—we have no choice!" She suggested ways to help: to work for sane drug laws, and maybe become a "thugger-hugger" (the guards' name for prison volunteers) yourself: "If you're a teacher, a musician a writer, if you do hair, dance, yoga, etc. come in and share it."

Faith is compiling a collection of songs she wrote in collaboration with women prisoners. You can help her to fund it by going to her website and pre-buying it online. You can also buy some of Faith's great CDs online.

<http://www.faithnolan.org/>

### **Upcoming UJPO Community Meeting**

We have had a series of community meetings over the past few years inviting member input on important issues which help determine the future direction of the organization. The next Community Meeting is taking place on **Sunday August 11, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Lasowsky Centre at **Camp Naivelt** - our summer home (see below for directions).

The agenda will include:

- Strategic Planning (short- and long-term)
- Follow-up to the April 14<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting which focused on Locations
- Determining future priorities and directions

Bagel brunch refreshments will be available at 10:30 am; the meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 am.

Please plan to attend and participate in directing the future of the UJPO! Your input is valued.

## RECAPS, PART III

**The Peace Tea:** Year after year, the Naivelt Peace Tea is tremendously gratifying, and this year was no exception. We were grateful to have as speaker **Sharmeen Khan**, who currently works with CUPE 3903 as well as the Canadian Association of Labour Media. She is also an editor with Upping the Anti, a Journal of Theory and Action. She spoke about the Bangladeshi building collapse, and was very knowledgeable and informative, as evidenced by the large number of questions she entertained from the gathering afterwards. Naivelters can participate with action as well, with donations for the Maquila Solidarity Network, at [maquilasolidarity.org](http://maquilasolidarity.org).

The tea was also a great pleasure on an aesthetic level, with beautiful flower arrangements provided by the coordinator of the tea, Marina Sokolova. With the help of many volunteers, the tables were pretty, the sweets were tasty, and, to make things even rosier, the cleanup was a breeze. Many hands truly made light work. Congratulations to all on a very successful tea, once again.

BELOW: Sharmeen speaks at the Peace Tea.



# AUGUST 2013 CAMP NAIVELT PROGRAMS (as of July 26)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Music Camp  9:30–12:00 Band (in Lak) 11:00-12:00 Kids Choir (outside Lak) 2:30-4:00 Workshops & Community Choir (Lak)	2 Music Camp  9:30–12:00 Band (in Lak) 11:00-12:00 Kids Choir (outside Lak) 2:30-4:00 Workshops & Community Choir (Lak)	3 Music Camp  1PM Aquafit   7:30PM Music Camp Concert (Lasowsky Centre)	4 1PM Aquafit  3:00PM Peace Tea The Bangladesh Building Collapse Tragedy (Lasowsky Centre)
5 Civic Holiday  1PM Aquafit	6	7	8	9	10 12 Bagel Making workshop with Alan Cantor – Part 1 (Lasowsky Centre)  1PM Aquafit  2:15 Bagel Making Workshop with Alan Cantor Part 2 (Lasowsky Centre)  Concert – Alarm Her Majesty (Lasowsky Centre)	11 10:00AM Bagel Brunch – 10:30AM UJPO Community Meeting (Lasowsky Centre)  1PM Aquafit
12	13	14	15	16	17 1PM Aquafit  Tea & Games night (Lasowsky Centre)  3:00PM Bungalow Holders Meeting (Lasowsky Centre)	18 10AM Bagel Brunch - Ester Reiter – Yiddish Soviet Poets (Hill 3 – Cabin 23)  1PM Aquafit
19	20	21	22	23	24 1PM Aquafit   5:30PM Closing Banquet Potluck/Talent Night (Lasowsky Centre)	25 1PM Aquafit
26	27	28	29	30	31 Labour Day Weekend  1PM Aquafit	