

# Naivelt ניוועלט News

August 15, 2008

## This Week's Events

### Friday Night Movie

9 p.m. at The Ritz  
Death at a Funeral

### Weekly Aquafit

Saturdays & Sundays  
12 p.m. sharp! (\$2 for adults, \$1 for teens)

### Saturday Night Coffee House

8 p.m. at the  
Lasowsky Centre (see right panel)

### Sunday Bagel Brunch

Ester Reiter on Women in the Spanish Civil War  
10 am at Brenda and Mitch's cottage, Hill 2 #21

### Sunday Volleyball Game (all ages)

Meet at Tom and Melanie's cottage, Hill 3 #13  
3:45 p.m. – for more info speak to Charna

## Saturday night coffee house

Saturday night there will be a coffee house at the Lasowsky Centre at eight. Several musical acts from within our Camp community have already confirmed that they will perform at Saturday's event and anyone who is interested can perform once they sign up in advance.

Some names from the past, who will be represented through rare recorded historical performances, include several performers who have appeared at the Camp in the past: Pete Seeger and Phil Ochs.

Robert Zimmerman, from Minnesota, is not available to attend in person, but will also be represented through recorded historical performances, including recordings with Johnny Cash. These Zimmerman (a.k.a. Dylan) recordings date back as far as 1961.

Joan Baez and Gordon Lightfoot also won't be able to attend in person, but historical recordings of both of them will be available for our listening pleasure.

Coffee, tea and other drinks will be available at no charge, and we ask that people please bring some desserts to share with the hot drinks. It should be a great night of musical entertainment.

Any additional Camp musicians who would like to perform a few songs still have time to contact Steve Cope (Hill 2, Cottage 16) to sign up.

## Banquet News

Preparations are under way for this year's banquet on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. If you would like to participate in this year's talent portion of the banquet, please see Dan Meany (Hill 2, Cottage 26) and he will add you to the list. We are also looking for a volunteer or two to MC the show. Let Dan know if you are interested.

Stay tuned for a call-out for other banquet volunteers.

## Help the Bike Cabin & Composter

The bike cabin on Hill 2 needs two doors replaced, one inner and one outer. If anyone has anything suitable, please see Tom at the bike cabin or on Hill 3, # 13.

There is also a composter behind the Lasowsky Centre that needs to be put up before the banquet.



*Dancers at last Sunday's show*

## Letter from Ruth Howard about “Oy di Velt Vet Vern Yinger”

There can't be much that is more fulfilling, for an artist and probably for anyone, than to realise an idea which is appreciated, enjoyed and understood even more so when all this pertains to a community one belongs to. Thanks to everyone for such wonderful comments and responses; they meant so much to me. I forgot to warn you at the last show, but I imagine many people have been feeling some version of listlessness, disorientation, emptiness, sadness... This is normal – the inevitable aftermath of all the intensity, hard-work and joy. On a more pragmatic note: here are some wrap-up notes:

**Food:** We still hope to collect some more contributions for food: just \$6 per person for the pizza and 2 lunches, but it will add up to a helpful amount. I'll leave a box and record sheet for cash or checks (please make them out to Jumblies Theatre) in the Art Cottage (Hill 3, #14) over the next 2 weekends. Or you can send checks to Michaela Otto, Jumblies Theatre Finances, 257 Perth Ave., Toronto, M6P 3X9.

**Photos:** Michaela has agreed to compile a CD of several hundred photos by herself and others, of both the Commune and the Play. We are asking for \$20 per CD to help cover, not only its own production costs, but to help balance our overall budget. If you would like a CD by the end of August,

please send a check to Michaela or leave it at the Art Cottage on by Aug. 23.

**Video:** This will take a bit longer, but we hope to make DVDs of roughly edited footage available sometime in the fall, and one day there might even be a fully edited documentary.

**Evaluation:** It is really important for funding reports and future potential to record evaluative feedback. So please take a moment to put your comments down in writing while it is still fresh in your mind. You could either write a note and put it in the contribution box at the Art Cottage, or you could send an e-mail, whichever is easier. Positive comments are of great value, but challenges and suggestions are also helpful for future plans. Reflections and anecdotes about specific details and highlights are also great.

**What next?** I'd like to develop our piece and present it in a new form, and we need to keep the good momentum at Naivelt going with new creative ideas and leadership. There's time to think

about all of this once the summer is over. We could perhaps have some sort of project reunion, perhaps in Sept., to share reflections and new ideas, maybe watch video footage and continue sewing the quilt... So stay tuned.

Thanks again to all for sharing the adventure and here's to our zukunft.

**Ruth**



*Pictures from last Sunday's show*



*All photos of the show by Michaela Otto*

## Green Naivelt: Keeping your septic system green

Our septic systems pose a real threat to our natural environment when they are not working properly.

*The following information is adapted from LakeHughes.ca. (Lake Hughes is in the Laurentians in Quebec.)*

### How Septic Systems Function

The septic system consists of two major components: the septic tank and the weeping field.

#### Septic Tank

The first stop for household sewage is the septic tank.

Inside the tank the sewage solids sink to the bottom, and are called sludge. Greases and fats float to the top and are called scum. Liquid is left in the middle. Bacteria in the septic tank start the decomposition of the sewage solids. The sludge and scum are retained within the tank and should be pumped out on a regular basis.



*an above-ground septic tank*

The liquid flows out of the tank's exit into the weeping field. In the soil it encounters more bacteria, which finish the good work begun in the tank. The weeping field acts as a natural sewage filtration and purification system. This natural filtering plant works when the run-off fluid from the septic tank flows past the weeping field, through the soil past the root systems of trees, shrubs and grass. This provides the lake with much needed protection.

Failure to pump out a septic tank when required will result in sludge and scum being carried into the weeping field. This in turn may clog the system. In this event, not only will the tank have to be pumped out, but the weeping field may have to be replaced.

#### Septic tanks must be pumped out regularly.

Seasonal residents: Clean out every 4 years

Permanent residents: Clean out every 2 years

Septic tanks must have structural integrity and be watertight. You should be informed if the tank is damaged, leaking, rusting or of any other existing problems when it is pumped out. Ask for this information if it is not readily provided.

If your septic tank is 25 years old, it is recommended that you consider installing a new system.

Avoid commercial septic tank accelerators and/or bacterial additives. They are unnecessary preparations. Your septic tank contains the required bacteria to process waste.

When winterizing the cottage, use only plumbing antifreeze, not automobile radiator antifreeze.

#### Weeping Field

The weeping field is best located in an open area clear of tree root systems. The area over the weeping field should be grassed or left open to wild flowers so that maximum evaporation can take place.

The weeping field should be protected from all vehicular traffic, including large lawn tractors,

snowmobiles, heavy equipment, etc. The weight of this traffic can crush the pipes in the weeping field. Compacting of snow in this area increases risk of freezing the septic field.

#### Warning Signs of a Failing Septic System

- Odours near the septic system.
- Spots of lush vegetation on or around the weeping field.
- Ground becomes soggy over the weeping field.
- Presence of thick black sticky soil near the weeping field.
- Back-up of the sewage into the drains of the cottage.

#### How to Help the Septic System Function

Minimize Water Consumption (Don't Overload the System)

### **Septic systems, continued from page 3**

Remember that the septic system has to cope with the incoming liquid. The more liquid we feed it, the greater the likelihood that solids will be carried into the weeping field to clog it. This is the most common cause of septic system problems.

Here are some helpful ideas:

- Use water restricted plumbing fixtures, such as low flow showerheads and low flush toilets.
- Repair leaking faucets and “running” toilets.

### **Septic System Hazards**

Be careful as to what goes down the drain. Here are some ideas:

- Don't put toilet paper in your toilet
- Avoid chlorine bleach (Javel) as it destroys the bacterial action in the tank. Alternatives are Borax or washing soda.

Any cleaners you put in the toilet should be phosphate-free.

Future editions of Naivelt News will include information about composting toilets.

## **Art Show in Brampton**

There is an art show at the Beaux-Arts Gallery, 70 Main Street, Brampton, put on by the Brushes with Life Art Group from St. Felix Centre in Toronto and sponsored by Ontario Arts Council. The show has been on from Aug 12–16 with a reception this Saturday from 10–3.

**Reminder! Maintenance cell phone number: 416-834-2554 (now has voicemail!)**



*One more picture from last Sunday's show*

## **Wanna Buy a Cottage?**

If you have rented a cottage this summer and would like to buy it (or another cottage) that's great!

You'll need to do the following:

1. Join United Jewish Peoples Order (everyone is welcome to join). Call the office to arrange that at 416-789-5502 or e-mail [mws@on.aibn.com](mailto:mws@on.aibn.com). More information about UJPO is at [www.winchevsky.org](http://www.winchevsky.org).

Individual membership: \$175/year

Family: \$250 (includes 1-2 adults, children up to 18 & and/or full-time students)

Membership also includes reduced rates for events at the Winchevsky Centre and the Shule (Sunday school)

2. Send an e-mail to Shlomit for the Camp Committee at [ssegal@web.ca](mailto:ssegal@web.ca) saying which cottage you'd like to buy.

The Camp Committee will respond to people who are interested in purchasing cottages after the Camp season is over.

## **Next Week's Events**

### **Friday Night Movie**

Wallace and Gromit Night!

### **Weekly Aquafit**

Saturdays & Sundays

12 p.m. sharp! (\$2 for adults, \$1 for teens)

### **The Banquet**

7 p.m. at the Lasowsky Centre

### **Bungalow Holders Meeting**

Sunday 10 a.m. at the Lasowsky Centre

## **Naivelt News Editors**

Hanna Novak on vacation

August 15: Shlomit Segal

August 22: Hilarie Klapman

Deadline for submissions : Tuesday midnight.

[naiveltnews08@gmail.com](mailto:naiveltnews08@gmail.com) or in the NN mailbox (bulletin board on the Hill 2 Circle)

Artwork welcome – but not too big!