

# Naivelt ניוועלט News

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## This Week's Activities

**Weekly Aquafit Saturdays & Sundays 12pm sharp! Toonie for Adults, Loonie for teens.**

**Friday Night Movie 9 pm at The Ritz.**

**Waking Ned Devine.**

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**Saturday, July 19, 2008, Lasowsky Centre.**

**7-8pm Refreshments**

**8pm Performance of the 12th Children's Commune.** Talk to Ruth as all are encouraged to attend in costume. Read more on page 2 to get a taste of the past week spent on the commune.

**Sunday, July 20 on Hill 3, Cabin # 21. 10 am. Bagel Brunch.**

**Guest Speaker modern dancer Michelle Sigaly.** Remember to bring your own cup and chair.

*Michelle Sigaly*

## ✧ Back to Another World ✧

COME SEE SATURDAY AT 7 PM



**Written by Hanna Novak**

This year, Naivelters learned that 2008 was the culminating year of The Community Arts Project led by Ruth Howard. Unless you or your children participated actively in the project, or you heard about it through the grapevine (a popular communicative device at Naivelt), this week will be a surprise to most campers. Even with a few friends participating in the community project and access to information through reporting for the Naivelt News, I couldn't imagine what had been planned for this year. I knew roughly that an intensive drama week during the summer would entail kids re-living the characters in an autobiographical book written by Manya Lipshitz about living on a Jewish children's commune in post-WW1 Russia.

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This past weekend, many of us had the pleasure of seeing the commune come to life, when the Lasowsky Centre was being painted and furnished to match the time period and situations in the book. I saw many wandering eyes and an explosion of curiosity within the community as people walked in and out of the transformed Lack Shack. Still, for me at least, it was hard to truly visualize how the re-enactment would work and blend into modern day Naivelt. It was my pleasure to have the opportunity to visit the Commune, acting as a Russian journalist from a Socialist newspaper nearby, and get a firsthand experience of what was going on there. At first, it was hard to “forget” the faces I had come to know this summer, pretending the reporter I became had never seen them in her life. I watched one of my best friends, **Abigail Cope**, who I’ve known for 10 years now, turn into Devorah Bialy, a character I only got to meet for 10 *minutes*. **Sasha Tate-Howard** turned into Hershka Mendelson, someone



quiet and morose, a girl unlike the one I’d known at Naivelt for years. It was obvious the kids involved were extremely dedicated to their characters, staying focused and never breaking out of role, doing all this while having to adjust to harsher living conditions than they had ever known.

I was told that there were food shortages the first day and that the commune only had four cups for its 20-something inhabitants. Whether it was acting or not, I couldn’t tell but all the children were frantic for food when offered a snack. As one of their adult supervisors instructed “Try butter *and* jam on your bread”. When a student questioned it, he replied “It’s a revolutionary idea, after all, we are trying to build a new world to live in”. With that, the room erupted with excitement and a few giggles. As I’m sure most kids nowadays have tried butter and jam numerous times, the reactions made to the idea were extremely convincing. Joel Freedman, a character living on the Twelfth Commune, even wrote a journal about his first day spent there. He was kind enough to share it with me (excerpt below):



***“The wave of new children was overwhelming at first, but became easier to deal with now that we have more supplies (not just four cups). I enjoyed the music workshop this morning and hope to do more and learn more songs. I think we have done an amazing job with the things we have, and I can’t wait to see what the rest of my stay here will uncover!”***

All these details found within the commune, from the butter and jam “revelation” to personal journals made it easier for me to immerse myself into their world so completely different from my own. In this way, I can see how the Twelfth Commune was not only an intensive drama project, but a learning experience. I got to witness the talent and dedication there is at Naivelt, and how lucky campers are to continue contributing to a community that is warm, welcoming and peaceful.

This **Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm (tour and refreshments at 7pm)** at the Lasowsky, the children of the Twelfth Commune will be putting on a performance for all of Naivelt to see. Please attend to get a glimpse into a world long gone, so linked to Naivelt’s history.

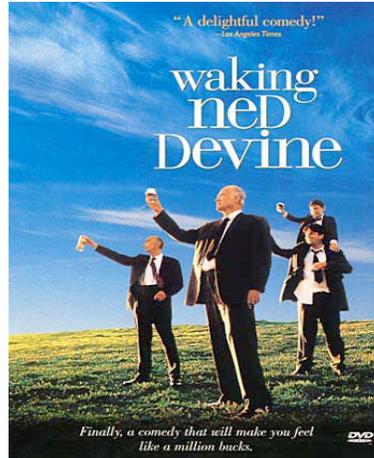
**\*All Photos by: Michaela Otto**

# Friday Night Movie

## Waking Ned Devine...Again!

Don't Miss It!

Apologies for last week's cancellation of the Friday Night Movie at The Ritz. We've again decided to show **Waking Ned Devine** (a Kirk Jones film starring Ian Bannen and David Kelly), as it is truly a comedy not to be missed. Bring your fold up chairs and a snack.



### Synopsis

When word reaches two elderly best friends that someone in their tiny Irish village has won the national lottery, they go to great lengths to find the winner so they can share the wealth. When they discover the "lucky" winner, Ned Devine, they find he has died of shock upon discovering his win. Not wanting the money to go to waste, the village enters a pact to pretend Ned is still alive by having another man pose as him, and then to divide the money between them. *Written by Alexander Lum*  
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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



**Drummer Renwick Herry and family**

Last week's Carribean Drumming was a HUGE hit! A number of naivelters like Melanie (on the left) proved to be fabulous drummers. Other campers joined in by dancing along to the beat, upping the anti for next month's Banquet dance. We thank drummer Renwick Henry and his family for leading the drumming that evening.

Photos by: Michaela Otto

**\*Reminder!** Maintenance cellphone #: 416-834-2554

## THE SPECIAL MENTION SECTION...



### SAY HELLO TO...

This week, Naivelt welcomes **Marilyn Tate (Hill 3 #8), daughters Sasha and Dylan as well as son Adam** (to August 9<sup>th</sup>). On **Hill 2 #24, Mary Daniel** will be staying. Wishing all an enjoyable break from regular city bustle and a wonderful vacation.



### "STAYING GREEN" TIPS

When cleaning your cottage, remember to avoid using these harmful cleaning products in order to sustain our environment:

- \* Window and floor cleaners containing ammonia
- \* Drain cleaners containing sodium hydroxide
- \* Commercial air fresheners
- \* Aerosol products

## Next Week's Activities

**Saturday, July 26, 2008, 8pm**  
**Lasowsky Centre**

Dance and Theatre Rehearsals.  
Other info TBA.

**Sunday, July 27 10 am. Bagel Brunch.**

Speaking about Art and Community. Guest speakers TBA.



## REMINDER!

If you are planning to leave the gate open for a party or personal event, please remember to specify what time frame you are expecting guests.

### Naivelt Handbook

Every cabin should have a binder called the Naivelt handbook. It contains important information that every camper should know: anything from safety rules to "things to do" here up at Naivelt. If you don't have one, see **Sean Gacich cabin # 8 on Hill 3**.

### A New Water Polo Team?



Last weekend, a bunch of Naivelt teens were invited to face the Eldorado Pool lifeguards in a game of impromptu water polo (group shot of the team by **Sonia Reichman**). Although we lost 7-9, the game was well played by all. Watch out for more updates on Naivelt's Teen Water Polo Team in the NN.

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Deadline for submissions : **Tuesday midnight.**  
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