

Naivelt **בני זועל** News

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Something for All Ages at Games Night This Sunday

Join Naivelt friends for an evening of board, tile or card games this Sunday, starting at 7 pm down at the Lasowsky Centre. A variety of games will be available, or bring your own favourite game and snacks to share. Drinks will be available. Thanks to Valerie Morris and family for hosting Games Night.

What's On This Weekend

Saturday, July 30

1-2 pm

Naivelt Pool Time & Aquafit

7 pm

John Greyson Film Night

Lasowsky Centre

John Greyson is a Toronto-based filmmaker known for his films about Israel/Palestine and LGBTQ issues filmed around the world. He will be present to show and discuss a number of these short films.

Sunday, July 31

10 am

Bagel Brunch:

Lesley Wood on Activism and Policing

Hosts: Jessica Goldstein & Jack Gelbloom

Cabin 19, Hill 1

1-2 pm

Naivelt Pool Time & Aquafit

3-4 pm

Yoga at the Ritz

7 pm

Games Night at the Lasowsky Centre

Hosts: Valerie Morris and family

July 24th Bagel Brunch: How Food and Art Activism Make a Difference in Parkdale

by Deb O'Rourke

Last Sunday's Bagel Brunch, "Food and Art Activism in Parkdale," was presented by our own Michael Burt (Hill 2, #32) and Ayal Dinner, the Executive Director of Greenest City. Michael started by describing his introduction to art activism and Naivelt through Ruth Howard's Jumblies Theatre. He now operates one of Jumblies' daughter projects, Making Room in Parkdale, and is in his second year of organizing the Naivelt Art Camp (Aug 8-13). Ayal explained how his lifelong commitment to food quality and security led to his role with an organization dedicated to building "healthy inclusive neighbourhoods through education and empowerment to preserve, protect and improve the environment."



Leah Houston, Michael Burt, Ayal Dinner and son
Photo by Janice Meilach

As we socialized and noshed, Leah urged us to write down our perceptions of what it is to host and to be hosted. This theme is important to the two presenters, who find that welcoming spaces where neighbours can share food, gardening and art are crucial generators of community self-organization. Despite its historic poverty, "busy, loud, diverse" Parkdale offers many resources compared to the inner suburbs like Rexdale and the Jane-Finch area, and is a model for holding space for housing, recreation, resources, green space and urban agriculture in neighborhoods under pressure.

This grows from a history of grassroots activism that goes back several generations. Some examples came up in the discussion as Ann Pohl, an activist and Naivelter now living in New Brunswick, recalled working at a community-based

decentralized planning office in Parkdale, before they were closed. Julia Barnett, Interim Director of Population Health and Community Engagement-Parkdale Community Health Centre, and chair of UJPO-Toronto, announced the Memory Project, a project in process to recall the pioneering community work accomplished in Parkdale,

The welcoming spaces that Michael and Ayal



Ruth Howard and Leah Houston with "hosting cards"
Photo by Michael Burt

operate are "permeable," accessible to all. This generation of activists has found that community gardens are deeply wanted. Gardens foster food security, and include a range of contribution and expertise: neighbours immediately begin supporting and teaching one another. The "seed" was planted in Hope Community Garden in 2006, and continues with the Milky Way Garden, governed by the Parkdale Community Land Trust (PCLT-look it up!).

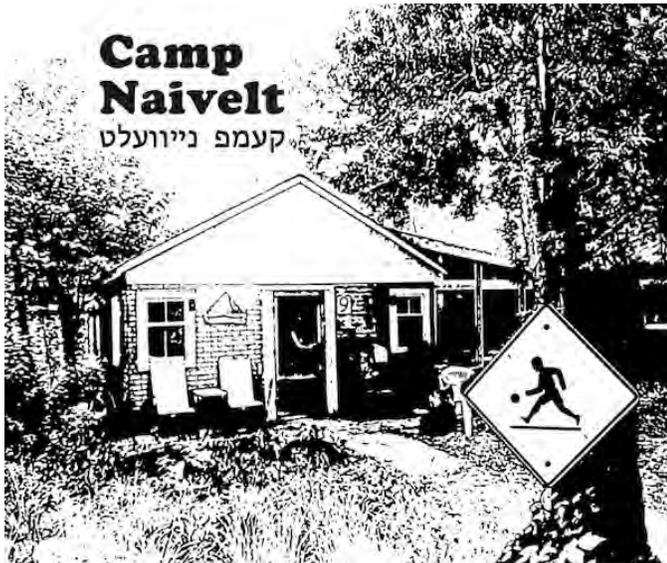
Michael and Ayal also invited UJPO members to "The Biggest Table" on September 24, a moveable art feast that will tour from the garden at Masaryk Park to the land trust at the Milky Way.

Thank you to Nicole and Jacob for hosting this Bagel Brunch, and for the after-dinner mints.

Come Meet John Greyson on Saturday

Naivelters can learn more about this exciting possibility for community empowerment, when filmmaker and longtime gay activist John Greyson visits camp on Saturday. Greyson, (who was imprisoned with Tarek Loubani in Egypt for 50 days in 2013) worked with his neighbours and the Parkdale Library to develop the Parkdale Community Land Trust, to create a community-based vision for a property that he owned.

Do come to the Lasowsky Centre on Saturday night to meet John Greyson and see some of his films.



New Camp Naivelt T-Shirts Available to Order by August 7

You might have seen some of us wearing new Camp Naivelt shirts this weekend at Camp! (Team project! I did the design with my co-worker, and it's a photomontage of the Bakan/Bennett cabin and a famous Naivelt sign). Our two families made a small run of the shirts as "demos" in the hopes that others might like to order one as well. Now is your chance!

The adult shirts are a dark grey with white imprint. Kids' are olive, also with a white imprint. The shirts are 100% cotton, by American Apparel in the U.S. ("sweatshop-free" – not perfect, but best fit from the suppliers on hand). They are silk-screened by Jamie Silverman of Hardboiled, a third-generation Kensington Market manufacturer.

Shirts are \$20 each, inclusive, with all proceeds going to Camp Naivelt. Payable in cash or e-transfer to Barbara Morris on delivery (barbara@poynton.com).

Please use the order form link sent by email, or let Mary (maryjcastel@gmail.com) and Barbara know which sizes you'd like. They run small (especially the women's) so we recommend ordering one size larger than usual.

Available sizes:

Kids: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

Unisex: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Women's: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Last day for orders is Sunday August 7, so we can get them to you before the end of the season!

Mary Castel
Hill 2, 26

Leslie Chudnovsky Honoured

Spacing magazine recently announced that Leslie Chudnovsky and Luke Anderson are the 2016 recipients of the Jane Jacobs Prize.

"The Jane Jacobs Prize is an annual award that celebrates individuals who contribute to the fabric of Toronto life in unique ways that exemplify the ideas of Jane Jacobs. The prize recipients reflect the diverse aspects of city life," states Spacing magazine on its website, spacing.ca.

"Throughout the career of Leslie Chudnovsky, she has been a tireless advocate and community organizer for those who may feel that they are on the outside looking in. Since 2000, Chudnovsky has worked at Supporting Our Youth (SOY), a community advocacy program for queer and trans youth operating out of the Sherbourne Health Centre in downtown Toronto, as the director of the organization's mentorship program."

Leslie is the sister of Naivelter David Chudnovsky. Their family has a longtime involvement in Camp Naivelt and the United Jewish People's Order.

Congratulations to Leslie and Luke. For more details about their remarkable work, go to spacing.ca

Get the Facts on Lyme Disease

Though the risks in our area are low, we need to be aware of the possibility of being bitten by black-legged deer ticks that may carry the bacterium that cause Lyme disease.

Public health fact sheets found online at Peel Region and the City of Toronto websites provide good illustrations of what a tick and its bite look like, descriptions of the symptoms and what to do if you find a tick on yourself. For example, this small excerpt from the City of Toronto helps dispel some myths about what to do:

If you find a tick on yourself, remove it with fine-tipped tweezers. Do not squeeze or try to burn it off. Grab the tick as close to your skin as possible. Pull the tick away from your skin gently but firmly. Place the tick in a jar or bottle and take it to your healthcare provider or one of the following Toronto Public Health Offices for identification and further testing.

Please check out the following site for details:

<https://www.peelregion.ca/health/vbd/lyme/>



Photo by Janice Meilach

The Appy Camper

There's all kinds of weather apps out there, but if you really need to know the forecast in your backyard, you may be able to access a personal weather station near you through Weather Underground.

Billed as the "most hyper-local weather data wherever you are," this free application uses data points from 200,000+ personal weather stations.

No kidding! The closest to Camp Naivelt is at Meadowvale Cemetery. The data is easier to read on a tablet as opposed to a phone.

Weather Underground, or Wunderground, is available through the App Store or Google Play.

- Hilarie Klapman

Garbage and Recycling Protocol

As you leave Eldorado Park, the Naivelt garbage and recycling bins are to the right of the parking lot near the entrance.

They are the bins not surrounded by a fence.

What's On Next Weekend

Saturday, August 6

1-2 pm

Naivelt Pool Time & Aquafit

10:30 am

The Ritz

Origami workshop with Lev Jaeger
Making Cranes for Peace Tea

7:30 pm

David Rovics Concert

9 pm

Campfire

Sunday, August 7

1-2 pm

Naivelt Pool Time & Aquafit

3 pm

Camp Naivelt Annual Peace Tea

Nigel Barriffe on Black Lives Matter
Lasowsky Centre

Yoga at the Ritz - CANCELLED

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