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Chautauqua-in-Chagrin 2010 Opens on July 13th with "From Asia to the Middle East"

The 2010 *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* series will open on Tuesday, July 13th, with an evening exploring "From Asia to the Middle East." Based upon the theme of the week at the Chautauqua Institution of western New York, the evening will feature lectures by two speakers from Chautauqua and two free concerts by regional musicians. Events will be held in venues in downtown Chagrin Falls; complimentary shuttle busses will be provided from venue to venue.

"From Asia to the Middle East" looks at key issues that affect the people of the region, especially Israel and Afghanistan, and the diplomacy of our world. The complete schedule is as follows:

4:00 p.m. – United Methodist Church, 20 South Franklin Street (FREE)

Musical Performance: Almeda Trio, faculty ensemble-in-residence, The Music Settlement
The Almeda Trio, comprised of Cara Tweed, violin, cellist Ida Mercer and Paul Cassidy, piano – all faculty members of The Music Settlement, performs Robert Schumann's Trio No. 3 in G minor and *Café Music* by Paul Schoenfield

4:30 p.m. – Chagrin Falls Branch Library, 100 East Orange Street (FREE)

Young Readers Program in the Chautauqua Tradition
"Extra Credit" by Andrew Clements followed by a chance to make and fly a kite

6:00 p.m. – United Methodist Church, 20 South Franklin Street

Lecture: *A Rabbi Speaks to the Importance of Israel*
Dr. Samuel M. Stahl - rabbi emeritus, Temple Beth-El, San Antonio; theologian-in-residence, Chautauqua Institution

Rabbi Samuel M. Stahl became Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El, in San Antonio, Texas, in 2002, after serving for 26 years as its Senior Rabbi. Committed to enhancing Christian-Jewish relations, Rabbi Stahl is the first Jew ever to receive religious leadership awards from the Texas Conference of Churches and the San Antonio Community of Churches. For six years, he was editor of the *Journal of Reform Judaism*, now the *CCAR Journal*, the official quarterly publication of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He is the author of two books: *Making the*

Timeless Timely: Thoughts and Reflections of a Contemporary Reform Rabbi and Boundaries, Not Barriers: Some Uniquely Jewish Perspectives on Life.

7:00 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)

Music in the Park – Hot Jazz 7

8:00 p.m. – Federated Church, 76 Bell Street

Lecture: *The Gender Gap: Educating Girls in Afghanistan*

Sakena Yacoobi - executive director, Afghan Institute of Learning

Dr. Sakena Yacoobi established the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL) in 1995 to provide teacher training to Afghan women, support education for boys and girls, and provide health education to women and children. Under her leadership, AIL has established itself as a groundbreaking, visionary organization which works at the grassroots level and empowers women and communities to find ways to bring education and health services to rural and poor urban girls, women, and other poor and disenfranchised Afghans. The first organization to offer human rights and leadership training to Afghan women, AIL supported 80 underground home schools for 3,000 girls in Afghanistan after the Taliban closed girls' schools in the 1990s, and was the first organization to open Women's Learning Centers for Afghan women—a concept now copied by many organizations throughout Afghanistan. Using their grassroots strategies and holistic approach, AIL now serves 350,000 women and children each year, and since 1996, over 6,900,000 Afghans have benefited from AIL's education and health programs.

In addition, the Chagrin Falls Historical Society, 21 Walnut Street, will be open from 3 – 6 p.m.

Complimentary shuttle bus transportation will be provided from venue to venue beginning at 3:30pm. Maps with parking, restaurant, and shopping suggestions will be mailed with tickets.

Chautauqua-in-Chagrin will continue on three Tuesday evenings in July and August, each of which will include a free concert at 4:00pm, lectures at 6:00 and 8:00pm, and a free performance in Riverside Park for the community beginning at 7:00pm. The dates and themes for those evenings are as follows:

Tuesday, July 20: *Nuclear Power & Weapons: The Right to Have & to Hold*

This evening explores the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the increasing use of nuclear power as a source of energy. Featured speakers are Richard Stuebi - fellow for Energy & Environmental Advancement, The Cleveland Foundation, and founding principal, NorTech Energy Enterprise; and Jonathan Granoff, president, Global Security Institute.

Tuesday, July 27: *Picture This: Photography*

Presented in collaboration with South Franklin Circle, this evening celebrates the history of photography, its contribution to and relationship with surrounding culture, and its place in the art world. Featured speakers are the award-winning commercial photographer, Jennie Jones, and Corry Kanzenberg, curator of archival collections, Norman Rockwell Museum.

Tuesday, August 3: *Excellence in Public Education*

Two leaders in educational reform discuss some of the current efforts that are dramatically improving the performance of public education in the United States. Featured speakers are John Zitzner, president, Friends of E Prep Schools and founder, E Prep and Village Prep Schools; and Mark Roosevelt, superintendent of schools, Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Tickets are now on sale for all evenings. “Gate Passes,” which include entry to all of an evening’s events, are \$28 for preferred seating with hospitality center and \$18 for general seating. Subscriptions for the entire series of four weeks are \$90 for preferred seating with hospitality center and \$60 for general seating. Individual 8:00 p.m. lecture only tickets are \$12 per lecture.

Gate passes and tickets may be purchased at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre box office (40 River Street/440-247-8955) during box office hours (Monday – Saturday, 1p.m. – 6p.m.), through the Your HomeTown – Chagrin Falls Visitors Center (83 North Main Street), open daily 11a.m. – 3p.m., and online at www.chagrinfoundation.org.

As part of the Chagrin/Chautauqua collaboration, the Chautauqua Institution is once again offering a “Chagrin Package” to Greater Cleveland residents throughout the summer season, which runs from June 26 through August 29. As part of the “Chagrin Package,” area residents may receive discounted rates for accommodations at the historic Athenaeum Hotel and entrance to lectures, symphony, Amphitheater entertainment, chamber music, ballet and all regular Chautauqua programming. For the complete schedule of events, visit www.ciweb.org or www.athenaeum-hotel.com. For *Chagrin at Chautauqua* package details and reservations, call 800.821.1881.

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