Sadat speaks on international moral and legal obligations

by Beverly Hazen
Staff writer

The theme for this week is, “What Makes Us Moral? An Anthropological Perspective” by Laia Nazda Sadat will present, “Prosecuting Crimes Against Humanity: Caught Between Justice and Despair,” for the CLSC selection, “Justice and Despair,” for the CLSC Roundtable at 3:30 p.m. today at the Amphitheater.

Sadat brings a cosmopolitan perspective to her work. She was trained in both the French and American legal systems, and is particularly well-known for her expertise on the International Criminal Court and was a delegate to the 1998 diplomatic conference in Rome at which the ICC was established. She has published a series of articles on the court and an award-winning monograph, “The International Criminal Court and the Transformation of International Law,” which was supported by the United States Institute of Peace.

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From Today's Lecturer

Dear Parents,

In an era characterized by the complexities of our country and the world, it is more important than ever to instill the values of character, integrity, and community in our students. At Chautauqua, we believe that education is not just about acquiring knowledge, but also about developing the moral and ethical compass that will guide our students in their lives.

This semester, we have introduced a new program called the Chautauqua Character Council, which will focus on fostering these values in our students. The council will consist of student leaders who will work with faculty and staff to identify and implement initiatives that will help our students grow as moral and ethical individuals.

We are excited about this new initiative and believe that it will make a significant impact on the lives of our students. We look forward to sharing updates on the progress of the Chautauqua Character Council in future issues of the Chautauqua Daily.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chautauqua Daily Staff
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“[At the beginning] it’s very dark and moody, heavy. But I think that’s sort of the end of the last movement, very, very virtuoso and very dark and moody,” he said. “It has the last movement is sheer joy for the soul.”

KESHAEVE

In 1980, Keshaie joined the Secretariat of His Highness the Aga Khan in London as a research assistant and wrote his doctoral dissertation at the University of Oxford in 1981. He has been a member of the Aga Khan Development Network and has served as a consultant to various international organizations, including the United Nations, World Bank, and World Trade Organization. He is currently the head of the Aga Khan Institute in London.

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14th Annual Piano Competition Start this day
by Elise Podjasek

At 10 a.m. today in Shevrod-March Studios, the preliminary round of one of the nation’s most prestigious piano competitions will begin.

Twenty-seven students from the Chautauqua School of Music Piano Department will participate in the 44th Annual Chautauqua Piano Competition. Though the competition has been in existence for more than 30 years, it became a yearly and quite successful program in 1989. Building steam since then, the program has grown to offer its first and second place winners substantial prizes funded by seven Chautauqua families. The first place winner will receive $7,500 funded by the Norma and Jeff Glazer family and the opportunity to perform a solo piano recital at the Vienna Opera House and will be the first place winner in the Lenna Hall near the season’s close. The second place winner will receive $2,500, which is funded by five different Chautauqua families.

Before the competition reaches its current stature, Rebecca Pennies, Piano Program chairwoman and head of the competition, said it was a biannual or triennial event.

Not only is the competition the most highly regarded, highly anticipated ticket for all Music events of every season. Each of the 27 participants will play before a panel of three judges over the course of two days, today and Friday. By the first round’s close this Friday, the judges, pianists James Johnson, Alan Chase and Viv McPherson, will deliberate and announce the names of the 10 to 12 players who will advance to the next round. The semifinal will be from 2 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in Lenna Hall. Five or six pianists will be selected by judges Johnson, Chase and Jacobsen to continue on to the next round. In the 10 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m., those finalists will perform again at 7 p.m. in Lenna Hall, and at approximately 5 p.m., the winners will be announced.

The greatest part of this competition, five-time participant Tabitha Bousman said, is not in its cash prizes — though they are very motivating. It’s the competition’s credibility. Because Pennies continues to bring in new judges every season, Bousman said the competition has no political edge.

“I really appreciate this particular competition because the judges are chosen very carefully by the faculty,” she said. “You can’t just pull out any old person off the street or from that gift, not what their teacher knows.”

Varied, professor of piano at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said it always is a challenge as a competition adjudicator to give the most fair and accurate judgments, but it also is the most exciting thing about the position.

“It’s always interesting to hear young pianists say how they see they are achieving their goals,” he said. “Chautauqua has an excellent program here and a wonderful group of students, and I’m very much looking forward to judging the competition.”

All of the rounds are competed free and open to the public, though admission to the Piano Program will be accepted at the door. Pennies encourages everyone to attend and experience the talent as well as the music.
Williams speaks in rubrics of moral responsibility and the other

by Alicie R. O'Grady

Staff writer

As his name would indicate, Primo Levi wrote, “Deep in the minds of many individuals and people there lies in their innermost core, ‘every stranger is an enemy.’”

It is from this quotation that Ralph Williams begins his Thursday morning Amphitheater lecture, titled the title of his talk: “The Maxem Deep in the Minds of Many: Ethics, Religion and the Other.”

The guest went over the audience six rubrics around which he will build the lecture.

Rubric one: Millenarian Libraries

For example, he said, the Jewish and Christian Bibles are not only books, but each is a “Millenarian Library” of “revelations of our ancestors of what it is to live with another and with the God that is there present and lived.”

What it is to live with this God is a source of much regret, he said. The issues are never presented simply, and the characters are complex and learned. For example, Williams said, “Look at the story of Cain and Abel. God apparently favored the offspring of Abel, and Cain was troubled by this. God tried to reassure Cain, but Williams said, “It was at the door.”

A variation, someone, God’s asked, "Where is Abel your brother?"

When Cain replied, “I don’t know!” Williams asked if he was trying to lie. God exiled a basic unity of humans with the God who was trying to lie. God exiled Cain. “I heard from off the gray sea,” he said, “I would not sleep! If God is not, it is not good to be in the world! I would not sleep for the little green leaves of the tree of life, the water.”

Williams said he understood that people come back to Chuithisanda every year not to expose in the beauty, but also to try to understand the beauty of the evil in the world. This is the other version, “Not by one way to understand but by many ways a mys-

It is from this quotation, Williams proposed that we come here to understand, as he how, “understand in the light of the Bible, in the light of your lives, in the light of your lives.”

In Homer’s accounts of the Fall of Troy, Williams said, Pansia wants to defend the city, but Young Paul comes and begins to kill all the old men. He stops, then brings his sword down on the old man. The enemy is an old man, Williams said. That’s the way history often goes. “So we bring the sword down on those that are the enemy.”

The book’s “The Tem-

Prospero says, “I won’t stand all day watch ing off the wind in a boat, with his 3-year-old daughter. He then had the power to destroy the old man. Prospero, A spreadsheet, says Prospero, who planes how he would become tenderer. Prospero responds, “You don’t know, don’t think I am an

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A Jewish perspective: Why be good?

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Religion

Turning aside for God

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Barbara Kay Landman transformed her congregation into a Broadway audience with an inspirational monologue Wednesday evening, titled "We Turn Aside"

Landman, a 25-year-old Talmudic "bag lady" from Jane Wagner's play "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe." After her talk, the audience remained silent as it took its applause.

"It's one of God's great inefficiencies," the chaplain said, slouching as she mimed a rhyme: "Immaterial, Inefficient, Inefficible. God longs for human beings to turn aside. It's an inefficiency form of relationship; if we turn aside more often, would God speak more often?"

Noting the focus of the evening was a scriptural reading and contemplation while most of those in attendance would be reading the Bible and the Talmud, the host said: "This has not been a good time for testimonials, this has not been a good time for the intersection of religion, ethics and morality.

This was a Jewish perspective: Why be good?" A Jewish perspective: Why be good? This was the main question posed by Rabbi David Gordis, who spoke to a full audience Tuesday night at the Hall of Philosophy.

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Bequests are one of the simplest, most meaningful ways to perpetuate the Chautauqua tradition. Whatever your interest is—music, dance, visual arts, lectures, recreation or “the mix” —all that is Chautauqua, you have the opportunity to ensure the future of these programs, and leave a legacy that family members and friends will remember you by.

As you update your estate plans, we hope you will consider making a bequest to help preserve the Chautauqua experience for all who come after you.

To learn more about bequests and other special gifts, as well as the Eleanor B. Dwight Society, which recognizes these contributions, please contact:

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Men's Club to discuss aging

The Men's Club meeting at 9 a.m. Friday at the Women's Clubhouse will feature a panel discussion on the issue of aging. Ruth Bennett, M.D., will tell of her research in the fields of geriatrics and aging. The Rev. Andrew Freay, manager of Chautauqua Health & Healing, will tell of his work in the fields of geriatrics and aging. The Rev. Mike Warren, a 30-year Christian Science practitioner from Rochester, N.Y., opens this weekly series with a meditation on discerning God’s will. The discussion is free and open to all. For information, call (716) 357-2046.

Interfaith News

Food Bank Donations

Chautauqua Health & Healing accepts donations for the Ashville Food Bank. Donations may be dropped off at any time at the North Street entrance of Chautauqua Health & Healing.

Hebrew Congregation

All are invited to join the Hebrew Congregation from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Millard Bell Tower for the Kol haShabbat service, a service where the Rabbis, Rabbi Howard Rosenberg of Temple Beth Zvi, Buffalo, conduct the service. For information about the memorial or blessing portions of the service, call (716) 357-0452. The rain venue is the chapel.

Brown Bag lunch at United Methodist Church

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The Rev. Barbara Landfried delivers Sunday’s Morning Worship sermon in the Amphitheater. Landfried concludes her sermon series, titled “Some Questions We Might Ask: Stories Worth Hearing Again For the First Time,” during the Morning Worship service today and Friday.

Ticket Refund/Replacement Policy

Longterm tickets will be refunded to the original form of payment until June 26, 2009 ($10 service fee applies). No refunds will be processed after this date.

Longterm tickets (weekend and longed or parking permits, single opera and theater tickets) may be replaced. A non-refundable fee of $25 will be charged for this service. Single opera and theater tickets can be replaced at a charge of $2 per ticket. Theater and opera tickets will be refunded with corresponding longterm ticket refund requests.

Chabad Lubavitch

The Tisha B’Av (Fast Day) service is from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. today at the Everett Road Center. The fast reading is the Book of Deuteronomy.

The fast ends at 9:21 p.m.

Albany, New York, presents a lecture titled “History and Rockets” at 6:30 p.m. today at the JCC. Daniel Kotzin discusses his and our other dialogues in an opportunity to share their experiences and explore the ways that the theme of the week can be expressed through the liturgy, faith or spiritual traditions. The discussion is free and open to all. For information, call (518) 434-3340.

Eastern Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua

Susaene Brown, a Religious Educator in residence, leads the Hebrew Congregation Shabbat morning from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. today at the JCC. Daniel Kotzin discusses “Rabbi Judah L. Mandell” from 1875 to 1948. Attempts at Jewish Liberalism, Judaism at the ELIC. Brown Bag lunch at 12:15 p.m. today. For information, call (716) 357-0452. The rain venue is the chapel.

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Join us for a special weekly service with a delicious homemade dessert and beverage — $30 for tickets, which are still available.

Lutheran House

The Rev. Richard Blasius, chaplain of the week, presides at a service of Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. tonight in the Lutheran House. Stanley Vin- dervan serves as accompanist.

Protestant Church

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**Babysitting Services**

A list of available babysitters is available to families who are looking for child care while on the grounds. The list is updated each week during the season, and is available in the Colorado library, at Smith Memorial library, at the Max Gate Welcome Center, or by calling the Office of Recreation & Youth Services at 720-4920. All arrangements are made between the family and the sitter, and the Office does not offer or recommend individuals.
For Didget, OLD events’ laid-back style a perfect fit

by Ashley Sandau

For people who have participated in the Old First Night Walk or swim sections, they are familiar with the idea that those events are not quite races — not in the traditional sense. Gay Didget, a longtime Chautauquan who participated in the run and swim sections, knows and appreciates this sentiment.

Didget did consider herself an all-star athlete. She did not run or swim when she was in high school or college. She said she is a leisurely swimmer who runs and swims purely for the fun and fitness they yield, not for competition.

“I’ll be interesting,” she said with a chuckle.

But the swim section will be different from other events. Runners and swimmers will do the swim walk sections of the event are more familiar to Didget.

When the participants register, volunteers will make sure they know how to complete the half-mile (the case of the swim) or roughly 2.7 miles (in the walk/run sections). They will be aware of the finishers who finish with the time closest to the one he or she predicted.

So it is not so a race against others, but more of a race against oneself. And although people can complete set minimum times and run as slow as they want, predicting the right time is actually much more difficult than it seems, Didget said.

“Try swimming to an estimated time, so that’s just in and out of itself. It’s funny. Because I can swim about 300 meters much more than the race distance, so I have an opportunity every day to time myself, but I forget … so you’d think I should have taken a test in a race, but I really don’t.”

Didget is one of the few people who actually take advantage of the option to participate in multiple sections of the event, an option that only became available three years ago when the swim section was added.

Prior to that addition, Didget said she would swim regularly in the morning before heading down to the Sports club to participate in the run.

Now that Peggy Ulasewicz, who is in charge of the OLD Run/Walk/Swim, has added a swim section, Didget is able to sign up for an early swim event slot, which starts at 7 a.m., to complete that event in time to run the 9 a.m. event.

Didget said that she likes how the event is set up, and that the swim section is not the same as a traditional race or swim meet.

“The first day that you had the swim meet at Turn-er Community Center, I swam in to give it a try and I thought it’s just not for me,” she said. “I just found I didn’t enjoy it as much, so just did it the first year.”

The swim, however, is different. One of the advantages of the swim meet that Didget said she had a hard time with was diving into the water with goggles on, which is how one must start an event in a swim meet. With the OLD swim, a person can start in the water and just push off the wall. And, of course, it is not a race against other people.

“Me against myself,” said Didget.

And though the run is set up more as a traditional race, she said, “I feel that way about the race, too, and it’s a great competition to last a lifetime.”

And it might seem, as the two events are set up so differently, that the adrenaline rush associated with the swim might be less so with the run. Not necessarily so, Didget said.

“Swimming is always that drive to keep up with others in the race, and I do respond to that,” she said. But as far as the swim goes, despite swimming on her own most days, she said, “Maybe it’s just the fact that it’s the day for the race and it feels a little bit different than my normal swim, so I get nervous, I feel the adrenaline.”

A seventh-grade English teacher who grew up in Rochester, N.Y., Didget has been coming to Chautauqua during the summers for about 16 years now. She parents first started renting property on the grounds 20 years ago and now own a house at the Institution.

For Didget, the OLD event lends itself to that positive sentiment. Organized as a fun, recreational activity that has the added bonus of benefiting the Chautauqua Fund, the OLD Run/Walk/Swim is an excellent way to get involved with the Chautauqua community while getting a little exercise.

“I just love it,” Didget said of the event. “It’s an aspect that seems truly Chautauqua somehow. You’ve got people of all ages out there exercising and there’s great support all the way around. It’s just a really fun, good spirited kind of day.”

The event is sponsored by Vacation Properties.

Longtime Chautauquan Gay Didget may not participate in the “Run” portion of this year’s Old First Night Run/Walk/Swim, but she is sure to swim.
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