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PBS 45 & 49 president to participate in Interfaith Mission

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KENT, Ohio — July 31, 2006 — Trina Cutter, president and chief executive officer of PBS 45 & 49, will participate in an Interfaith Mission to Washington, D.C., on Aug. 2. The yearly trip is sponsored by the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

More than 40 community leaders from the greater Akron area will make the trip, which includes a diplomatic briefing on the Middle East at the Embassy of Israel and a high-level briefing on domestic issues. Participants will also have an opportunity to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

“Technology — especially television and broadband technology — blurs geographic boundaries,” Cutter said. “As the CEO of a public television station, I feel that it is both a privilege and a responsibility to be involved in and concerned about global issues that have an impact on our local community.”

Participants on the trip will fly to Washington and meet initially with Rafael Harpaz, minister counselor of public affairs in the Israeli Embassy. Later, they will meet with William Daroff, vice president for public policy and director of the Washington Office of United Jewish Communities. The Jewish Community Board of Akron subsidizes the trip as a learning and networking experience for Akron community leaders.

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