

THE NETWORK OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES PRESENTS

“BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER:

***Muslims, Jews, and Christians in Historical Spain and Lessons They
Provide for our Multicultural Society Today”***

This conference will focus on the history of Medieval Spain when Jews, Christians, and Muslims lived in relative peace for a period of nearly 800 years. Collectively, these groups established interreligious centers of education for the arts, architecture, mathematics, astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, economics, philosophy, natural sciences, and other disciplines, all under a civil and tolerant government with respect to religious freedom. The rise and fall of this era presents many parallels and lessons for today's society as we seek ways to eliminate conflict, learn from our diversity, and help establish peaceful coexistence.

DECEMBER 2nd - 5th, 2004

Thursday, December 2nd – Opening Session 7:00 P.M.

Christopher Lowney, Author, "Heroic Leadership" and "A Vanished World: Medieval Spain's Golden Age of Enlightenment" (April 2005)
University at Buffalo - Diefendorf Hall (Room 146, South Campus/Main Street), Buffalo, NY

Friday, December 3rd – 6:00 P.M. Shabbat Service & 7:15 P.M. Presentation

Reception to follow

Sulayman Nyang, Ph.D., Professor, African Studies at Howard University
Temple Beth Am, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, NY

Saturday December 4th – 6:00 P.M.

Scott Alexander, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Muslim-Catholic Studies, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Islamic Society of the Niagara Frontier, 745 Heim Road, Getzville, NY

Sunday, December 5th – 4:00 P.M.

Raymond P. Scheindlin, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Medieval Jewish Studies, The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City

Blessed Sacrament RC Church, 1035 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY

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