

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup> – 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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