



**CNY Community is Invited to Holocaust Remembrance Day Free Concert,
Sunday, April 7 at the Civic Center
*Kaddish: I Am Here - Music of Remembrance and Hope to be Performed by
Symphoria and SU Oratorio***

Jews around the world will soon remember millions who lost their lives in the annual commemoration known as Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day. This year, however, the entire Central New York community is invited to remember by attending a **free** music program in the Crouse Hinds Theater, Onondaga County Civic Center, on **Sunday, April 7, 2:30 pm.**

Symphoria and the Syracuse University Oratorio Society will perform *Kaddish: I Am Here - Music of Remembrance and Hope*, written and composed by composer, theater artist, scholar and performer Lawrence Siegel. The composer uses the words of survivors to tell the story of the *Shoah*, first depicting life in central Europe before the Holocaust and then moving to stories of events that took place during the Holocaust. The conclusion of the piece recalls both those who died and those who survived. It concludes with the words of a survivor on returning to Auschwitz with her family: "I am here. I survived, and look who is with me!" - telling us that she and the Jewish people have triumphed.

Dr. Alan Goldberg, professor emeritus at Syracuse University and the event coordinator, said that remembering what happened is very important, "But memory without action does not honor those who perished. We owe them a commitment to stand up against intolerance and injustice everywhere, always cherishing the dignity of every human being.

"An annual Holocaust remembrance, as established by the U.S. Congress," Professor Goldberg continued, "brings all communities together as a statement to never forget the genocide of the Jewish people, and all genocides. That's why regardless of faith or ethnicity, everyone is encouraged to attend this emotional musical event."

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Beth Broadway, executive director, InterFaith Works, an event co-sponsor, said, “Our Syracuse community is home to many refugees who have been the victims of current day genocides and have triumphed over adversity. These refugees will be welcomed at the commemoration, as the words ‘never again’ are a commitment to all ethnic groups for they, too, have survived and triumphed,

The Oratorio will be performed by Symphoria, conducted by John F. Warren, and the Syracuse University Oratorio Society, with soloists Janet Brown, Lorraine Yaris Sullivan, Gerald Grey and Timothy LeFebvre. The program will open with selections from Ernest Bloch’s *Sacred Service*.

Sponsors for the event are Syracuse University’s Regional Holocaust and Genocide Initiative, the Jewish Federation of CNY, and InterFaith Works of CNY.

All seating is free and general admission. Tickets can be picked up at numerous venues including Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas, Temple Concord, Temple Adath, the Jewish Community Center, Menorah Park, Interfaith Works of CNY, Trinity Church – Fayetteville, First Church of Christ Scientist, St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity, Syracuse University’s Schine Center box office, and the OnCenter Box Office (a processing fee will be charged for OnCenter phone requests). Tickets will be available at the OnCenter box office on the day of the concert. **For further information contact Professor Alan Goldberg at agoldbe1@twcny.rr.com.**

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