



The Jewish Community Center and the Tucson Symphony Orchestra present a FREE special lecture with George Hanson, Music Director and Conductor of the TSO and Dr. Thomas Kovach, UA Professor of German Studies and Judaic Studies:

April 7, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Jewish Heritage Center at the JCC

***Topic: A Jewish Resurrection? Mahler's 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony in Modern Jewish History***

In February 1941, in Berlin, the "Juedische Kulturbund Orchester" (Jewish Culture Society Orchestra) presented one concert, before being disbanded by the Gestapo. The one work on the program: Gustav Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony.

In July 1967, in Jerusalem, the Israel Philharmonic presented a concert to celebrate victory in the Six Day War. The work on the program: Gustav Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony.

How did a piece of music with the title "Resurrection" come to be associated with some of the most important moments in modern Jewish history?

Was it the text? How did Jews in wartime Berlin feel when they heard the words "Sterben werd' ich, um zu leben" (I will die, in order to live)? How did Jews in newly-reunified Jerusalem feel when they heard the words "Auferstehen wirst du, mein Staub nach kurzer Ruh—BEREITE DICH ZU LEBEN" (Arise again, my dust, after a short rest—prepare to live!) Was it Mahler's own struggle with his Jewish spirituality—or just the fantastically beautiful music?

On Tuesday, April 7th at 7 pm at the Jewish Heritage Center at the Jewish Community Center, we will try to answer those questions, and more. Dr. Thomas Kovach, UA professor of German Studies and Judaic Studies, will join me for an evening of lively discussion, and of course, music.

This lecture will be prepare you to experience this great work for yourself, as the TSO presents Mahler's great Symphony No 2, "Resurrection" on April 16, 17 and 19 at the TCC Music Hall. No fewer than 250 Tucsonans onstage will pour out their hearts in this most magnificent work. Prepare yourself—to live, to laugh, to cry, to be uplifted.

PLEASE JOIN DR. KOVACH AND MYSELF APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the Jewish Heritage Center at the JCC.

Thank you,

George Hanson

For more information about the lecture, call the JCC at 299-3000.

JCC, Jewish Federation members receive a special 20% discount on tickets to any of the Mahler "Resurrection" performances. Please go online at [www.tucsonsymphony.org](http://www.tucsonsymphony.org) or call the TSO Box Office. Use or quote the special discount code: MAHLER2.