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KEHILAT HANAHAR HOSTS BENEFIT CONCERT WITH HARPSICHORDIST LEWIS BARATZ AND FLUTIST MICHELLE COSGROVE

NEW HOPE, Pa. – Harpsichordist, Lewis Baratz, and Baroque Flutist, Michelle Cosgrove, will join Kehilat HaNahar for a benefit concert of baroque music on April 13.

The afternoon concert event will include solo harpsichord pieces composed by Giovanni Battista Ferrini, Michelangelo Rossi, Louis Couperin, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Domenico Scarlatti, and works for flute and harpsichord by Johann-Joachim Quantz, and Michel Blavet.

“We’re delighted that Lewis and Michelle have agreed to share their musical talents with us during this special benefit concert,” said Rabbi Sandy Roth. “Music plays such a vital role in so many people’s lives, and it will be a real treat to hear music performed by such accomplished musicians.”

Proceeds from the event will help provide needed improvements to Kehilat HaNahar’s 150-year-old-plus building that once was home to the New Hope School House (circa 1851).

Lewis Reece Baratz studied the harpsichord and fortepiano with Gwendolyn Toth, and was a Fulbright Scholar and Fellow of the Belgian American Educational Foundation. He directs Ensemble La Fiocco and has been a guest artist with Le Triomphe de l’Amour, the Practitioners of Musick, and the New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra. Baratz holds a doctorate in musicology from Case Western Reserve University, specializing in music in 17th- and 18th-century Brussels. He also is a

member of Kehilat HaNahar. The Harsichord he will play was crafted by the renowned Willard Martin of Bethlehem, Pa. Built in 1986, the two-manual harpsichord was based on French ravellement models, ca. 1690-1710.

Flutist Michelle Cosgrove studied modern and baroque flute with Kimberly Reighley while working on her Master's degree in Music Performance at West Chester University. She actively performs with Ensemble La Fiocco, the Cosgrove/Duffy Doe, and the guitar and flute duo Strings & Wind. Michelle teaches modern flute and piano at the Community Conservatory in Doylestown and at her private studio.

The concert will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for seniors and students younger than 13. Tickets may be purchased by calling 215-862-1912.

Kehilat HaNahar is a Reconstructionist Synagogue in the heart of New Hope. In addition to traditional weekly Shabbat services, Rabbi Sandy Roth leads monthly family, children's, meditation and musical services, as well as a host of continuing education programs, and a rich Shul school curriculum. Founded in 1994, "The Little Shul by the River" is proud to be celebrating its Bar Mitzvah year. For membership information, program details or directions, contact 215-862-1912, or visit www.kehilathanahar.org.

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