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HOLLYWOOD SCREENWRITER TO HOST OSCAR PARTY AT KEHILAT HANAHAR

NEW HOPE, Pa. –Hollywood screenwriter Mark Rosenthal will host an Oscar Party at Kehilat HaNahar complete with movie clips, commentary, voting, fine dining, and the ever-popular walk down the Red Carpet.

Held the night before the Academy Awards ceremony is slated to air, Kehilat HaNahar's Oscar Party will give attendees a chance to win cash and prizes, as well as to see how closely their votes match those of the Academy. The event also will serve as a fundraiser for improvements to the Shul's 150-year-old-plus building that once was home to the New Hope School House (circa 1851).

"Kehilat HaNahar's Oscar Party will combine all the elements of a spectacular night out," says Arthur Spector, co-president of the synagogue and a member of the fundraising committee. "We're offering great food, fantastic entertainment, a beautiful setting, and a chance to take home cash and prizes. We're also providing a fun and festive way to support the only synagogue in New Hope's history."

The evening will include an elegant catered meal by the *Artful Palate*, a 50/50 raffle, and a grand prize to the person who matches the Academy's choices for Best Picture, Best Actress and Best Actor.

The evening's host, Mark Rosenthal, has been a screenwriter for more than 20 years, working on such films as "Superman IV", "Eragon", "Mona Lisa Smile", "Mighty Joe Young", "Star Trek VI", and "The Legend of Billie Jean", among others.

In addition to an active career in the film world, Rosenthal has lectured extensively at film classes, seminars and universities, and was featured in a tele-documentary created by the La Salle University. He teaches screenwriting at the University of Pennsylvania. He's also featured in "Why We Write: Portraits of 25 Top Screenwriters", published by Silman-James Press. Rosenthal has been a member of Kehilat HaNahar for more than a decade, and lives in New Hope with his wife and two children.

Kehilat HaNahar also is grateful to Jane Barg of *The Artful Palate* in Lambertville, N.J. for donating her time and cooking expertise, Boxwoods Garden & Gifts in Lambertville for providing floral arrangements, Nancy and Alan Jacobson for donating wine, and Brillman's in Newtown for offering a discount on rental supplies.

Kehilat HaNahar's Oscar Party will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person for members of the Synagogue, and \$60 for non-members. The evening will include a complimentary champagne toast, dinner, and a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-862-1912. Space is limited so those interested in attending should call by Feb. 1.

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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