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KEHILAT HANA HAR HOSTS MUSICAL PURIM CELEBRATION

NEW HOPE, Pa. – In celebration of Purim, Kehilat HaNahar will hold a community wide musical costume celebration with a craft project preceding the service on Friday, March 13. Thirteen is not an unlucky number in Judaism.

In addition to “spiels” (public mockeries) concocted by members to poke good natured fun at everything, Kehilat HaNahar’s Purim celebration will include an english reading of the “Megillat Esther”. The Megilla tells the tale of Queen Esther who helped save the Jews from the evil Prime Minister Haman. It’s a story full of mischief and foot-stamping fun for young and old alike.

“Purim is a time when taking oneself too seriously is a sin,” said Rabbi Sandy Roth who will lead the service and celebration. "It is a time when we make fun of everything, especially that which we consider most sacred. We break the rules so that the rest of the year we can observe them."

We invite anyone in the community to participate in the celebration, which begins at 6:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to experience one aspect of Kehilat HaNahar. Adults and children are encouraged to get into the spirit of this holiday by wearing costumes, but it’s not required.

In addition, Kehilat HaNahar is collecting food for the Delaware Valley Interfaith Council's Food Pantry. Purim celebration attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items and leave them in the basket provided in the Shul lobby.

Kehilat HaNahar is a Reconstructionist Synagogue in the heart of New Hope. In addition to diverse weekly Kabbalat Shabbat services which include family, children's, meditation and musical services. Rabbi Sandy Roth leads family, children's, meditation and musical services as well as a host of continuing education programs, and a rich and unique Shul school curriculum. For membership information, program details or directions, contact 215-862-1912, or visit www.kehilathanahar.org.

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