

## News Release

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### KEHILAT HANA HAR HOSTS ANNUAL COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

NEW HOPE, Pa. – In celebration of Passover, Kehilat HaNahar will host its community Passover Seder on the second night of the eight-day religious holiday. Last year's event attracted more than 100 residents from all over the Delaware River Valley. The entire community is welcome.

Passover, or Pesach, commemorates the Jews' escape from slavery in Egypt. Kehilat HaNahar's Seder will include a traditional Passover meal, complete with roasted chicken, matzoh, matzoh ball soup, gefilte fish, kugel, and many other Passover favorites and vegetarian choices. It also will include the customary reading of the Haggadah, which tells the story of Passover. Guitarist, Mahra Parian, will join Rabbi Sandy Roth this year in leading the Seder.

"Passover marks the Exodus from Egypt, the turning point in Jewish history when we became a people," said Rabbi Sandy Roth. "Our Seder has always been a joyous occasion to come together as a community, to reflect on our past and look forward to a future of freedom for all people. Together, we read about our history, sing Passover songs, and eat the best Passover food this side of the Red Sea."

Kehilat HaNahar's Passover Seder will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m. at the Lambertville Rescue Squad in Lambertville, N.J. The public is welcome to attend. Attendees must RSVP by April 1 to 215-862-1912 or [littlehul@kehilathanahar.org](mailto:littlehul@kehilathanahar.org). The cost for the event, including the meal, is \$18 for adults and \$9 for children (ages 5-12) who are Synagogue members, and \$20 and \$10, respectively, for non-members. Children younger than 5 are free.

In addition to hosting the Seder, Kehilat HaNahar will be collecting food and personal products for the Delaware Valley Interfaith Council Food Pantry in Lambertville. Traditionally, as Passover approaches, Jews rid their homes of ‘chametz’ – any food with yeast or leavening. Area residents should bring their food and other donations to the Synagogue during Friday night or Saturday morning services, or on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon.

To help Jews further rid their homes of ‘chametz’, the Synagogue will hold a community Potluck Supper and Service on Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. Guests are invited to bring their favorite vegetarian/dairy ‘chametz’ entrees or desserts to share. An advance RSVP for the potluck supper is required by March 23

Kehilat HaNahar is a Reconstructionist Synagogue in the heart of New Hope. In addition to diverse weekly traditional 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 and unique Shul school curriculum. For membership information, program details or directions, contact 215-862-1912, or visit [www.kehilathanahar.org](http://www.kehilathanahar.org).

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