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KEHILAT HANA HAR HOSTS “NEW YEAR OF TREES” CELEBRATION

NEW HOPE, Pa. – Kehilat HaNahar, the Little Shul by the River, will host a Musical Tu B’Shevat Seder to celebrate the Jewish New Year of Trees. The Seder, which will be held on Friday, Jan. 18, will include a ceremonial meal with fruits, nuts, wine, desserts, music and readings that focus on the gifts of the earth.

Rabbi Sandy Roth will lead the Seder, and Kathy Gohr will provide musical accompaniment. Ms. Gohr has joined Kehilat HaNahar at many other musical services and events, including last year’s Community Passover Seder.

“During Tu B’Shevat we join together to reflect on the importance of protecting the earth and all she provides for us,” explains Rabbi Sandy Roth. “But we also dip beneath the surface and delve into the spirituality and mystical meaning that underlies this holiday.”

The public is welcome to attend, but must RSVP in advance to 215-862-1912.

As part of the holiday, Kehilat HaNahar also will continue its efforts to preserve the environment by recycling, installing energy-efficient light bulbs, using programmable thermostats, and teaching students about simple ways they can help the environment at home. In addition, the Shul will be selling full-size, cotton grocery bags with the Kehilat HaNahar logo to encourage people to reduce the number of paper and plastic bags they use each week.

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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