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“*Kirtan Rabbi*” (Title headline-changeable)

The _____ of _____, will be hosting Rabbi Rabbi Andrew Hahn (the ‘Kirtan Rabbi’) for an (event entitled _____). Rabbi Hahn will lead _____, followed by a specially tailored participatory music program (add description)_____.

Kirtan Rabbi (Andrew Hahn) is one of a new breed of cutting-edge, artist-rabbis whose joyful music and teachings address the deepest longings of the 21st century. He unites celebration of Torah and song in a way that allows people of all ages (and faiths) to discover renewed energy within their Jewish or spiritual practice. A long time martial arts instructor with a doctorate in Jewish philosophy, Rabbi Hahn laces his simple, alluring chants with meditation techniques and traditional learning.

The practice of **Kirtan** originated in India. Its intention was to bring sacred chanting out of the temple precincts and into the streets for everyone to experience. Its form is nearly always in the call-and-response format. Rabbi Hahn himself characterizes Hebrew Kirtan as, “fully participatory call-and-response chant where short, sacred phrases from the Jewish tradition are treated as powerful, universal meditations. It is at once contemplative, ecstatic, and ...simply fun.” Many religious experts and journalists feel that kirtan is particularly suited to these times, when so many people seek to participate in uplifting, communal experiences.

Kirtan Rabbi visits synagogues, JCCs, college campuses, and yoga centers internationally and has been in-residence at Shabbatonim, multi-day retreats and West Coast festivals. He is equally at home singing with a small circle, co-leading a Kabbalat Shabbat service, or bringing a full-on, rocking concert to the big stage. At a Kirtan Rabbi event, the room becomes filled with singing, dancing, and exalted communal feeling.

Rabbi Hahn received rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and earned a Ph.D. from the Jewish Theological Seminary, both in New York City.

He has two musical CDs: *Kirtan Rabbi: Live!*, recorded at New York’s fabled Congregation B’nai Jeshurun on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, “sets the standard in Hebrew Kirtan” (Chant Artist David Newman); the recently released, studio production, *Achat Sha’alti* (one thing I seek) is “inspiring from start to finish....Exquisitely simple in its message of love, longing and celebration” (Rabbi Shefa Gold).

Join Rabbi Hahn at the _____ on _____ for this unique and joyous event.

For information about the event where you will find all the details please go to:

For more information on Kirtan Rabbi and Hebrew Kirtan (including a video), go to www.KirtanRabbi.com

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