



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Vayishlach

13 Kislev 5774

November 16, 2013

Candlelighting: 4:22 PM
Mincha: 4:30 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:13 AM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur: 3:25 PM
Mincha: 1:30 & 4:15 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker:
Rabbi Shlomo Ziegler

Maariv: 5:25 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Mon. & Thur 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM

Tues., Wed., Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:25 PM

Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM

There will be no 10:10 PM Maariv Monday, Nov

11th due to the wedding of Nachman Luban

Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
cancelled this week.

, Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM

Wednesday Night Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM

DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR WINTER:

Shabbos Morning – 8:15 AM and/ or after

hashkama. Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis

Monday – Thursday: after 7:30 Maariv

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for November 30th and December 7th, 14th & 28th. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: mbarenh@yahoo.com. To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER

To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: www.ohrtorah.net

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com or mschneider19@yahoo.com.

TREE OF LIFE and/or YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby EitzChayim Tree, please contact Moish Nat by sending a detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 during work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@optonline.net.

HOUSEKEEPING

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING

Please see the Ohr Torah website, www.ohrtorah.net, for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a RefuahShleimah for members of our shul and community.

FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS

For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

E-MAIL LIST

To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi and Mrs. Yaakov Luban on the Aufruf of their son Nachman and on his forthcoming marriage to Malki Gindoff. Mazel Tov to Yitzchok and Fraidie Gindoff and the entire Luban and Gindoff families.

...to Helen and Benjy Kramer on the engagement of their daughter Russi to Jason Shor of Holliswood, Queens. Mazal Tov to Jason's parents Stuart and Estee Shor and to their Machatonim Ophira and Heshy Gottlieb and E.J. Solomon.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Luban in honor of Nachman's Aufruf.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos this week is co-sponsored by:

-Rivka and Joel Adler in memory of Joel's mother, Rose, Rochal Rivka bas Azriel Hirsch A"H.

-Mel Barenholtz in memory of the Yahrzeit of his mother, Lillie, Charna Leah bas Aryeh Leib A"H.

OHR TORAH YOUTH DEPT NEWS

-On Motzei Shabbat Nov 16th at 6:15PM sharp, Ohr Torah Youth are headed by school bus to the Arenas at Woodbridge (formerly United Skates of America) for a fun evening of roller skating. We will return to the Shul at 9:15 PM...cost is \$20 per child in advance or \$25 at the door. Price includes bus transportation to/from facility, 1 1/2 hour use of roller skating/blading rink, roller skate or blade rentals, 10 tokens per child for use at the arcade games in the arena and snacks/drinks at the facility.

-On Wednesday night Nov 27th, the very first night of Chanukah, Ohr Torah will have a Grand Chanukah dinner and celebration.

This is sure to be a fun evening for families...children, parents and grandparents are all invited to usher in Chanukah, the Ohr Torah way. Cost is \$10 per person or \$36 per family which includes one raffle ticket for each family member. In addition, sponsorships of \$50 and \$100 are available as well.

If you would like to be a sponsor for our Chanukah program please contact Mayer Berg via email marcberg@verizon.net. You can pay via Paypal using youth@ohrtorah.net or checks can be dropped off at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount Road in Edison. Any questions...contact Mayer Berg at marcberg@verizon.net.

BNEI AKIVA

No Bnei Akiva this week.

OT POLAND PILGRIMAGE

OT is excited to announce its First Community Poland Pilgrimage Journey which will take place this summer. The intensive 7 day journey will focus on the rich life and heritage of Polish Jewry as well as very meaningful visits to the major sites of the Shoah. Participants who have family roots in Poland and family stories from the Shoah, will have the opportunity to influence the itinerary and programming. Rabbi Luban will Be'ezrat Hashem be joining us on this very special trip. For more details contact Nitza Adler at 732-819-9294

OHR TORAH ANNUAL SHUL DINNER

We are pleased to announce that the Ohr Torah Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2014. We are further pleased to announce that our distinguished honorees for the dinner will be Moshe and Glenda Sherman and Zev and Rachelle Stern. We are looking forward to greeting each and every one of you at the dinner where we will have the opportunity to pay tribute to these most worthy guests of honor.

RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN CONCERT AND CHANUKAH FEST

Elie Wiesel In Concert - MEMORIES & MELODIES OF MY CHILDHOOD
 Recorded Live at 92Y on Dec 18, 2010 with Matthew Lazar Singers and produced by Phil Ramone. Elie Wiesel is a world-renowned author, scholar, human rights advocate and Nobel Laureate. He is not as well known for his passion for music. This changed when on December 18, 2010 he decided to share memories and melodies of his childhood at the sold out concert at the 92nd Street Y. As an introduction, Sheila Schanzer will discuss some of her thoughts about this famous writer. Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 Time: 12:00 noon Location: Congregation Ohr Torah. The program will include a light "Chanukah" lunch followed by the video, Chanukah game, led by Aliyana Wasserman and socializing. There will be a charge of \$10 to help defray the cost of the meal. RSVP to Bella blerner18@optonline.net or 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712 or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net or 732 572-5998.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM STARTS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00 Please bring your own

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seforim. Cost is still only \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

MESIVTHA TIFERETH JERUSALEM MELAVE MALKA

The Annual Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem Melave Malka will be held on Motzei Shabbat, Nov 16, 2013, 8 PM at Ohav Emeth. The Guests of Honor are Mr. & Mrs. Arya Eisner, who will receive the Keser Shem Tov Award. Hagaon Harav Reuven Feinstein, Shlita will be the Guest Speaker. Please call Shimon Jakubovic for info and reservations at [732-246-1037](tel:732-246-1037).

RPRY

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, a National Blue Ribbon School, invites prospective and current students, toddlers through age 6, and their parents to "SHMA UNDER THE STARS". This will be held Saturday night, Dec 14 from 7:00-8:00 PM. at RPRY. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to our Early Childhood Specialist, Mrs. Helene Lockspeiser [732-572-5052 ext. 215](tel:732-572-5052).

KALEVER REBBE VISITS

The world famed Kalever Rebbe will be visiting the HP/Edison community on Sunday November 17th. The Rebbe will be available to give blessings, guidance, and advice to individuals and families. The Rebbe speaks English and Hebrew, and does not accept any donations. He will be davening Shacharis at Ahavas Yisrael at 8:15 am and receiving individuals from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

CHAI LIFELINE

Chai Lifeline is having its annual toy drive, in time for Chanukah. Please drop off toys at RPRY and Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion from 10/23 – 11/20/2013. All toys must be NEW. Please DO NOT WRAP GIFTS. Toys are needed for children of all ages, from newborn to teenagers. Age appropriate gifts for children ages 13 and up are especially needed. Donations gladly welcome. Make checks payable to Chai Lifeline and in memo indicate "toy fund". Send checks to Chai Lifeline, 106 Clifton Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701, attention Rochel Medlowitz. For more information, please call Bobbi at [732-819-7842](tel:732-819-7842)

AHAVAS ACHIM

You know you've always wanted to learn how to play Mah Jongg. When: Tuesday Dec 17th at 7:30 pm Where: Cong Ahavas Achim South 1st Ave HP Cost: \$25 per person or \$36 Sponsor. Checks payable to: Chai Lifeline. Please mail checks to: Sharon Zavodnick 325 N 3rd Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Reservations required. Already know how to play? Bring your Mah Jongg playing friends and help support this worthwhile organization. Let us know if you have a set we can borrow for the evening Questions? Call Sharon Zavodnick [732-828-4438](tel:732-828-4438) or Sharon Stern [732-777-7326](tel:732-777-7326)

ACTT

(Achieving Change Through Torah) program, now in its 8th year, helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: [Step by Step](#) compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. See the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, for the current Learning Schedule (Modules page) and for all the event audio presentations. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen [732-572-8762](tel:732-572-8762)

BRUCE JACOBI AND TEAM AY

Bruce Jacobi and Team AY are running again in this year's Philly 1/2 Marathon. Our good friend

and neighbor from Edison, Zev Rosenberg, had a terrible work related accident, but Baruch Hashem, Zev is doing great now and also plans to run again together with his son Moshe.

<http://www.ayedison.org/teamaybiacobi.html> to donate on-line. Checks can also be made payable to Team AY, Cong AY or Cong OT. Donations are tax deductible.

HASC DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Janna Akin just moved to Highland Park and is running a marathon for HASC- Hebrew Academy for Special Children. She needs to raise \$3,000.

The link to my HASC page is

<http://www.hasc.net/marathon/mt-mypage.php?kwoAdvocateId=889N127>

JFVS EVENT IN SUPPORT OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SERVICES

The number of Middlesex County Holocaust survivors in need of services and their level of need continues to grow as they become older and frailer. Community dollars are required to allow JFVS to continue to provide home care, housekeeping, Kosher Meals on Wheels, and transportation for Holocaust survivors.

Please join us at a Supper and Show in support of Holocaust Survivor Services Supper & Show Featuring JOHN PIZZI Comedian, ventriloquist, magician (America's Got Talent/ David Letterman) Dec 14, 2013 at 8PM at JFK Conference Center 70 James St, Edison \$50 per person Catered by Jerusalem Pizza Go to www.JFVS.org or call 732-777-1940 If you can't attend, please purchase a raffle for a 7 Day Celebrity Lines Cruise. Raffle tickets are \$36 each or 3 for \$100. Or purchase a raffle for a new Apple iPad (\$25/raffle ticket). See or call Murray Katz for raffle tickets (732-985-7348)

CNJKIDS

-Change your oil for Chanukah - and provide the light of Torah to Jewish parents and children by helping mitigate future tuition increases at local Jewish day schools partnering with CNJKIDS. Starting Wednesday, November 27, 2013, Chanukah Eve, and for the following 8 days, get oil changes at Salit Auto Sales, at 1855 Woodbridge Avenue in Edison, New Jersey, and a percentage of the fee you pay will be donated to CNJKIDS.

- The transfer of appreciated assets allows donors to support Central New Jersey Kehillot Investing in Day Schools, Inc. (CNJKIDS) while reducing exposure to capital gains taxes. Donors are also able to claim immediate income tax deductions for these gifts. For more info please contact CNJKIDS' Treasurer Jon Caplan at [732-249-8600](tel:732-249-8600).

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS (MTA)

The Yeshiva University High School for Boys (MTA) would like to invite 8th grade boys and their parents to our community Parlor Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, Nov 19th, at 8pm, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua and Naomi Caplan, 336 North 8th Ave, Edison, NJ 08817. Parents and students will have the opportunity to meet MTA faculty and students, and learn more about the school.

CAMP SHOSHANIM

Info session for CAMP SHOSHANIM at the home of Shmuel and Esther Greene, 38 South Fourth Ave, at 8PM on Sunday, December 15. Camp Shoshanim is exclusively for girls entering grades 3-10, located in Lake Como, PA, in our glatt kosher, peanut free facility.

Camp sessions run from June 30 to August 18th, 2014. Options for 3, 4 and 7 week sessions as well as a 5-day "Taste of Shoshanim" program. Outstanding programs in athletics, arts, sciences, aquatics, waterfront, music, drama, ropes challenge course, chesed opportunities and daily chinuch. Call or email for more info (973) 575-3333 ext 171. shoshanim@njcamps.org Staff positions also available. Campers, potential campers and their parents are welcome to attend. www.campshoshanim.org

AHAVAS ACHIM

-THE FOUR NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH with Rabbi Daniel Feldman Tuesdays, Nov. 19 at 8pm. in the Ahavas Achim Beit Midrash Rabbi Feldman is the spiritual leader of Ohr Saadya of Teaneck, NJ.

-Ahavas Achim would like to invite you to attend our Chanukah Chagiga for the entire community on Sunday, Dec 1 from 2-4pm. Enjoy music and games with TaShma Orchestra, Hip Hop/Simcha Dance with Tova Halpern, Mommy and Me Chanukah session, Crafts, Donuts, and more! Cost is \$10 per person, \$40 max per family. 216 South 1st Ave, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904. RSVP miriamtennenbaum@gmail.com or [845-558-6182](tel:845-558-6182).

FOR WOMEN

-Park Mikvah: The Highland Park Mikvah is currently having its annual virtual tea. It is the only fundraiser for the local mikvah. If any woman did not receive an invitation, please leave a message at the mikvah, [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411). The mikvah has incurred many expenses this year, including a new water heater, new heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system. Please respond generously. Tizcu l'mitzvos!

-The Women's Learning Initiative can conduct a women's Torah class in your home. For more information on how to initiate a class, please call [908-208-7144](tel:908-208-7144).

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls on Wed, Nov. 20 at the Aguda, upstairs classroom. For more info, please call [908-420-0253](tel:908-420-0253).

- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: no class on Monday night, Nov. 18. For more info, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Monday, Nov 18 at 9AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10 AM at Aguda shule; no class on Monday, Nov. 18. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) rickistern@yahoo.com

-Join women of all ages from the Highland Park/Edison community and beyond as we learn together at Rabbi Bassous's Sunday morning classes. We meet at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison St Highland Park 10-11 AM. We are now learning from the book "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz. Join us at the class and start the year in a spiritually-charged way!

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet THIS Motzai Shabbos, Nov 16 at 9:15 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemont Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Title: Taming the Serpent; Speakers: Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro and Mrs. Miriam Swerdlov. Weekly

teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Upcoming teleconferences:

-Relationships 101 – How to improve and deepen our relationships with the ones we love the most; Speaker: Mrs. Debbie Selengut. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider 732-572-4713. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-The Monday Night Ladies Tehillim group would like to invite you to join us for an evening of inspiration with a special guest speaker, Mrs. Chaya Leah Eidelman, the principal of Reenas Bais Yaakov High School - Monday, Nov.25,2013 at 8:30PM at the home of Mrs. Carol Federman, 15 Hamlin Rd. [732-777-1059](tel:732-777-1059)
-We invite the ladies of the community to come see a large selection of wigs at discounted prices - available for a limited time only – from Sunday, Nov 10 – Sunday, Nov 17 Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Children's Fund. For more info, please contact Rikki Samel @ [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116).

-NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING SHIUR FOR WOMEN Ahavas Achim University presents a new shiur for women by Rabbi Miodownik on "Exploring the Siddur." Wed. from 10:30-11:15 am. in the Beit Midrash.
- The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other Cholim in the community
-Collecting Sheitels: Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. All the money raised at the sale goes towards a hachnasas kallah fund which helps needy brides in Eretz Yisrael. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net

KIDNEY NEEDED

My close friend, Jewish Male (52) father of 2, is in desperate need of a kidney (Type O blood). Please

respond via the Renewal Organization at R652@renewal.org. Please have Tzvi ben Frimmet in your Tefilos for a Refuah Shleimah.
- Dr. Alan Singer

NCSY NEWS

- 1 We would like to invite all the NCSYers grade 9-12, to our home for Friday night onegs! Please be aware of the TIME CHANGE! It will be from 7:30-9:30!!
2. Challahfest- every other Thursday! From 7:30-9!! Come learn all about the beautiful mitzvah of baking challah and then have fun shaping and braiding your very own challah!!
3. Boys learning with Yoni and Adam every Thursday night from 9-9:45! Check out the Facebook page or contact Yoni Sherman or Adam Barouk for more info regarding location.
4. Bible & BBQ every Tuesday at Park Place from 7:30-9. Hang out with friends, enjoy free dinner, and learn awesome Torah!!
5. Winter Regional is right around the corner!!!! EARLY BIRD is ending THIS SUNDAY November 17th. Catch it before it ends!!!!
6. SAVE THE DATE! Sunday December 1st!! NCSY Highland Park is celebrating Chanukah on Ice!! At the Woodbridge center!! Stay tuned for details!!!
- 7.SAVE THE DATE, Monday December 2nd! Have off from school and want to have a more meaningful Chanukah!? Come with as we play dreidel, and sing Chanukah songs with the residents at the Oscar and Ella Wolf Assistant living Center. Email hpchapteroftheyear@gmail.com if interested!
8. Want to have a summer experience like none other?! Check out [newjersey.ncsy.org](http://www.newjersey.ncsy.org) to see all the incredible summer programs we have to offer!

NEFESH B'NEFESH

Nefesh B'Nefesh presents Think Israel: A Conference for Students and Young Professionals. Think Israel will take place in Manhattan on Sunday, November 17th from 12:30-4:30pm at the Convene Conference Center with a special program for physicians and paramedical professionals. Visit the NBN website at www.nbn.org.il for more information and to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at

ENRVInfo@gmail.com. We post over 100 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com

CAMP MOSHAVA PARLOR MEETING

Come explore Camp Moshava with Camp Director Alan Silverman, at the home of Suzanne and Jason Jurkevich, 8 Marshall Dr, Edison, on Thursday, Dec 5 at 7:45 PM. New and returning families and campers welcome! Receive a \$50 Family Discount for Attending!

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 8:30pm to 10:30pm, and Saturday nights 7:30pm to 10:pm. Friday nights are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 732-249-2411

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

Ohr Torah Keylim Mikvah hours are, officially, 7:15 – 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Additionally, the Keylim Mikvah can be used when the Shul is open during Minyan hours. The Shul is locked (for security purposes) during non-Minyan hours. If you need special access, please speak to a Shul Gabbai. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Vayeshev

Candlelighting	4:17 PM
Mincha	4:25 PM

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Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Abraham Joseph Ash (1815-1887)

While the large wave of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe did not begin until the 1880s, there were small numbers of East European Jews who came to America prior to and following the Civil War. Among them was Abraham Joseph Ash, who arrived in New York around 1851. Born in Siemiatycze, still today a small town of 15,000 people in north-eastern Poland, Ash came to New York when most congregants of Orthodox synagogues were from Western or Central Europe. Ash therefore founded a new shul in 1852 called the Beth Hamidrash, New York's first Russian-Polish congregation. He earned a meager livelihood in business, while serving at the Beth Hamidrash as an unsalaried religious leader. The congregation frequently moved from one storefront to another, but in 1856, with the assistance of wealthy Sephardic Jews, they purchased a Welsh chapel on 78 Allen Street. But there were constant quarrels within the shul leadership regarding power and authority, particularly between Ash, the unsalaried rabbi and the President of the shul. Following contested synagogue elections and members bitterly taking sides between the rabbi and the President, Rabbi Ash took the shul president to court to oust him from power. When the court rejected the rabbi's arguments, Ash left the Beth Hamidrash in 1859, and formed a new shul called Beth Hamedrash Hagodol. The shul president and followers remained at the Beth Hamidrash, which later formed the basis of Kahal Adath Jeshurun, more famously known today as the Eldridge Street Synagogue.

During the 1860s, Ash continued to lead the Beth Hamedrash Hagodol on a part time basis, earning his livelihood in business, first as a manufacturer of hoopskirts, and later as a wine merchant. The shul had some novel ways of raising funds. Mourners who came to recite *kaddish* could purchase sponge cake and a glass of brandy for ten cents. The shul congregants were not happy with Rabbi Ash's outside business ventures as well as his inclination towards hasidism. He resigned as rabbi in 1877. Two years later, the Beth Hamedrash Hagodol invited the great Rav talmud chacham, R. Meir Leibush ben Yechiel Michel Weiser, or the MALBIM, to become Chief Rabbi of New York. Sadly, the MALBIM died before leaving Europe for America. The Beth Hamedrash Hagodol promptly re-hired Rabbi Ash, and then hired a new chazan, who incidentally, they paid over three times the salary of Rabbi Ash. Ash died in New York City in 1887, survived by a wife and five children.

Stay tuned for what happened to the Beth Hamedrash Hagodol following the death of Rabbi Ash.