

PHOTO: Ahavath Torah Groundbreaking Ceremony in Englewood

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Rothman Speaks At Ahavath Torah Groundbreaking

Pictured: Rep. Rothman speaks to a crowd of more than 400 members and guests of Congregation Ahavath Torah.

(Englewood, NJ)— On Sunday, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn), who was born and raised in Englewood, New Jersey, joined over 400 members of Congregation Ahavath Torah, Synagogue President Kenny Eckstein, Rabbi Shmuel Goldin, and Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes to break ground on a magnificent new synagogue at 240 Broad Avenue.

During his address, Rep. Rothman told congregants about his time as a young child, when he lived just five blocks from Ahavath Torah's synagogue at the time. His parents, Muriel and Philip Rothman, still remember walking from their apartment on Grand Avenue to the small synagogue that Ahavath Torah then maintained on Englewood Avenue.

Commenting on the congregation's growth over the years, Rothman said, "When I was born, this synagogue's former building, which was beautiful and distinguished, was large enough. Today, people are spilling out of the pews. I am so proud of the way this congregation spans the generations. Grandparents come with their children and grandchildren, and it is not unusual to see great-grandparents tending to toddlers."

He added, "This expansion is excellent news for Ahavath Torah, Englewood, and the entire world-wide Jewish community. This town and our region are well served by having so many people who are committed to living lives guided by their values and a love of Torah."

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