

monthly women's shiurim and special youth programs provide invaluable opportunities for growth and learning to the community.

Rav Erlich's shaisheles hayuchsin – unborn chain of illustrious lineage – begins with Rav Moshe Leib, whose inspiring ahavas Yisroel and legendary mesirus nefesh for Jews

who was the grandson of the Yid Hakadosh – Rav Yaakov Yitzchak of Pshischa.

Rav Yaakov Tzvi Erlich, son of Rav Yekusiel Shmelke, was renowned for his tireless dedication to pidyon shvuyim. Rav Yaakov Tzvi came to Yerushalaim during the reign of the Ottoman Turks, and he smuggled

## Eastern Union Commercial Arranges \$24,100,000 in Funding for Tarrytown Doubletree Hotel and Banquet Hall

Eastern Union Commercial recently arranged a \$24,100,000 loan, provided by CIBC, in senior and mezzanine financing for the full rehabilitation and renovation of the Tarrytown Doubletree located at 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY. This hotel is a full service 246-room hotel and banquet hall.

Abe Bergman of Eastern Union Commercial's New York office was able to secure a very low, blended rate over a two-year term. "Although this deal was faced with many obstacles and complexities," said Mr. Bergman, "the Eastern Union team was able to successfully deliver a fantastic deal."

Project completion is expected early next year.

Describing some of these complexities, Mr. Bergman said, "The deal initially began as a \$12 million rehab of half the hotel. But then, after being entirely underwritten, the other half of the hotel had to be completely shut down after a major storm caused significant flooding. As a result, lenders had to completely reassess how they viewed the property; it was now non-operational—with no operating income, and had severe flood damage."

While numerous lenders looked at the project, CIBC was able to provide the clients the confidence that they understood the deal

and would successfully close.

Eastern Union Commercial's Senior Analyst, Shaya Sonnenschein, explains that despite the challenges, the hiring of a major hotel operator to manage the facility created the willingness for the lender to move forward. He credits the skill of the brokers as well as the strong relationships Eastern Union Commercial has forged with various lenders.

"Eastern Union is familiar with these types of deals and we have many banking relationships that further strengthen our position," says Mr. Sonnenschein.

The developer, 455 Hospitality, LLC, has extensive experience in acquiring depressed properties, and actively seeks additional opportunities for turnaround.

Eastern Union Commercial is one of the fastest-growing commercial real estate brokers in the country, with ten offices nationally, specializing in multi-family, retail, office, industrial, healthcare, mixed-use, hotel and construction loans. Over the last 12 months, the company has negotiated over \$1 billion worth of real estate transactions throughout the country. For more information, visit: [www.easternuc.com](http://www.easternuc.com) or call 866-862-4800.

## Shema Kolainu Legislative Breakfast to Raise Autism Awareness

On Tuesday morning, August 1, Shema Kolainu-Hear Our Voices, a school and center for children with autism, will host a legislative breakfast in Renaissance Ballroom in Brooklyn, New York. The goal of this event will be to educate legislators about the urgency of autism care and research, raise support and awareness and share ideas about working toward combating autism through effective policy and legislation. Communal, civic and religious leaders, community philanthropists, and elected officials, will be in attendance to pay tribute to several outstanding public officials and community leaders for their dedication in furthering the mission of Shema Kolainu.

Menachem Lubinsky, the president and CEO of Lubicom Marketing Consulting will serve as the master of ceremonies. Council member James F. Genaro, who is on the City Council Committee on Mental Health and Mental Retardation is the breakfast chairman. State Senator Martin Malave Dlan will be delivering greetings at the breakfast. Senator Dlan has served in both city and state governments with distinction and his constituency includes a sizable Jewish community.

This breakfast is sponsored by Liberty Health Advantage and Health Plus.

Shema Kolainu - Hear Our Voices will express their gratitude to several honorees. City Comptroller William Thompson, Jr. will be receiving the City Leadership Award and is a long time friend and supporter of Shema Kolainu.

The recipient of the Legislative Leadership award will be Council Speaker Christine Quinn. Speaker Quinn, working with Coun-

cilman Simcha Felder, recently allocated much needed funding for Shema Kolainu. Shema Kolainu's Public Service Award will be presented to State Senator Thomas P. Morahan who is the Chairman of the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities in the State Senate.

Shema Kolainu is particularly grateful to Commissioner Thomas A. Maut of the New York State Office of OMRD where he has served through several State administrations. Commissioner Maut will be the recipient of the State Leadership Award.

David G. Greenfield, Executive Director of the Sephardic Community Federation, will be receiving the Community Leadership Award.

Rabbi Shlomo Braun will be receiving the Shema Kolainu Hakaras HaTov Award. Rabbi Braun, the community representative for State Senator Martin J. Golden.

Shema Kolainu, founded by Joshua Weinstein, opened in 1998 and located in Brooklyn, New York, is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of children with autism in the five boroughs of New York. Renowned for their unique and pioneering approach based on the science of Applied Behavior Analysis, they offer education and other services in the field of autism care. Statistics confirm that autism has risen by epidemic proportions. Vital and urgent expenses for care, education and resources are staggering. Shema Kolainu hopes to build awareness and support to allow more children and families to benefit from the school's valuable and essential services and programs.