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5 May 2010 Eruv Progress Update

The Trustees of the Ebor Eruv Charitable Trust are delighted to announce that we have started to install the poles for the Eruv. The actual installation is expected to take between 4-6 weeks.

This is a major milestone for the Project and signifies the beginning of the final stage of this most important project for the community.

Once the pole installation is complete, wires will be attached and all fences and perimeter partitions brought up to the required standard. We will also be training people to carry out the requisite weekly checks.

Without putting an exact timeline on the above activities, we fully expect this final stage to complete during the summer and we will be sending out regular updates.

As the poles are installed, we need to also turn our attention to the ongoing costs of the Eruv. Maintenance, checks, alerts and weekly supervision cost money, and so we are looking to the community to now play their part and sign up to standing orders, thus ensuring the continuity of the Eruv.

- 1) Completing a standing order of £6.25 or more per month (£75+ per year) will entitle you to a free weekly text message or email giving notification of the status of the Eruv.
- 2) Donations of £12.50 or more per month (£150+ per year) will additionally entitle the subscriber to sponsor the Eruv for one Shabbat to mark a special occasion such as a simcha or yahrzeit.

As a registered charity we are also able to benefit from the Gift Aid component of any donation.

Attached is a copy of our fundraising leaflet and we ask as many of you as possible to **sign up now** to make a regular contribution and ensure the success of a new and important part of our local Jewish infrastructure.

Please contact us on info@eboreruv.org for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

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"Bringing Elstree & Borehamwood together"

"The eruv will radically transform the lives of the local community, by enhancing their Oneg Shabbat (enjoyment of Shabbat). The ability to carry items in the streets and for young couples to be able to push their buggies and socialise in each other's homes, will be a breath of fresh air. I strongly encourage the entire community to help fund this truly worthwhile project."

Rabbi Raphy Garson.
Ohr Yisrael Synagogue, Borehamwood

"I am delighted that the Eruv project will soon become a reality. It will transform Jewish life in Elstree and Borehamwood.

Eruvim are fast becoming the hallmark of thriving mainstream orthodox communities. I urge members of our community to support the appeal for funds so that we can have this great piece of infrastructure in place that will develop and enhance our community."

Rabbi Naftali Brawer.
Borehamwood and Elstree United Synagogue

Further information

www.eboreruv.org

or see the websites for our local shuls.

www.borehamwoodshul.org and
www.ohr-yisrael.org.uk

To contact the Eruv Committee,
please e-mail: info@eboreruv.org



Introducing the

ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD

eruv

connecting the community

help us take our first steps

What is an Eruv?

An eruv is a neighbourhood boundary which allows all Jews to enjoy Shabbat to the full.

Shabbat is a day set aside by Jewish law from the working week. It is a day to spend time with family and friends and to focus on spiritual pursuits, such as going to Synagogue.

On Shabbat, carrying and pushing wheelchairs, prams and buggies from one's home to the street is not permitted. An eruv re-defines a neighbourhood as a single entity in which these restrictions do not apply.

What will it mean for Elstree and Borehamwood?

Currently, families with young children are house-bound every Shabbat. Many with children too young to walk to Synagogue stay at home, unable to attend children services, kiddushim, simchas or to visit friends for a meal. The eruv will allow these families to leave the house and take part in communal activities.

The eruv will also be especially helpful for people who use wheelchairs or have poor mobility. Others will find it useful to be able to carry toddler accessories, food and drink, house keys, reading glasses or books to a synagogue or others' homes.

The eruv will make Shabbat events, both religious and social, available to everyone.

What's going on?

The eruv route has been approved by the United Synagogue and is jointly endorsed by the London Beth Din and Federation of Synagogues. Planning permission has been attained, and details are being finalised with the local authorities.

The Ebor Eruv Trust have set a target of going live with the eruv within two years of achieving planning permission. However, if fundraising targets are met, we are confident that the eruv could be constructed much sooner than this.

Where do I come in?

Funds are required for construction and ongoing maintenance. There is a donation form opposite allowing you to be part of the 'build'. All contributions count towards making this exciting initiative happen.

There is also a standing order form intended to cover ongoing maintenance costs. We are looking for families to pledge just £1.50 per week to meet the costs of upkeep, far less than the cost of a single takeaway coffee. Those wishing to donate at least £150 per annum will be able to sponsor the eruv for a specific week (e.g to mark a Simcha, Yahrzeit or other occasion).

All those contributing £1.50 or more per week will receive a weekly advisory text or email showing the eruv status.

Only with your support will we succeed.

Help us take our first steps.

Help us connect our community.



I wish to become an Elstree & Borehamwood Eruv Partner and help to construct and maintain our Eruv.

Please choose your payment method and then complete the details below:

CONSTRUCTION: I would like to help build the eruv by,

One Off Donation £.....
Cheques / charity vouchers addressable to:
The Ebor Eruv Charitable Trust
40 Manchester Street, London W1U 7LL

MAINTENANCE: I would like to contribute to the ongoing Maintenance of the eruv by,

Standing Order £.....

Standing Order details

To.....Bank Branch.....

Sort CodeAccount Number.....

Account Name

Please debit my account with £ each week/month/quarter/year

Commencing now /

from.....until end date.....or until further notice

and make the payments referred to above to: Barclays Bank Plc, Regent Street Branch
Sort Code: 20-71-64 Account Number: 03884619 Beneficiary: Ebor Eruv Charitable Trust

The Ebor Eruv Charitable Trust, 40 Manchester Street, London W1U 7LL

Signature.....Date.....

Gift Aid

If you are paying by cheque or standing order and are a UK tax payer, please sign the following Gift Aid Declaration: All donations I make to the Elstree & Borehamwood Eruv Trust from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise are to be treated as Gift Aid donations.

Signature.....Date.....

In all cases please complete the details below:

How do you want to be notified each Friday of the status of the Eruv?

By e-mail By text message

Name.....

Address.....

PostcodeEmail

Home Phone Number Mobile No.....