



The Eruv in Toronto

A Sabbath Letter

And the employer who goes to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, is called up to the Torah, the reader recites in his honor, “whomever violates the Sabbath should be put to death”. He leaves the synagogue with a parting Gut Shabbes and immediately winds his way to the forbidden labor that had recently been denounced.

Furthermore, I appeal to all congregations to guard our honor and aid in eradicating this evil violation of the Sabbath. Let not those who employ Jews on the Sabbath day and those who keep their stores open on this day hold any public office. They must not be presidents or trustees, nor should they participate on any committees.

Rabbi Graubart: Responsum on Eruv 1921

I have been requested here in Toronto by many people who are also righteous people to find a way to establish a way in which all the members of the city will be allowed to carry on the Sabbath. They say that I must find a way to “remove the stumbling block”.

After all this discussion, one can see clearly that regarding the eruv one does not have to turn to paths that are difficult or to rely on leniencies and get involved in differing opinions. All of these rules and disagreements have been addressed in other cases and in the city of Warsaw, the great city to God, people carry on the Sabbath with the permission of the great rabbinic authorities of Israel.

Rabbi Price: Unpublished Defense of his Eruv Extension

Anyone with a brain in his head will realize that the eruv that I have built in Toronto is ideal, with its three sides surrounded by water and the fourth side having a symbolic doorway that is better than any symbolic doorway I have seen anywhere in the world.

Toronto Eruv Website

The following are the boundaries of the Toronto/Thornhill eruv. This eruv has been in place since December 1996. It was created under the guidance and supervision of the Va'ad Harabonim of Toronto. Halachic supervision has continued under the guidance of the Va'ad Harabonim, and more specifically under the auspices of the Kollel Avreichim of Toronto. The eruv is constantly checked, updated and fixed. The cost of this maintenance should be borne by all members of the Thornhill/Toronto community.