

Los Angeles Community Eruv



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ABOUT THE ERUV

The Los Angeles Community Eruv (LA ERUV) was built to enhance the experience of Shabbos in our community. Increased togetherness, better access to shul, additional options for the young and elderly – all are facilitated by an eruv. Whether there is a reliable eruv is one of the first questions a young family asks about a neighborhood. Our LA ERUV is one of the few institutions that serves our city's entire Shabbos-observant community. We are grateful to have support from a wide spectrum of shuls throughout the city.



The LA ERUV extends to the east to include Hancock Park and its neighboring communities. It also expands westward to include Pico, Beverlywood, Westwood, Beverly Hills, and all neighborhoods east of the 405 from the 10 freeway to the Ventura/Hollywood freeways. The LA ERUV is the largest eruv in the United States at over 100 square miles and may be the largest in the world. Despite the size of the eruv, it has only been down twice since it was erected in 2002.

The Rabbinical Council of California and the RCC Eruv Vaad Halacha certifies the validity and maintenance of the LA ERUV. The eruv incorporates the highest standards possible in a large metropolitan eruv, and has been recognized as one of best constructed and maintained eruvim in the world.



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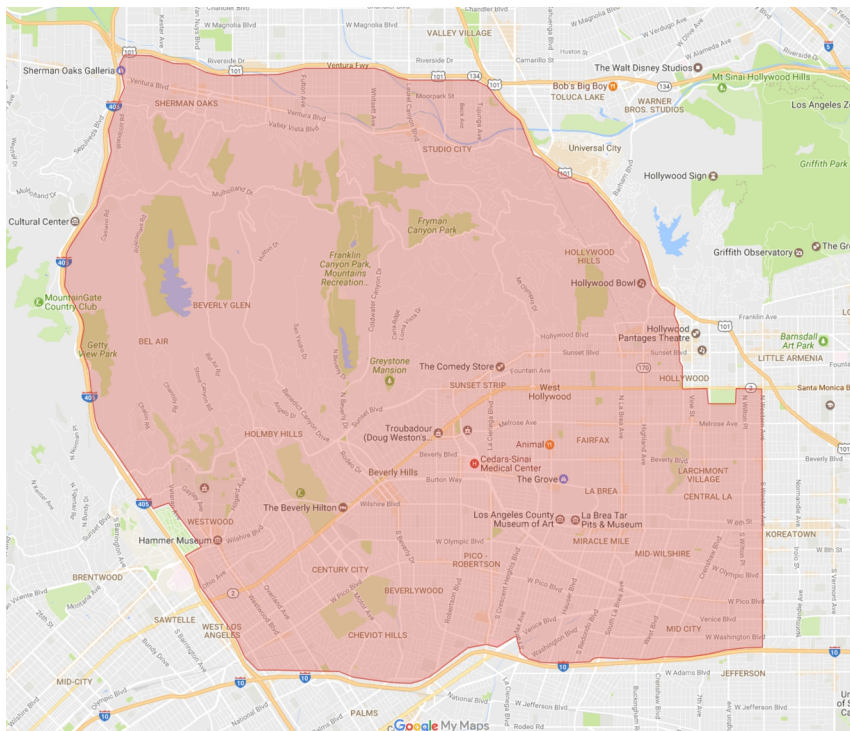
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LA ERUV BOUNDARIES



The LA Eruv boundary (southeast corner) begins at the corner of the 10 Freeway and Western Avenue, continues north on Western Avenue to Santa Monica Blvd., turns west on Santa Monica Blvd. to Caheuenga Blvd, and then continues north to the 101 Freeway. The eruv boundary continues northwest on the south side of the 101 Freeway to the 405 Freeway, continues south on the east side of the 405 Freeway to the 10 Freeway, and continues east on the north side of the 10 Freeway to Western Avenue. The exact path is subject to change as we continually adjust to construction projects and other issues.

WHY IT COSTS MONEY TO MAINTAIN AN ERUV

The city of Los Angeles, due to its large population and the traffic patterns of major streets, presents a situation which precludes reliance upon the construction and halachic principles of erubin in many other cities. The LA ERUV is based on a set of halachic principles which raise it to a much higher standard, requiring a considerable amount of actual construction and many other changes in the eruv design. For example, the eruv uses three solid walls and does not rely on strings and poles alone.

The LA ERUV encompasses over 75 square miles, with 45 miles of fences, walls, doorways, connectors, and customized adapters, (rather than just fishing line). There is no gap exceeding 10 inches wide in our perimeter.

The LA ERUV annual operating budget is about \$120,000 per year.

The largest share of the budget is used to pay our field team including our repair crew who spend hours every Thursday night and often Friday making repairs, as well as our crew of three rabbinical inspectors with drivers who check the eruv every week.

About a third of the budget is used to pay for materials (such as poles, fencing, connectors, etc.), outside labor (such as construction workers, fence installers, sign companies, tree removal, etc.), and maintenance and repairs for our dedicated lift truck.

The remainder of the budget is used to pay for insurance (for CalTrans, D&O liability insurance, auto insurance, etc.) and administrative expenses.

In February 2017, we replaced our 45-year-old lift truck with a newer truck at a cost of \$46,000. We are grateful to the many community members who helped make it possible.



MAINTAINING THE ERUV – A PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Every week our crew of Rabbis inspect the complete eruv looking for any breaks.

Here's what the LA ERUV crew found in **September 2016:**

During our weekly inspection, our intrepid rabbis went hiking to check the fences and found an area between Vineland and Moorpark along the 101 Freeway that was pasul and needed immediate attention so the Eruv could be up for the upcoming Shabbos. A tree fell on the fence there and we needed a chainsaw to cut and remove the fallen tree. We also needed to pour new concrete footings, install fence posts and replace the chain link fence.

The tree was along the freeway fences, about 1/2 mile back from the nearest street. We sent our crew and a contractor to pack in a chainsaw and gear to remove the tree, and then to redo the fence.

An eruv needs to be inspected and repaired **every week** to maintain it in order to earn the trust of its community.



FUNDING THE LA ERUV

The LA ERUV relies upon a cooperative effort of the community to fund its operations. Shul dues cover about half of the annual budget of the LA ERUV. Each shul chooses the way that works best for them to partner with the LA ERUV. Many shuls collect \$54 in annual dues from their member families, and others make a contribution from their discretionary funds.

We are counting on you, the community, to raise the balance of our annual budget as part of our ANNUAL LA ERUV SHABBOS APPEAL.

Please make a commitment to support the LA ERUV.

We offer the following levels of support:

Member	\$54/year
Benefactor	\$180/year
Patron	\$540/year
Pillar	\$1,000/year
Builder	\$5,000/year

Having a simcha? Want to honor a loved one?

Sponsor a week of the LA ERUV for just \$250.

Your dedication will appear on the LA ERUV website, in the eruv status email, the eruv status Twitter tweet and the Facebook eruv status post for that week, and will be mentioned in that week's eruv hotline message.

We accept payment via check, credit card, or PayPal.

***PLEASE SUPPORT
YOUR COMMUNITY ERUV!***



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