

Los Angeles Community Eruv



By the Community,
For the Community.

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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 of Fairfax, Miracle Mile, and West Hollywood. It also expands westward to include Beverly Hills, Pico, Beverlywood, Westwood, Beverly Glen, Bel Air, and all neighborhoods east of the 405 from the 10 freeway to the Ventura/Hollywood freeways. It also reaches north to the 101 freeway to include the Hollywood Hills, Studio City, and part of Sherman Oaks. 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.



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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 eruvin in the world.



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FUNDING THE 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 ERUV SHABBOS APPEAL.

Please make a commitment to support the LA ERUV. If you are having a Simcha, or want to honor a loved one, sponsor a week of the LA ERUV for just \$250. We accept payment via check, credit card, or PayPal. You can login to LAERUV.com to make a donation today.

The city of Los Angeles, due to its large population and the traffic patterns of major streets, requires a much more complex and exacting eruv design and construction management than most other eruvim. 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 physical infrastructure throughout the city. Our eruv uses miles of solid walls and installed fences, adapters, lines and poles. In over 45 miles of perimeter, there is no break greater than 10 inches.

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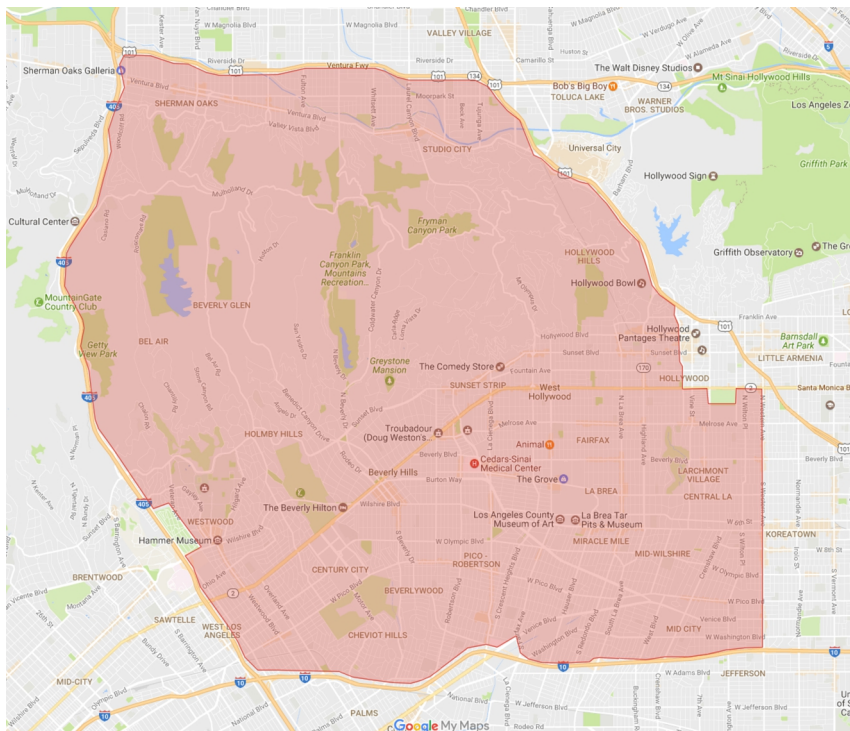
The LA ERUV annual operating budget is about \$120,000 per year. The largest share of the budget is used to pay our team including our repair crew who spend hours every Thursday night and often Friday making repairs, as well as our crew of three rabbinical inspectors with drivers who check the eruv every 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.

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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.

USING AN ERUV

Many people make the mistake of assuming that an eruv creates permission to carry any object on Shabbos. An eruv is not a legal fiction, nor is it a workaround to allow the performance of the otherwise forbidden malacha of "Carrying". The concept of eruv is part and parcel of the halachos of Shabbos, and permits carrying only within narrow constraints.

Common articles that are permitted to be used or carried within an eruv on Shabbos include:

- Baby carriages and strollers
- Canes, walkers and wheelchairs
- Food, medicine
- Handkerchiefs, gloves and rain hats, house keys
- Siddur or sefer

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An eruv does not lend permission to carry any "muktzah" article. Some of the more common items that are **not permitted** to be carried include:

- Any item which has no Shabbos functional use such as pets, stones and credit cards.
- Any item of great value which you would be very careful to protect such as passport, checks and other expensive items.
- Any item which cannot be used on Shabbos or whose intended use is for after Shabbos such as car keys or an umbrella.
- Bicycles and roller skates.

The eruv was built to enhance the experience of Shabbos, offering more togetherness, better access to shul, and additional options for the young and elderly. In order to use the eruv properly, we should remind ourselves as to what the Shabbos experience means.

You should never assume that the eruv is "UP" for Shabbos. You are required to take personal responsibility to check the eruv status before each Shabbos. You can check the **LAERUV.com** website, call **877-Eruv-Info**, signup for the **email** blast, check **Facebook**, check **Twitter**, or call a friend.

An eruv is a true blessing, and even a necessity for a community, but it shouldn't be treated lightly or lead you to forget that it is Shabbos. You should discuss with your own Rav the parameters of when and how to use the eruv.



MAINTAINING THE ERUV – A PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAIN



In December 2017, a wildfire broke out in the hilly terrain of the Sepulveda Pass on the east side of the 405 freeway. The fire – named the Skirball Fire – quickly engulfed the steep hillsides and burned all the way to the edge of the 405 freeway.

The Los Angeles Community Eruv runs through the Sepulveda Pass and uses the hillsides as its western boundary. Although the eruv previously used the actual hillside as its wall, during recent reconstruction of the freeway Caltrans installed a continuous “wildlife fence”

through the pass which now serves as our boundary. In addition, the eruv has a number of poles, lines and fence segments installed in the canyon to create a continuous wall bridging the streets and freeway ramps. With the canyon closed to all but emergency crews, there was no way for our eruv team to inspect the canyon. We announced that the Eruv was likely to remain down and unchecked through the upcoming Shabbos.

When the fire department opened access to the canyon late Wednesday afternoon, our rabbinic inspectors were able to get in and check the damage. Even though the hillsides throughout the canyon were blackened, amazingly all of our fences, poles, plexiglass walls and other installations in the canyon had emerged unscathed. plexiglass walls and other installations in the canyon had emerged unscathed.



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