

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 Los Angeles. It facilitates broader access to shul, community, and to extended family. Our eruv facilitates inclusion of the young and elderly in Shabbos programming, simchas, meals and the overall community. Our LA ERUV is one of the few institutions that serves our city's entire Shabbos-observant community, and makes our neighborhoods an option for young families. We are grateful to have support from a wide spectrum of shuls throughout the city.



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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.

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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 eruvim 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. Family 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. Eruv Dues this year are \$54 per member family, 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.

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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 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.

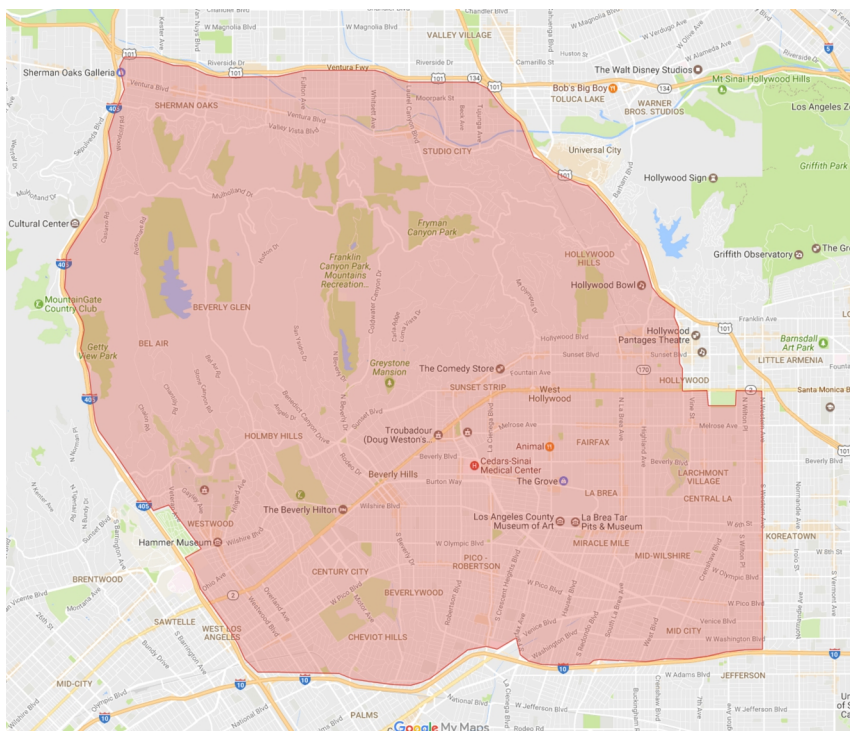
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LA ERUV BOUNDARIES



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 stones & credit cards.
- Any item of great value which you would be very careful to protect such as passports, 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.

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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.





BUILDING AND MAINTAINING AN ERUV, continued

Over the years, our eruv and our team have become part of the accepted infrastructure of Los Angeles. When CalTrans redesigns freeways, the LA Eruv is part of the discussion with an eye toward minimizing the impact on our eruv, and minimizing our eruv's impact on their operations and upgrades. We regularly hear from construction companies and city crews when they make changes that effect the eruv boundaries. This cooperation allows our eruv to accommodate their necessities and stay whole.



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On a broader scale, the LA Eruv has become a model for cities all over the western United States. Our construction methods and approach for fitting into the "built environment" has laid the foundation for



numerous other cities to obtain approval and build eruvim. Many of those eruvim were even designed or built by members of our original eruv team. On a weekly basis, our eruv crew supports not only our city eruv, but the expansion into Encino, Tarzana and Woodland Hills. We hope that in the coming months Santa Monica will approve an eruv that we have been working on for years. Today, an eruv is an expected and accepted part of the cityscape in areas with sizable Jewish populations.

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***Since Rosh Hashanah 2002, the LA Eruv
has been up for over 1500 weeks and been
down only twice. Not bad.***

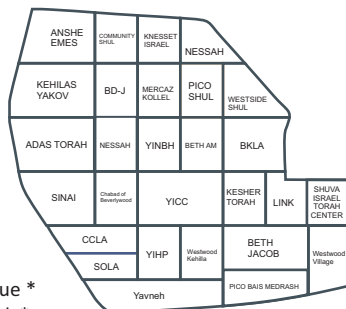
Running a permanent organization for the benefit of the community requires flexibility and durability in the organization itself. About a year ago, we welcomed a new Chairman of the Eruv Society, Dimitry Farberov, and bid farewell to our past Chairman, Elliot Katzovitz, who made Aliyah. We are training two new crewmembers for our Thursday night crew and will be saying goodbye to our long time Crew Chief and project manager, Daneil Meyer. Daneil will remain as a consultant and guide to our crews. His leadership has been immeasurable over these past years.



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We thank the more than 300 families who contributed to the LA Eruv last year (especially those who gave monthly automatic donations) including the following:

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