



Fairfax Eruv Quarterly Newsletter

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Your ultimate source for the latest news
about the Fairfax Eruv!

Fairfax is home to the Northern Virginia
Jewish Community's eruv, a ritual
enclosure of geographically contiguous
neighborhoods to facilitate community
sharing and activities otherwise prohibited
on Shabbat.

The eruv project is managed by the
Fairfax Eruv Committee, a nonprofit
organization and exempt organization
(Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
Code), incorporated in the State of
Virginia, and is supported by the Jewish
Federation of Greater Washington, and
members of the local community.





Support Needed for Upcoming Fairfax City Council Meeting

Your support is requested to attend a public hearing at an upcoming Fairfax City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 9th, at 7 PM to advocate for the renewal of the 5-year Eruv license.

You do not need to be a resident of the City of Fairfax to attend or speak. If you are able to attend (a large turnout is very helpful), are willing to speak on the importance of the eruv (maximum time: 3 minutes), or have any questions about this opportunity, please email us at fairfaxeruv@gmail.com.



Thank You to Mandy Book!

After serving for over 5 years on the Eruv Committee and organizing events such as the Eruv Anniversary Fundraiser, Mandy Book has stepped down from her position as Member-at-Large.

We appreciate all you have done, Mandy!



Welcome to Brian Schwenk!

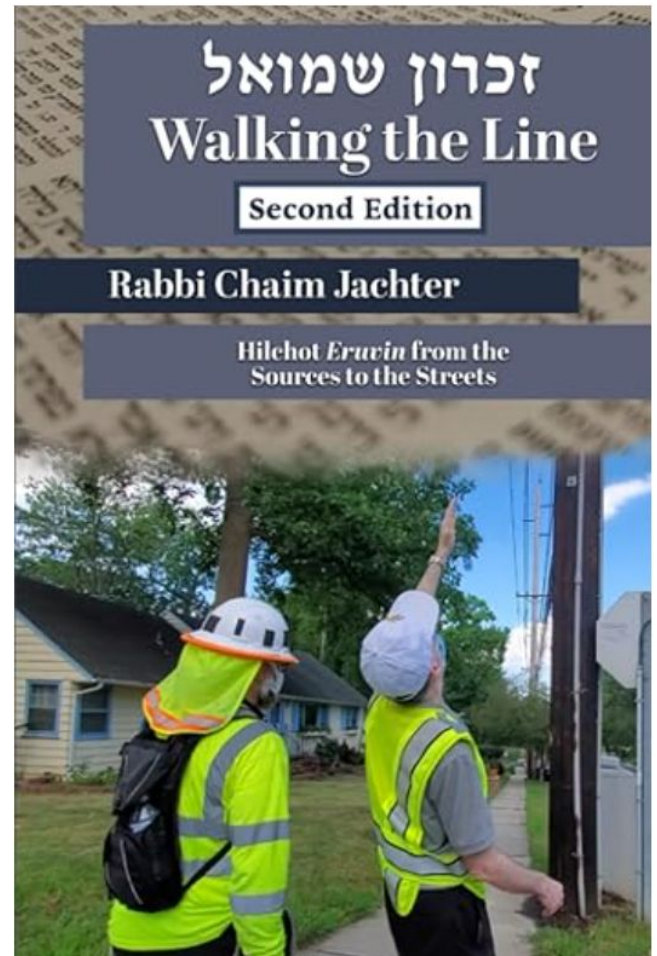
Brian Schwenk was recently elected as the new Member-at-Large for the Eruv Committee! A native of Northern Virginia, he looks forward to supporting the Fairfax Eruv as he deepens his involvement with Jewish life.



Rabbi Jachter's Annual Visit

Rabbi Jachter will be visiting Fairfax on Sunday, July 12th, for his annual inspection of the eruv.

Please contact the Eruv Committee at fairfaxeruv@gmail.com if you are interested in supporting Rabbi Jachter's visit.





Support the Fairfax Eruv!

Please support the Fairfax eruv and help us grow the Fairfax Jewish Community.

Even if you don't directly use the eruv right now, by supporting the eruv, you are supporting the growth and vibrancy of our local Jewish Community. The eruv is a foundational structural element of any growing Jewish community. This year, the Fairfax Eruv Committee had the pleasure to welcome several young couples who chose to make Fairfax their new home—in no small part because of the Fairfax eruv, which enables young families to fully participate in communal life and events.

Expenses to maintain the eruv run the gamut from materials to insurance to paying inspectors, and other costs. We encourage all members of the community who have not yet done so to consider supporting the eruv by making a recurring monthly contribution. Especially if you live within the eruv and frequently use it, then we invite you to consider making one of the following commitments:

\$30 per month (at \$360 annually, your contribution will earn you status as a “Members” contributor)

\$60 per month (at \$720 annually, your contribution will earn you status as a “Lechis” contributor)

We also welcome you to visit www.fairfaxeruv.org/donate.php to support the eruv. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Become an Eruv Enthusiast

Calling all Eruv Enthusiasts and anyone who wants to consider becoming an Eruv Enthusiast!

We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in serving on the Fairfax Eruv Committee. The Committee is the governing body of the Fairfax Eruv and is responsible for maintaining the Eruv website, managing the Eruv's finances, planning the annual community event, engaging in outreach with public officials, overseeing the Eruv's inspection process, and much more.

If you are interested in helping, or if you just want more information about what is involved, please email us at fairfaxeruv@gmail.com. We welcome you to sit in on one of our Committee meetings to observe and learn more about what the Fairfax Eruv Committee does and how it operates.





Eruv Committee Members

Shana Simon, President

David Goldberg, Vice President

Esther Goetz, Treasurer

Melinda Hofstetter, Secretary

Brian Schwenk, At-large Member