



Fairfax Eruv Quarterly Newsletter

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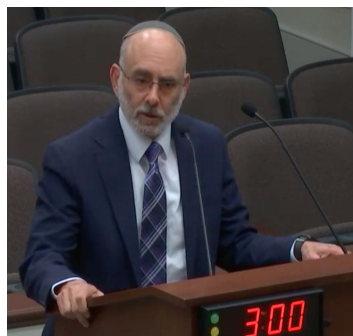
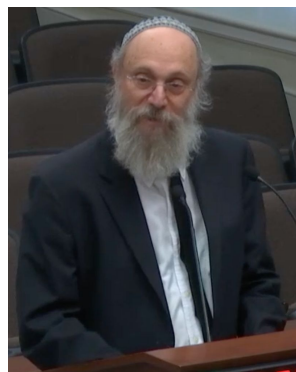
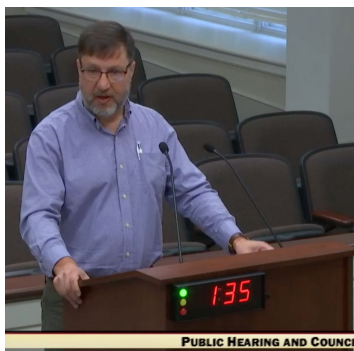
Fairfax is home to the Northern Virginia Jewish Community's eruv, a ritual enclosure of geographically contiguous neighborhoods to facilitate community sharing and activities otherwise prohibited on Shabbat.

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.



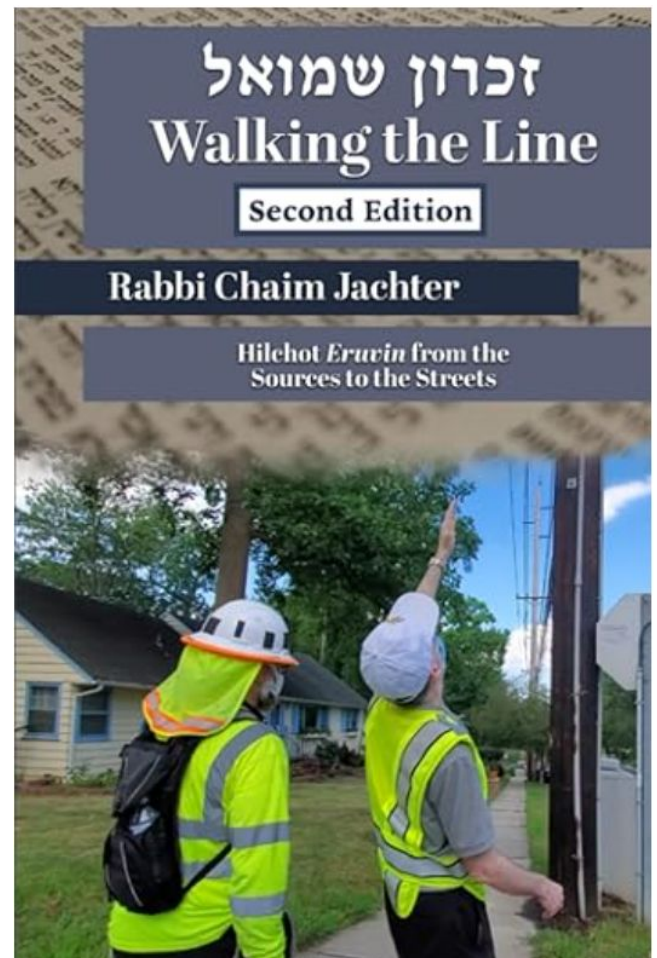
Fairfax City Council Meeting

On Tuesday, June 9th, during a legislative session and public hearing of the Fairfax City Council, a unanimous vote was taken to approve a five-year extension of the eruv license. With that vote, the eruv can continue to use utility poles without issue for the next five years! This event did not happen by itself. Over 15 members of both Chabad and Olam Tikvah, users and non-users of the eruv, came to show support. Five people spoke directly to Mayor Read and the Council during the public hearing on the importance of the eruv in their own lives and the lives of the Jewish community of northern Virginia. One point, among others, was made on how this vote shows that the Council believes in the inclusivity of Fairfax and is a place that welcomes observant newcomers who might otherwise choose other places to live if there were no eruv.



Rabbi Jachter's Annual Visit

Rabbi Jachter had a successful visit on Sunday, July 12th, for his annual inspection of the Eruv!





Rabbi Jachter's Annual Visit

The Fairfax Eruv Committee is proud to announce that for the fifth year in a row, ever since the inception, the Fairfax eruv passed with flying colors as a model of a halachically correct structure. Each year, it is inspected to ensure it conforms with strict rules to maintain its integrity. Rabbi Chaim Jachter, who is the premier eruv inspector along the east coast, comes to do a visual inspection of the eruv and gives his Rabbinic stamp of approval for the year. He told us this year that our eruv was in perfect form! In addition to this formal annual inspection, the eruv is physically inspected each and every week by hard-working volunteers who inspect, drive or walk the perimeter of the eruv to observe, cut vegetation or otherwise make sure poles, wires and other physical parts of the eruv are in place. The purpose of the eruv is to allow Jews to carry within that boundary on Shabbat. It creates a virtual boundary around the community to enable observant Jews to carry keys, push baby carriages, and do other activities that otherwise would be prohibited on Shabbat. Thank you to those who help make this a successful eruv!

Save the Date!

What: 5th Annual Eruv Celebration. It will include speakers, trivia, and a comedy performance.

When: Motzei Shabbat on November 21st (starting at 7:30 PM)

Where: Fairfax, VA

More details to come!





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, 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

Wishing Everyone a
Sweet New Year, 5787!

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