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Date: Thursday, September 24, 1998 4:43 AM
Subject: Re: Melbourne Eruv

Delighted to hear from you and reciprocate your good wishes for a shanah tova and now also a g'mar chatima tova.

Please note that we now have our own address at home and that is why our response is so late as our son Benjamin rarely checks his Uni address as he has now obtained his BSc(Honours) and is out in the work force as a research officer with the Dept. of Infrastructure - basically planning the future of Melbourne and the state of Victoria !

Yes the Eruv is once again well up and running and is supposed to be one of the best in the world. We had the eminent posek R. Shimon Eder here as the supervising Rabbi (he's written a book on Eruvin) and it is now accepted by ALL the community from the left to the right, except Lubavich who apparently do not agree with the concept of eruv anywhere in the world. Erev shabbat the shuls fly a green flag if the eruv is in order and there is also a telephone number to ring and check the eruv. It certainly has become a boon to the community.

By the way this is mark2, the first one was instituted by the previous Mizrachi rabbi but we lost that one when he went to live in J-m. But the word is that this present one is 'better' still.

The electricity and TV lines are the borders and they have put in 'lechis' as necessary - it really is quite something.

If you want further details I'll put you onto the exec. director of Miz. who I am sure will be only too happy to dot the i's and cross the t's with you.

Sarah and I are well, our J-m section is also well and happy and our youngest Ithamar enjoys the Yeshiva at Shiloh immensely.

Be well
regards and best wishes to Ruthie and your family

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From: David Schreiber <scribble@netvision.net.il>
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I trust this finds you well.

Perhaps you wouldn't mind helping me. I heard that there was some development in Melbourne to the effect that the community had brought in someone from Jerusalem and as a result the (ultra?) orthodox community now accepts the eruv.

This may be a very garbled version but I am very interested in learning what has happened as it may relate to London.