

Director of Social Services of Jewish Care, a registered charity, serving the Jewish community of L.B. Day to day responsibility for ^{physically handicapped or} disabled Jewish people aged 15 Jewish Care, ~~among other~~ as well as the old.

PROOF OF EVIDENCE OF ALEX SKLAN WHO WILL SAY:-

1. Jewish Care is the major Jewish welfare organisation providing services to Jewish people in the London Borough of Barnet who may be elderly, mentally ill or physically disabled. The head office is based in Golders Green and a highly intensive service to clients is offered to people living in the NW4 and NW11 areas of the London Borough of Barnet, where the proposed Eruv will cover.
2. The Eruv is of particular importance to Jewish Care's clients who are elderly and disabled. A significant proportion of these clients are religiously observant and as a result are severely restricted in movement over the Sabbath. This particularly applies to people, both young and old, who are confined to wheelchairs and are unable to leave their homes, even to attend the synagogue on Sabbath. To illustrate this point I attach a statement marked "AS 1" from Julia Nussbaum, a lady who has suffered from Multiple Sclerosis since the early 1970's. As you can see the absence of an Eruv causes tremendous distress and tension to our clients who are elderly or disabled and to their families who care for them. Every year our North West London Social Work team take over one thousand new referrals, a significant number of which are elderly or physically disabled people.
3. The Sobell Centre in NW11 has over fourteen hundred members, many of whom live in the surrounding areas and are predominantly elderly or physically disabled.
4. We have a number of residential care establishments in NW11 and NW4. They are as follows:-
 1. 17 residents who are severely disabled living

- in Rela Goldhill Lodge, Wolfson Court, Limes Avenue, NW11
2. 5 residents in Montpelier Rise, NW11.
 3. 40 elderly residents in Ella and Ridley Jacobs House, NW4
 4. 45 residents in Waverley Manor, Watford, NW4.
 5. 70 residents in Kay Court, Finchley Road, NW11

5. It is our policy to encourage residents to visit their families, many of whom live in the area and to attend synagogue. Without an existing eruv this is a source of unnecessary restriction to people disadvantaged by the infirmity of old age and physical disability.
6. I have no doubt whatsoever that the Eruv would enhance the life of thousands of Jewish people in this area.