

JEWISH CARE

*Providing services for elderly,
mentally ill, visually impaired
and physically disabled people
and their families.*

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Councillor Don Goodman
Chairman, Public Works Committee
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Dear Councillor Goodman,

Jewish Care is the largest Jewish social work agency in the United Kingdom. It provides a wide range of services for elderly, mentally ill, visually impaired and physically handicapped people and their families. Its head office is based in Golders Green and serves the increasing needs of the sizeable Jewish population in the London Borough of Barnet.

In addition to administering four residential homes located in the Borough, the agency also serves the needs of many hundreds of clients living in their own homes. It also manages the Michael Sobell Day Centre, the largest Jewish Day Centre of its kind in Europe which caters for a weekly membership of nearly 2,000 people.

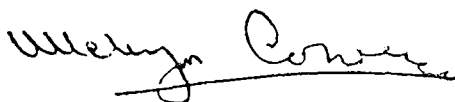
A relatively large number of Jewish Care's clients have limited mobility. As a result they are unable to get about without the assistance of wheelchairs, zimmer frames and other aid. As a consequence, on the Jewish Sabbath they are confined to their own homes, cut off from the synagogue and isolated from the community.

It is an important tradition on the Jewish Sabbath to encourage and enable grandparents, parents and grandchildren to come together thereby underlining the importance of the family unit. Unfortunately an increasing number of our elderly and isolated clients are unable to benefit from this on the Sabbath because there is no Eruv.

We, therefore, give our wholehearted support to the United Synagogue's ERUV as immense benefit will be derived by a considerable number of clients dependent upon Jewish Care for their support. We are constantly trying to encourage families to take an increasing responsibility for their more isolated members and certainly the construction of an ERUV will immensely assist us with this task and at the same time enhance the quality of life for thousands of people.

On behalf of the people dependent on Jewish Care, we trust and hope, Councillor Goodman, that you will give the request for an ERUV your full and sympathetic consideration and support. This would be in keeping with Barnet's traditional sensitivity to the religious, cultural and welfare needs of its citizens.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director