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Councillor Frank Davis JP
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16th. October, 1992

As I will be staying in Israel for the next week or so, I did not want to delay in responding to your letter of the 11th. October.

You are clearly upset about recent events in the Suburb and some comments by Rabbi Kimche, although these were not directed at you. I am a bit confused by your reference to our contact in July and perhaps your feelings now have blurred your recollection of our discussion at that time.

For good order let me therefore just run over the main points, although as you pointed out, our discussion was recorded at the time, so there is no room for doubt between ourselves or any other party.

You were unhappy about the large mailbag you were receiving from Suburb residents anxious to impress on you their need for the *eruv*. You felt that it was a pressure on you - and indeed is that not the democratic system that you champion at work, wherein, thank God, people can express their feelings directly to those who represent them. However you complained to various people, including the United Synagogue management, who passed on your concerns to me.

We spoke on the phone on Friday 26th. July at 3:50pm and you explained that you were very unhappy that people were writing to you and asking you to support the *eruv* and that they assumed that you were on the Public Works Committee. After some discussion on this point, we resolved that your position was that you had no objection to the *eruv* as such but wanted it made clear to Suburb residents in general and members of Norrice Lea in particular, that you were **not** involved with Public Works but that you undertook to vote in favour when the proposal came before the Town Planning & Research Committee on which you sit. Let me remind you that this was not under any pressure - quite to the contrary you asked me

whether I could possibly arrange for Rabbi Jackson to so inform the community that Shabbos and I promised to try. (And I did!)

Frank, you have obviously been a very prominent and respected member of the Jewish community and strongly identified with Jewish causes and Israel over the years. I understand that you are now under real pressure from fellow suburb councillors and others but am convinced that you would not want to spoil such a proud record at this stage by breaking your public promise to hundreds of your fellow residents. They, of course, will not stand for such an about-face and I have no doubt at all that your recorded commitment would be made public. Frank, there is very strong feeling out there that you are bowing to pressure from people who really *are* anti-semitic. Clearly neither you nor any of the 'objectors' have any real problem with the *eruv* as, indeed, you confirmed in our conversation on the 26th. so people will draw their own conclusions. I would hate to see that happen as it would ruin a proud record.

Far from being 'hysterical', my letter of the 26th. properly recorded the conclusion of our conversation, the announcement was made in shul the next day by Rabbi Jackson and posters were put up exactly as agreed with you. With this as a matter of record, you are going to look awfully silly claiming to the press that you were too nauseated to respond!

For various reasons, it really is time for you to stand up and be counted and maintain the courage of your convictions in the face of pressure from Shutz, McGregor and others who are using you for their own agenda.

In order to be clear between us, I do require an unequivocal statement of your support and an undertaking that you will cease and desist from your behind-the-scenes opposition. You will have the ongoing support of people who care for you and appreciate your integrity and commitment to the community. In the absence of such a stand on your part, I have no doubt that the matter will be fully exposed and will then be out of both of our hands.

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11 Oct 92

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The AGM of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust was 'packed' with non-members. It resulted in the resignation of respected chairman Lord M'Gregor, violent outbursts, burning letters to flats & long distance photography of a residents home. To this one must add the initial leaflet - giving my name, Councils & staff being fed false & inadequate information & now in the latest episode, your Robb McInche accuses me who do not agree with him as anti-Semitic. I certainly do not agree with him & thus by his (& your) lies & lights) am an anti-semitic. I have no intention of supporting the construction of an Envy. You are creating serious ethnic problems in a peaceful area, in a most irresponsible way.

Yours etc

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Rabbi Kimmle

11 Oct 92

Dear Sir

I have read your comments in the Hampstead - Highgate Express, on Jews who do not agree with your views, of which I am one. As a former adviser to Israeli Foreign Office, founder of Maccabi Assn London, Governor of Tel Aviv University (& donor of its Cancer research laboratory), founder of Wingate Football Club, family friends of Israel & former member of the Board of Deputies; I resent your statement of policy with the utmost depths of my being. As an anti-semitic (by your definition) it is my view that you are a disgrace to our Community

Yours.

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Councillor Frank Davis

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26th. July, 1992

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Dear Councillor Davis,

Further to our telephone conversation this afternoon and your generous expression of support for the Eruv, I confirm that I have arranged for the attached poster to be displayed in Norrice Lea and have asked the Rabbi to make suitable reference to the matter.

I am sorry that our conversation became a little heated and apologise if I was in any way discourteous. It did however serve to expose the basic misunderstanding that had arisen and I sense we were both a little relieved to have cleared the air properly.

It was most heartening to learn of your willingness to support this very important initiative and to have your commitment to vote in favour, if and when the proposal reaches the Town Planning & Research Committee.

I have no doubt at all that a very large number of local people, including young mothers, handicapped people and the elderly, will admire you for your stand on their behalf and appreciate it.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

David Schreiber



Special Announcement to residents of Hampstead Garden Suburb

In response to the many letters sent to Councillor Frank Davis as part of the Write-In campaign from Norrice Lea, Councillor Davis has asked us to inform residents of the Suburb that he has carefully considered the Eruv proposal and that he will support it.

Councillor Davis wishes to point out to residents that he has no vote on the Public Works Committee which meets on the 30th. June but that if and when the matter reaches the Town Planning & Research Committee, on which he sits, he will vote in favour.

Councillor Davis wishes to thank everybody for expressing their views to him and is proud to be associated with this community initiative.

The United Synagogue Eruv Committee would like to thank everybody at Norrice Lea for backing the campaign and publicly express our appreciation and respect for Councillor Davis' statement.

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Jeremy Hershkorn
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26th. July, 1992

Dear Jeremy,

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter delivered by hand today.

Please also find enclosed some posters and I ask you to make sure that my personal commitment to Councillor Davis is honoured by displaying them this Shabbat and by asking Rabbi Jackson to make a suitable comment from the pulpit.

Congratulations to Norrice Lea! By your efforts and with Rabbi Jackson's support, (and with a little help from your friends) you have 'turned' this situation *me'evel le'simcha*.

Thank you very much.

David Schreiber

cc Michael Goldmeier