

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE
ERUV COMMITTEE



Councillor Jack Cohen
42 Avenue Road
London N12 8PY

13th May 1994

Dear Jack

Congratulations!

I am really delighted for you personally and for the Liberal Democrats that you have gained ground and, indeed, now have such a strong position controlling the balance within the Borough.

If the papers are right and the pro-Eruv lobby made itself heard vis-a-vis the Tories in the Garden Suburb, then by the same token I am delighted that in our small way we have been able to recognise the support you gave us from the beginning and express it in the polling booth.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber

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Jane Ellison
8 Curie Gardens
Pasteur Close
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13th May 1994

Dear Jane

I read with some sadness that you will no longer be Councillor for the Mill Hill ward and of course understand that you have been swept along in a general protest vote that I have no doubt was not a personal reflection on you.

I told you at the time, but I would like to emphasise how much I personally, my Committee and the community that we represent appreciated and respected your integrity in your approach to our particular matter and the fact that you were steadfast in supporting the Eruv despite, I have no doubt, considerable pressure from colleagues in your own party. We did consider this a sign of high integrity as well as friendship and we offer you very best wishes for your future career in which I am sure you will go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. Munro Palmer
31 The Vale
London NW11 8SE

13th May 1994

Dear Munro

Just a note of congratulations on your party's result at the polls in Barnet. The papers have reported a significant impact of the pro-Eruv voters who expressed their distaste for their Councillors' stand - particularly in the Garden Suburb and, as you know, whilst avoiding any direct lobbying as we are not a political body in any way, I have made it very plain publically that the Liberal Democrats were the only party to come out in support of the Eruv from the very beginning and remain constantly so. It is really satisfying to see you and your colleagues gaining ground and, indeed, holding the balance - it cannot be in better hands!

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Ellis Hillman
29 Haslemere Avenue
London NW4 2PU

13th May 1994

Dear Ellis

I am delighted for you personally and for the Labour Party in Barnet with the success that you achieved last week and I am thrilled that your personal role latterly and over the years is being recognised in the office of Mayor, which will suit you very well indeed!

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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*Members Room,
Town Hall, Hendon,
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6th July, 1992.

Dear David,

How kind of you to write and I appreciate very much the tone of your letter.

I, too, will be interested to see how the Eruv evolves and of course I hope there will be harmony and no problems.

Yours sincerely,

CLlr. Barbara Langstone

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Councillor Gerald Shamash
The Members Room
Barnet Town Hall
The Burroughs NW4 4BG

1st July 1992

Dear Councillor Shamash,

I would like to express my personal thanks and the heartfelt appreciation of my colleagues and the community as a whole for your support of the Eruv application last night.

We are all well aware that it is not an easy concept to put across, although I believe everybody appreciates the very real benefit in human terms to particular segments of the community. We are therefore particularly grateful to you for focusing on those needs and supporting the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Mike Freer
Vice Chairman, Public Works
The Members Room
Barnet Town Hall
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Dear Councillor Freer,

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I understand the need for the various amendments you proposed and indeed they seem entirely practical.

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber

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Councillor Jane Ellison
The Members Room
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I felt that your comments, towards the end of the debate, were of great assistance in keeping the main issues to the fore and in particular your challenge about 'who would notice if it went up overnight'!

I trust that your clear-sighted support will help us through the vagaries of planning too!

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber

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The Members Room
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Councillor Melvin Cohen
The Members Room
Barnet Town Hall
The Burroughs NW4 4BG

1st July 1992

Dear Melvin,

I would like to express my personal thanks and the heartfelt appreciation of my colleagues and the community as a whole for your support of the Eruv application last night.

I know that you've come under some considerable pressure from certain Rabbis in the area and therefore we are particularly gratified that you came through with a clear voice for the 'middle of the road' community that will benefit so greatly from this amenity - thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Jack Cohen
The Members Room
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1st July 1992

Dear Jack,

I would like to express my personal thanks and the heartfelt appreciation of my colleagues and the community as a whole for your support of the Eruv application last night and your speech and vote on our behalf.

The Liberal Democrats were unique in expressing their support from the outset and you have been singularly helpful at the meetings - thank you.

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber

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Councillor Ellis Hillman
The Members Room
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1st July 1992

Dear Ellis,

I would like to express my personal thanks and the heartfelt appreciation of my colleagues and the community as a whole for your support of the Eruv application last night and all the way through the run-up to the vote.

Your advice and experience has been most helpful in guiding us successfully through the process and it is clearly noted that the Labour councillors were with us, at the crucial hour, en bloc!

Best Wishes to Louise,

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber

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Councillor Liz Mammatt
The Members Room
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Dear Councillor Mammatt,

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Councillor Barbara Langstone
Barnet Town Hall
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1st July 1992

Dear Mrs. Langstone

I really appreciated that you let me know before the meeting where we stood and that although you felt compelled to speak against the Eruv proposal you intended, and did indeed, abstain. I have felt all along that you have taken this application very seriously and you have certainly gone to great lengths to not only understand the technical aspects of the Eruv but also the very real benefits to particular segments of our community. I do respect your need to reflect the adverse comments and general concerns of the non-Jewish population and therefore appreciate the integrity of your approach and understand entirely your abstention.

Having said that, I do believe and hope that over time and as the Eruv is established, those worst fears will not be realised and any initial anxiety that the Eruv causes will evaporate.

Lastly, I would also like to thank you for taking time to meet Lord Jakobovits and for structuring the meeting in a manner which respected his position and did credit to you and the two Chairmen.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber

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Councillor Joan Ryan
The Members Room
Barnet Town Hall
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1st July 1992

Dear Councillor Ryan,

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Councillor Don Goodman
Chairman, Public Works Committee
The Members Room
Barnet Town Hall
The Burroughs NW4

3rd. April, 1992

Dear Councillor Goodman,

We are writing to you in connection with the Eruv application to be considered by the Public Works Committee on the 28th April, to give you more background and information and to ask for your support for this important Jewish community project.

The Jewish Sabbath is, by law and tradition, a day which brings the family together. According to the ancient law, carrying any item - even keys or a handkerchief - or pushing a pram or wheelchair, is forbidden within the public domain. The purpose of the Eruv is to convert the entire area within the boundary into one nominal jointly-owned domain. This would permit carrying of personal items and be of great benefit to mothers and children, the elderly and the handicapped.

The Eruv construction comprises a number of discrete poles and wires on the side of roads around its perimeter. It is for the erection of these, to be paid for by the Jewish community, that this application is made. The small amount of work entailed will cause no general inconvenience or loss of amenity.

For your information, our plans for the Hendon & Golders Green Eruv have been approved by the Chief Rabbi and the Senior Judge of the London Rabbinical Court. There is an Eruv in virtually every major US and European city. It would be an amenity much welcomed by the Jewish community at large although an ultra-orthodox minority may choose not to take advantage of it.

Your personal support for the Eruv would be greatly appreciated by thousands of people in the Borough.

If you would like any further information or explanation, please do not hesitate to contact our Project Surveyor, Mr. Alan Perrin on 081- 458 0036.

Yours sincerely,

David Schreiber
For the Eruv Committee

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	Fred Poole	Poole	Vice-Chairman,
✓	LD Jack Cohen	Cohen	
✓	L Melvin Cohen	Cohen	
ld.	L Stan Cross <i>Waste of time</i>	Cross	
new	C Jane Ellison	Ellison	
	Olwen Evans	Evans	
	C → Mike Freer	Mr, Freer	
	Ellis Hillman	Hillman	
Marshall	Barabara Langstone	Langstone	
	Liz Mammatt	Mammatt	
	Joan Ryan	Ryan	
Hillman	Gerald Shamash	Shamash	

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