



Notice to Members

Friday 26th February 1993

On Wednesday, Barnet's Planning Committee dismissed, by 11 votes to 7, the Eruv application despite the positive recommendation of the Planning Officer.

While the result was very disappointing, it is only a setback which will not prevent, but merely delay, our objective to establish an Eruv in North West London. The votes cast were as follows:

For			Against		
Cohen, Jack	LD	Child's Hill ✓	Anani, Jim	C	East Barnet
Cohen, Melvin	C	Golders Green	Bull, Gillian	C	Hadley
Czarny, Julian	C	Edgware	Bunn, Edward	C	Hendon
Ellison, Jane	C	Mill Hill	Campbell, Anita	L	Arkley
Goodman, Don	C	Brunswick Park	Cross, Stan	L	Woodhouse
Greenspan, Eva	C	Finchley	Davis, Frank	C	Suburb
Turner, Alan	L	Burnt Oak	Lyon, Victor	C	Totteridge
Abstained			Phillips, Mary	C	St. Paul's
Slocombe, Agnes	L	West Hendon	Scott, Sheila	C	Hale
Vis, Rudolf	L	East Finchley	Tiplady, John (Chairman)	C	Friern Barnet
			Williams, David	L	Colindale

Had the application been rejected solely on planning grounds, as should by law have been the case, there would have been no difficulty, nor any option, in accepting the outcome. The fact is, however, that opposition to the Eruv was based on an outrageous campaign evoking absurd images of zealots and ghettos, leading the uninformed public down a familiar path to fear and intolerance. In view of this unjustified decision, the Eruv Committee will continue its efforts vigorously. We are actively considering alternatives, including an appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment.

We wish to thank you for all the help you have given us so far. We know we can continue to rely on your loyal and valuable support and will keep you informed of our intentions and progress.

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THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE ERUV COMMITTEE