

Labour MP's Eruv attack

By MARK GOTTLEIB

NEW Labour MP Dr Rudi Vis has launched an attack on the proposed Eruv in the heart of the north London Jewish community.

The 52-year-old Dr Vis, who won Finchley and Golders Green from Tory John Marshall, made his remarks in an exclusive interview with London Jewish News.

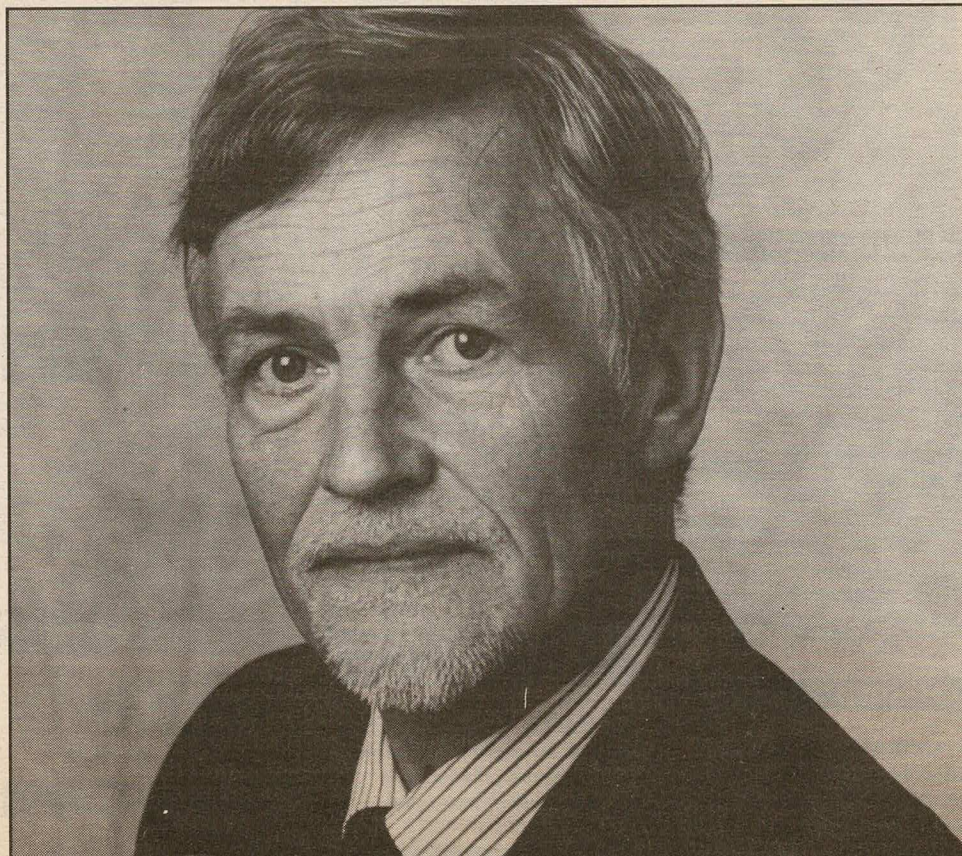
Dr Vis is known for his anti-Eruv views but this is the first time since his election that he has returned to the subject.

Dr Vis said: "An alternative to the Eruv could easily be found. The M25 provides a circle around London and could therefore be used as a symbolic Eruv.

"The scholarly Jewish opinion of the Eruv is not necessary. Any rabbi can give you a dispensation for any purpose.

"The views of elderly Holocaust survivors must be considered and appreciated. Poles and wires bring terrible memories. They are reminiscent of the Warsaw Ghetto."

Orthodox Jews in Dr Vis' constituency have been fighting a long-running battle to gain planning permission for an Eruv.



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