



The Jersey Shore Erub

A COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER (AGAIN)

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“Unfortunately the Erub is down this Shabbat, due to a lack of funds...”

This was the message coming out of the Jersey Shore Erub Hotline, over five (5) years ago, on Friday, May 7, 2010. Though brief, the message was hard to absorb.

Certainly it could be no easy task to maintain an erub that included some 16 square miles and to inspect it weekly. Whoever was checking it had a lot of ground to cover and had a short window within which to do so—close enough to Shabbat to reasonably assume that, absent severe weather, the Erub would still be standing come nightfall, but also leaving sufficient time within which to complete any required repairs before Shabbat’s arrival.

Logistics were understandably tricky, but raising funds? In a community so blessed not only with wealth but also with generosity? While the logistical details of maintaining a kosher erub are fairly daunting, if those details have been painstakingly worked out, surely funding should not be a problem. After all, although some may prefer not to rely on the Erub in the first instance, without an erub many activities that enable us to socialize and to enjoy Shabbat, including wheeling baby carriages and strollers and carrying basic items (that are not otherwise mukseh) would certainly be prohibited.

At the SCA’s Executive Board meeting the following Tuesday, the Erub situation commanded a lively discussion despite an otherwise packed agenda. Though consideration was being given to a number of other programs that would call for our funding, Chairman Morris Bailey was determined to act immediately to uphold the Erub and to focus in due course on a long-term solution. Having committed to fund the ongoing maintenance of the Erub through the approaching summer, the SCA would set up a subcommittee to explore ideas for coordinating regular fundraising efforts with the Erub leadership.



Erub Committee members on the beach in Allenhurst during an inspection of the Erub on April 8, 2013 to survey the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy along the shoreline.

From left to right: Morris Sakkal, Michael Mishaan, Rabbi Nissim Basala, Solly Dweck, David Esses, Eli Mizrahi

It was through those efforts that I have had the great pleasure of working with Rabbi Nissim Basala and Mr. Solly Dweck. Under the supervision of Rabbi Moshe Heinemann and Rabbi Shmuel Heinemann, experts in the construction of eruvei hatzerot, Rabbi Basala has worked week in and week out since the Erub’s inception to methodically inspect and prepare the Erub for Shabbat. Though none of these rabbis look for acknowledgment, their hard work and concern on behalf of our community have added to the honor and delight of our Shabbatot. Likewise, although as fundraiser-in-chief Solly has raised a substantial portion of the Erub’s budget each year, just as important is the awareness he has raised for the Erub.

Working together with Rabbi Nissim and Solly, we have been able to fortify the Erub project. Moving the bookkeeping and office functions to Congregation Magen David of West Deal has made the processes of collection and payment much more efficient. Much thanks are due to that Congregation, not only for permitting our annual fundraising

drive, but especially for making its office and its marvelous administrator, Dora Lati, available to us. Much recognition is also due the Edmond J. Safra Congregation (Hathaway Avenue) and Congregation Ohel Yosef of Oakhurst (Ampere Avenue) for providing financial support for our efforts throughout.

We have also been privileged to have Mr. Morris Sakkal work with us steadily to build up our website—WWW.NJERUB.ORG. There one can click on our interactive map for the Erub’s precise boundaries, make an online donation, check the Erub’s weekly status and other postings and subscribe to our Friday email blast announcing the Erub’s status.

Sustained by these improvements, the Erub has been able to move from success to success. In October 2012, we overcame perhaps the greatest challenge since the Erub was first completed—Hurricane Sandy’s devastation of the shoreline. Although the Erub was down through the spring, our new infrastructure helped us in our efforts to generate excitement and to coordinate with private landowners and the relevant municipalities to have the Erub in place for that summer. Those half-dozen of us who walked up and down the beach with Rabbi Nissim that April saw firsthand that repair of the Erub would be a major undertaking, but to a man we believed that the Almighty would bless our efforts!

Those blessings were granted and have been renewed time and again. Last summer we were able to expand the Ocean Avenue boundary northward, beyond Park Avenue, all the way through the Takanassee Beach Club. **This summer we are pleased to announce the further extension of the Ocean Avenue boundary still northward to include the entire Renaissance Development just short of Brighton Avenue in Long Branch,**

encompassing not only the Imperial House and Ocean Cove Condominium, but the area immediately surrounding Shaare Ezra Congregation (the Cedar Avenue Synagogue) as well. Though maintaining the expanded boundaries also means financing an expanded budget, the success of our ongoing fundraising efforts this spring has already demonstrated the wide support that the Erub enjoys.

In again coming together to solidify and expand the Jersey Shore Erub, our community follows a mission set out for us some sixteen years ago by Mr. Jack Adjmi, a”h.



Haham Ovadia Yosef A”H

With the blessing of then Rishon Lesion Haham Ovadia Yosef, a”h, and working with Rabbi Yitzhak Dwek and Rabbi Edmund Nahum, Mr. Adjmi was especially dedicated to the success of the Erub project. Jack provided not only essential financial assistance but also great moral support and encouragement, support and encouragement that his family maintain to this day. We dedicate this guidebook in memory of Jack and his wonderful legacy.

As Jack well understood, establishing an erub* is a community’s declaration that, despite all apparent difference and dissimilarity, its spaces are to be integrated and regarded by Boreh Olam as one collective unit.

Hinei matob u’ manayim, shevet ahim gam yahad. As our growing tree proudly sprouts more branches, may we always remember our roots.

Michael Mishaan has served as Secretary and Executive Board Member of the Sephardic Community Alliance since 2008.

* Literally meaning mixture. By mixing or blending private and public domains within a given area, the inhabitants of that area are for purposes of the halacha, effectively treating that space as one common area.

JERSEY SHORE ERUB

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DETAILS & SYNAGOGUES

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Note: All beaches are
OUTSIDE of Erub

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BOUNDARIES

- 1 **Route 35:** Anything east of the telephone poles along the entire eastern side of Route 35 from Sunset Avenue until Industrial Way is included in the Erub.
- 2 **Sunset Ave:** The northern sidewalk of Sunset Ave is included. The southern sidewalk is not included.
- 3 **Wickapecko Dr:** The eastern side of Wickapecko Dr is included. The western side is not included.
- 4 **Corlies Ave & Lake Dr:** The southern side of Corlies Ave is not included. The northern side is included for the entire avenue.
- 5 **Lake Dr:** Both sidewalks, east and west, are included in the Erub.
- 6 **Main St & Allen Ave:** The northern side of the street is included and the southern is excluded.
- 7 **Main St:** The eastern sidewalk is included. The western sidewalk is not included.
- 8 **Edgemont Dr:** The street is not included in the Erub.
- 9 **Norwood Ave & Euclid Ave:** The west side walk on Norwood Ave is included, the eastern side walk is outside the Erub boundary.
- 10 **Euclid Ave:** The northern side of the street is included. The southern side is not included.
- 11 **Ocean Pl & Elberon Ave:** East of the telephone poles on Ocean Pl is not included. West of telephone poles is included. Note, the entire Loch Arbor Beach Club is not included.
- 12 **Elberon Ave (Allenhurst):** The entire street is included within the Erub.
- 13 **Corlies Ave & Ocean Place:** The boundaries go to the ocean wall. The entire Ocean Place is within the Erub.
- 14 **Deal Casino:** The outer walls of the Deal Casino are part of the Erub boundaries. You may carry within the Casino as long as you are within the gated area. The beach is not included in the Erub.
- 15 **Beaches:** All beach areas along the shore are not included in the Erub. Nothing may be carried on to any beach.
- 16 **Monmouth Medical:** The best route to the hospital, to avoid complication, is to use the hospital entrance on 3rd Ave. Take Sairs Ave down to Brighton Ave. Once you hit Brighton Ave, the easternmost boundary is the sea wall and you will be well within the boundaries of the Erub.
- 17 **2nd Ave:** The western sidewalk all along 2nd Ave is included.

until Montgomery Ave (right before Brighton Ave). The poles run on the sidewalk itself so care must be taken not to go east of the telephone poles on the western sidewalk.

- 18 **Franklin Ave:** The southern side is included. The northern side is not included.
- 19 **Westwood Ave & Franklin Ave:** The boundary goes on to the corner of the island in the intersection. The area south of the poles is included.
- 20 **Westwood Ave:** Anything east of the poles are included in the Erub. The west side of the poles are not included.
- 21 **West End Ave:** The northern side of West End Ave is excluded from the Erub. The southern side is included.
- 22 **Norwood Ave:** Eastern side of Norwood Ave is excluded from West End Ave to Wall St. The western side is included.
- 23 **Wall St:** Anything south of the telephone poles that are located on the southern side of the street is included in the Erub.
- 24 **Munroe Ave:** The eastern side is included in the Erub. The western side is not included.
- 25 **Cedar Ave:** The northern side is not included. The southern side is included.
- 26 **Monmouth Rd & Wall St:** The eastern side of Monmouth Rd is not included in the Erub. Only the western sidewalk is included.
- 27 **Wall St:** Anything south of the telephone poles that are located on the southern side of the street is included in the Erub.
- 28 **Industrial Way:** The southern side is included. The northern sidewalk is also included. Anything north of the the northern side walk is not included in the Erub.

SYNAGOGUES

- 1 **Ohel Yosef of Oakhurst**
- 2 **Congregation Magen David - West Deal**
- 3 **Ilan Yeshivah Minyan**
- 4 **Edmond Safra Synagogue - Hathaway**
- 5 **Ohel Yishak - Allenhurst**
- 6 **Synagogue of Deal**
- 7 **Congregation Hechal Shaul--Ahava v'Achva**
- 8 **Sephardic Community Alliance Minyan - JCC**
- 9 **Ohel Yaacob Congregation - Lawrence Avenue**
- 10 **Sephardic Synagogue of Elberon**
- 11 **Congregation Brothers of Israel**
- 12 **Ohel Simha - Park Avenue**
- 13 **Shaare Ezra Congregation - Cedar Avenue**
- 14 **Sephardic Torah Center**
- 15 **Bet Rachel Larchwood Avenue Minyan**
- 16 **Congregation Magen Abraham - West Long Branch**
- 17 **Shaare Tefilah Benei Moshe - Eatontown**

Go to our interactive map at www.NJerub.org for precise Erub boundaries including:

- 📍 Permissible Route to Monmouth Medical Center
- 📍 Portions of Loch Arbour Outside of The Erub
- 📍 Delineation of Sidewalks that are **Included** in the Erub alongside Streets that are **Excluded**

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- 📍 Weekly Email blast in Honor or Memory of a Loved One
- 📍 Interactive Map
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Crane used in reconstruction of cabanas of Allenhurst Beach Club following Hurricane Sandy.



Telephone Pole with lechi forming a part of the erub enclosing northernmost part of Loch Arbour.



Right of way for public beach access off of intersection of Ocean and Park Avenues in Long Branch, formerly the northeasternmost boundary of the Erub prior to its expansion in 2014 and 2015.

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