

ERUV HISTORY

The Eruv in the Kew Gardens Hills Community was conceived in the early 1970's and fully functional in the Spring of 1974. A tremendous amount of planning and effort went into the process of obtaining municipal authorizations, Rabbinic participation, construction and funding with respect to the KGH Eruv.

A Guide to the Eruv of Kew Gardens Hills has been provided on this website and the public is urged to read and study its contents. The Eruv is meant to enhance the observance and oneg associated with Shabbos, which the KGH Eruv has done for thousands of people since its inception. Persons who need wheelchairs, walkers, strollers, baby carriages and medication, to name a few, are direct beneficiaries of the Eruv. However, the entire population benefits from the convenience of the Eruv, as well as its necessity.

The Kew Gardens Hills Eruv is checked every Erev Shabbos and every Erev Yom Tov. Repairs are made when necessary in order to maintain the highest halachic standard for the KGH Eruv. The initial funding of the Eruv was through contributions solicited from the general community as a one time donation and advertising by local merchants that was associated with the original Eruv booklet.

Funding since the inception has been made on an annual basis by a letter that is distributed at the beginning of January of each year that requests what some refer to as the "Eruv Dues". We have sought to keep this amount at a minimum, and the current request of each community member is \$25 per year.

If you have not received the annual mailing, we urge you send a check for \$25 payable to the Kew Gardens Hills Eruv Committee, Inc. to the following address:

KGH Eruv Committee, Inc.
136-84 71st Road
Kew Gardens Hills, NY 11367

The Committee further requests that the use of the Eruv be maintained within the halachic guidelines set forth in the Eruv booklet and that the Eruv not be abused by the carrying of unnecessary items and activities that are inconsistent with the spirit and sanctity of Shabbos.

We also ask that the Community check the effectiveness of the Eruv every Erev Shabbos and every Erev Yom Tov by calling the Eruv recording at 718-263-3921.

The KGH Eruv is bordered by the Hillcrest Eruv on the east, the Briarwood Eruv on the south and the New York Hospital (Booth) Eruv on the north. If you are traveling outside the community on Shabbos, please check the effectiveness of those Eruvim at the following numbers:

Hillcrest Eruv	718-969-2021
Briarwood Eruv	718-657-2880
NY Hospital Eruv	718-670-2401