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2016/2892/P	Michael Bradfield	19 Acacia Road St John's Wood London NW8 6AN	16/08/2016 11:51:50	SUPPRT	<p>I am a strong believer in the need and benefit of having a local Eruv as it stimulates stronger community and enables the most affected to take a much more active part in local Jewish life, without impacting in any way the wider local community.</p> <p>As a grandfather of four small children living in the St John's Wood area and members with me of our local synagogue, it enables my daughter to bring her infant twin daughters to synagogue or social functions or lunch with friends in the community on a Friday evening and Saturday in a pram, which she cannot do for religious reasons without an Eruv in place. She can also carry the bag of items needed by the two babies.</p> <p>An Eruv also allows non-infants, toddlers, parents and wheel-chair bound persons of all ages to participate in activities over the Sabbath without infringing extensive Sabbath prohibitions.</p> <p>Wheel-chair bound persons of all ages likewise will be able to leave their home with their carers on Friday evenings and Saturdays, which means that they are finally able to attend synagogue or pursue other community social and leisure activities. For many such people, especially the elderly living on their own, this may be the highlight of their week as it allows them to attend synagogue and participate in the social activities which take place regularly after services. It also allows them to go out to other similar activities and carry their medication and walking sticks without infringing their religious beliefs.</p> <p>It especially allows those in the local hospitals to be visited by friends and family and to be brought to the synagogue.</p> <p>As to the impact on the communities where an Eruv has been created, analysis shows that there has been no change whatever in social cohesion, population trend or community relations - but have shown a huge benefit in the quality of life of those most concerned.</p> <p>The number of poles required is minimal and they will be hardly noticed (if at all) once they are in place.</p>
