



# K'HAL ADATH JESHURUN

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To all members of K'hal Adath Jeshurun:

Recent events have necessitated the reissuance of the פסק that no Eiruv can be erected in our neighborhood, Washington Heights/Inwood. As mentioned in the פסק recently issued, this is the conclusion the Rabbinat has reached after careful deliberation, based on the פסק that was issued by our previous Rabbonim, Rav Breuer זצ"ל and Rav Schwab זצ"ל and the פסק of our גדולים of the previous generation, Rav Ahron Kotler זצ"ל, Rav Moshe Feinstein זצ"ל, Rav Yaakov Kaminetsky זצ"ל, Rav Chaim Bick זצ"ל and Rav Gedaliah Schorr זצ"ל. The seriousness of this שאלה cannot be overstated since it is a שאלה of שבת - בפרהסיא. As such we are confident that all our members will follow this פסק without question. However, we reside in a neighborhood wherein others live who are not from our Kehilla. As such they are not bound by our פסק. We understand this and historically have lived בשלום with all the other Kehillos of this neighborhood, working together for the benefit of the combined communities, lending a helping hand to each other as needed in spite of differences we might have in השקפה and הלכה. This ב"ה did not diminish the mutual respect and feeling of אהבה ואחווה between us. We do, however, feel much aggrieved that an outside Rabbi should involve himself in a matter of פסק הלכה after our Rabbinat made clear its opposition on halachic grounds to the erection of an עירוב in this neighborhood, thereby sowing discord and creating polarization in our neighborhood. The quoted תשובת החת"ס says that each רב should erect an עירוב in his town. Nowhere does the חת"ס suggest that there is a מצוה for a Rov to erect an עירוב in some other Rov's town. This concept has been appreciated over the past years by all the previous Rabbonim of our neighborhood who, although independent, have understood the dangers involved in erecting an עירוב without a consensus from all the Rabbonim and Kehillos of our neighborhood.

We, therefore, call out publicly to all those involved in erecting this עירוב. Your intentions are noble but what you have done is not. Please reconsider so that we can again live harmoniously and thereby accelerate the advent of the גאולה בב"א.

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