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Rabbi Nota Tzvi Greenblatt
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Dear Rabbi Greenblatt:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your reactions to the Kuntres on the feasibility of constructing an Eruv in the Washington Heights area of New York City.

While I do not presume to have expertise in the area of Eruvin, I could not but be very impressed with the scope of your knowledge, and your penetrating analysis. Your statement could have been written only by a great Talmid Chacham, a giant in learning.

As I understand it, you highlighted two problems with respect to implementation of the Kuntres: 1) Rabbinu Ephraim's position, as cited by the Igrot Moshe, that Yerushalayim never had an Eruv, leading to the conclusion that any city, therefore, cannot have an Eruv; and, 2) too great a reliance on the view of the Hazon Ish who argues that built-up modern cities have the status of Reshuyot Hayachid min Hatorah--a claim which does not appear in the literature prior to the Hazon Ish, and may, therefore, be too unique to serve as a basis for Halakha LeMaaseh.

The concerns you raise are being addressed and we will forward a response as soon as it is completed.

I truly appreciate your taking time out of your busy schedule to write us so seriously and concernedly, and Leshem Shamayim. This was a great Hesed for which, I am certain, you will be amply rewarded.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Mordecai Schnaidman
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