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ANNUAL APPEAL

SEPTEMBER 2020 אלול תש"פ



Shanna Tovah. SSEA's October 1 Fiscal Year begins this year between Yom Kippur and Sukkot. We had to prepare and send this year's Appeal in August/September so we can have funds for the new FY available immediately after the Yomim Tovim.

Even as we approach that busy season, please find time to send your annual contribution for the eruv. (Contributions will not be processed until October.)

The requested annual contribution for 2020-21 is

\$54 per household

Of course, smaller or larger amounts will be gratefully accepted.

 BIG NEWS 	
SSEA NOW ACCEPTS PAYPAL DONATIONS	SSEA NOW HAS IRS 501(c)(3) STATUS
<p>Either to <i>SilverSpringeruv@gmail.com</i>,</p> <p>Or on the SSEA web page hosted on the YISE website <i>www.yise.org/eruv</i>.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><p>Be sure to use the "Donate" button for SSEA, and not the YISE button.</p></div>	<p>Contributions to SSEA are tax deductible. Use PayPal, or send your check to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SSEA 707 Lamberton Drive Silver Spring, MD 20902</p>

We thank the Rabbis who have provided halachic guidance, and we thank all the contributors on whose support the Eruv depends.

We thank the shuls who allow SSEA to use their mailing lists for this Appeal.

If you want to know more about SSEA and our Annual Appeal, read "About SSEA" on the next page or visit the web site www.yise.org/eruv.

The table on the next page gives a financial summary for our now-ending fiscal year.

**Guidelines for making an eruv for your sukkah ("just in case")
are on our web site www.yise.org/eruv**

SSEA Oct. 2019 to Sept. 2020 Financial Summary

Donors*	Donations	Expenses**	Notes
534	\$35,413	\$32,654	Total
		\$29,914	Inspection
		1,296	Repair
		1,444	Administration (printing and postage for Appeal; IRS application fee for 501(c)(3); bank fees)

* Includes anonymous donors. Repeat donations are counted only once.

** Actual expenses through July; projections for Aug. - Sept.

ABOUT SSEA

We are the *independent* organization that maintains *your* eruv, the eruv for White Oak – Northwood – Kemp Mill. We are not associated with or subsidized by any synagogue or other community organization or institution. We rely entirely on donations from individuals and families living within the eruv. We try to use a single Annual Appeal to raise funds for our Fiscal Year that begins October 1. For further information about SSEA and our eruv, including an on-line map and **guidelines for building an eruv for your sukkah**, go to www.yise.org/eruv.

SSEA has opportunities for volunteers. We can always use people who can make time on occasional Friday afternoons to assist with eruv spot-inspection and repair, or for annual weekend inspection of the Beltway fences and noise walls. Training is provided. If you want to volunteer or if you have questions, contact SSEA at SilverSpringEruv@gmail.com.

- Know what “carrying” is permitted with the Eruv. Many “carrying” activities are still prohibited. Ask your Rabbi.
- Never put yourself in a position where you “must” have the Eruv. Know how to cope if the Eruv is “down”.
- We cannot know if the Eruv will be up for Shabbat until the Friday inspection is completed. If we learn in advance that the Eruv will be down, we notify the community.
- Never “carry” without checking that the Eruv is “up.” Many unexpected factors—for example, highway construction or utility work—can cause the eruv to be down.

Shanna Tovah