

SILVER SPRING ERUV ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ANNUAL APPEAL

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Before you donate to SSEA this year, take this little True-False quiz –

1. The eruv is run by the shul(s).
2. The eruv is always “up”. You can rely on it even if it has not been inspected.
3. If the eruv is ever “down”, all you have to do is...
4. The eruv has plenty of big donors; they don't my support.

The Answers: 1. FALSE 2. FALSE 3. FALSE 4. FALSE

1. The White Oak – Northwood – Kemp Mill eruv is operated by the Silver Spring Eruv Association, Inc., an independent 501(c)(3) organization. The shuls cooperate with SSEA for the Annual Appeal for the eruv.

2. Indeed, the eruv has been “down” only once since 2013, but almost every Friday the eruv needs some repair. On some future Friday, inspectors might not be available or might be unable to check the eruv; or we might not have enough time to make repairs; or the eruv might be threatened by ongoing construction or by extreme weather.

ALWAYS CHECK THAT THE ERUV IS UP BEFORE YOU “CARRY”.

And remember that even if the eruv is up, not all carrying/transferring is permitted:

- “Carrying” to prepare for after Shabbat is still prohibited;
- And the restrictions of muktzeh still apply;
- And many other acts of “carrying” are still prohibited.

ASK YOUR RABBI WHAT “CARRYING” IS PERMITTED WITH AN ERUV.

3. If the eruv is down, the halachot of transferring/carrying are broad and complicated.

LEARN HOW TO COPE WITHOUT AN ERUV.

ALWAYS HAVE A BACKUP PLAN. ASK YOUR RABBI.

4. While SSEA does each year have some generous donors, we rely on broad support from the community that benefits from the eruv.

Now that you have passed the Quiz, turn to the other side and learn how to make your donation to support operation and maintenance of the eruv.

SSEA's Fiscal Year began October 1. Please promptly send your annual contribution for the eruv so we won't have to do any more fund raising and can spend our time operating the eruv.

The requested annual contribution for 2021-22 is

\$54 per household

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

**THREE WAYS TO MAKE YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO SSEA
(DO NOT MAKE YOUR ERUV DONATION TO ANY SHUL)**

PayPal

SilverSpringeruv@gmail.com

OR

On the SSEA web page hosted on the YISE website
www.yise.org/eruv

Be sure to use the "Donate" button for SSEA, and not the YISE button.

Venmo

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By check, payable to SSEA

Mail to: **SSEA**
707 Lamberton Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20902

IRS TAX ID 52-1544155

SSEA Oct. 2020 to Sept. 2021 Financial Summary

Donors ^{1,2}	Donations ²	Expenses	Notes
573	\$39,768	\$31,435	Total
		\$30,459	Inspection
		207	Repair ³
		769	Administration ⁴ (PayPal ⁵ fees, bank fees)

1. Fifty repeat donors are counted only once each.
2. Includes donations at end of previous FY, intended for FY2020-2021.
3. Contractor has not yet billed for repair services. Will be paid in FY2021-2022.
4. Most costs of Appeal for FY2020-2021 were paid in previous FY.
5. Includes PayPal fees for donations at end of previous FY (see Note 2).

SSEA and the community thank the Rabbis who have provided halachic guidance, the volunteers who operate and maintain the Eruv, and all the contributors on whose support the Eruv depends.

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.**

To learn more about SSEA visit www.yise.org/eruv