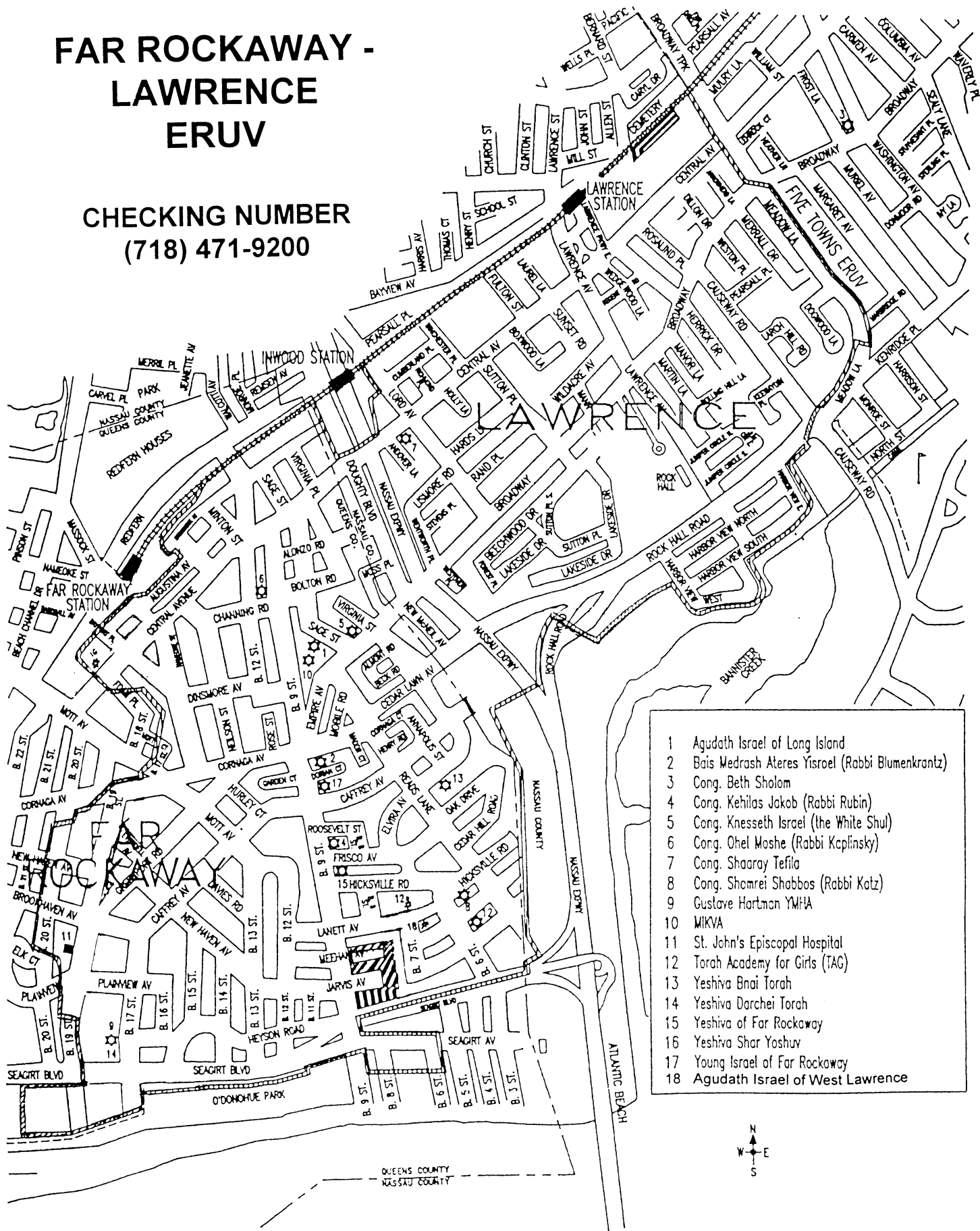


FAR ROCKAWAY - LAWRENCE ERUV

CHECKING NUMBER
(718) 471-9200



To report breaks or to obtain boundary information,
call Rabbi Moshe Stein at (646) 235-2266.

To check neighboring ERUV s call:
Wavecrest-Bayswater (718) 327-8606
Five Towns (516) 295-4212

THE FAR ROCKAWAY-LAWRENCE ERUV

GUIDELINES

The Far Rockaway-Lawrence eruv is inspected each week by the Community Eruv Committee of the Vaad Harabonim of Far Rockaway. It is important to check by telephone every Friday afternoon by calling (718) 471-9200 to confirm that there were no problems or breakage. One should not assume from week to week that the Eruv is operative. If there is no answer, do not rely on the Eruv. The Community Eruv Committee is not responsible for the Eruvin of the adjoining communities, i.e. Five Towns Eruv or Bayswater-Wavecrest Eruv. Therefore, if one wishes to carry in those communities, they should ascertain on Erev Shabbos that the adjoining Eruv is operative. An Eruv Chatzeros has been arranged with the adjoining Eruvin. (The Wavecrest-Bayswater Eruv - (718) 327-8606; The Five Towns Eruv - (516) 295-4214).

A number of changes have been made to our Eruv. Please note that St. Johns Hospital is now within our Eruv. However, using our Eruv it must be approached along Greenport or Caffrey and finally along Brookhaven to enter the hospital pedestrian entrance on Brookhaven between Beach 19th and Beach 20th. Also note that our Eruv permits access to Shor Yashuv and its dormitory but does not permit someone to walk along Foam Place.

A number of areas of concern should be highlighted:

1. Please note that the full length of the bicycle path on Doughty Blvd. is not within the Eruv. You must note carefully where the wire crosses Highway 878 (Doughty Blvd). just below Caffrey Avenue terminating the southern most section of the bicycle path within our Eruv.
2. Also note that a section of Central Avenue between Doughty and Lord on the north side of the street is not covered.
3. The playground at the boardwalk and Beach 9th is covered and access to the playground from the boardwalk is permitted. However, the boardwalk beyond that point is not included within the Eruv.

We must emphasize: An Eruv is not a blanket "heter" for carrying. Items which are "muktsa" such as an umbrella, must not be carried. Likewise, any activity which may be an "uvda d'chol", such as ball playing or bicycle riding, is prohibited. Parents and teachers must be cautious to impress upon their children the very limited nature of an eruv and must be especially concerned that the presence of the Eruv does not serve to erode the spirit of the Shabbos. The purpose of an Eruv is merely for use in such limited areas as carrying a tallis, handkerchief, seforim or wheeling a baby carriage. If you have any questions about the above, or any other sh'aalos regarding this general topic, speak to your Rabbi.

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ERUV DESCRIPTION

Beachfront Boundary

We begin the description at the corner of Seagirt Boulevard and Beach 19th Street. The Eruv runs along the south side of Seagirt Boulevard from Beach 19th Street until Beach 9th Street. It includes the playground on the corner of Beach 9th and Seagirt Avenue and crosses Beach 9th Street to connect to the nursing home and from the front of the nursing home crosses Beach 8th Street to connect to the Roy Reuther houses. This allows access to the nursing home and Roy Reuther from Seagirt Avenue but does not allow someone to carry on the portion of the street closest to the ocean.

From the east side of the Roy Reuther houses, the Eruv wire crosses Beach 6th Street and then proceeds north to the north side of Seagirt Avenue. It then attaches to the fence running along the north side of Seagirt Avenue surrounding the empty lot and from the corner of Beach 9th and Seagirt Blvd. crosses diagonally to the center island on Seagirt Blvd. The Eruv then follows the center island east to the city line just before the overpass. At that point, the Eruv connects to the fence surrounding the last private house on the north side of Seagirt Blvd.

Nassau Boundary

From that point on there are continuous fences going north along the city boundary. The fence continues past Jarvis, Meehan and Hicksville Road until Cedar Hill Road. Behind Cedar Hill road the fence connects to our Eruv wire which then continues running along the city line north until Caffrey Avenue. At that point the Eruv crosses the highway (878) and connects to the fence around the sewage treatment plant. It crosses Rock Hall Road and connects to the backyard fences of Harbor View and includes all the homes in Harbor View. The Eruv wire then comes out of Harbor View and follows the fences on the south side of Rock Hall Road toward the country club until the corner of Meadow Lane and Causeway. At that point, the Eruv crosses diagonally to the northeast corner of Meadow Lane and Causeway and once again connects to the fences over there. It follows the fences along Meadow Lane around past Kenbridge, and Marbridge until shortly before Dogwood Lane at which point it crosses east across Meadow Lane to connect to the power lines running on the east side of Meadow Lane going north. It follows these poles until Broadway. On Broadway the Eruv wire crosses diagonally to the north west corner of Meadow Lane and Broadway and goes two additional block passed Central Avenue until the Long Island Rail Road.

Long Island RR Boundary

When the Eruv reaches the Long Island Rail Road it follows fences and wires running parallel to the LIRR right of way and follows the LIRR past the Lawrence station until Lord Avenue. At Lord Avenue the Eruv follows existing backyard fences and emerges on the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Highway 878, it then crosses 878 on the north side of Central Avenue, thus excluding that portion from the Eruv and anyone wishing to use the Eruv must walk on the south side of Central Avenue at that point. The Eruv crosses 878 and Doughty Blvd and connects to the telephone poles running north along Doughty Blvd on the west side of the street. The Eruv wire then connects to fences running along the LIRR once more. It follows the LIRR until it reaches the Far Rockaway station of the LIRR. (The exact location of the Eruv as it follows the path from Lawrence Avenue from the Meadow Lane until it reaches the Far Rockaway Station of the LIRR is something that must be studied carefully by anyone who has to carry in the vicinity of the LIRR right of way.) (At times, we make use of fences, at other times we make use of the actual wire running parallel to the tracks.) When the Eruv reaches the Far Rockaway station of the LIRR it is using the chain link fences south of the tracks.

Bayswater Boundary

At the southeast corner of Brunswick Avenue and Nameoke Street, the Eruv crosses Nameoke Street and connects to the west side of the street across from the Far Rockaway Station. All the buildings there are connected to each other and the Eruv emerges at Shor Yashuv Yeshiva on Central Avenue and Foam Place. At that point, the Eruv crosses from the north side of Central Avenue to the south side of Central Avenue and Foam Place and then connects to the east side of Foam Place. This allows access to Shor Yashuv and its dormitory but does not permit someone to walk along Foam Place. We then make use of fences running along the east side of Foam Place connecting all the way to the public school fence and the Post Office building until the Eruv emerges near the Far Rockaway Precinct of the Police Department. The Eruv crosses Mott Avenue across the street from the police station and then connects to the building and the gas station and from the gas station to the poles running along Cornaga Avenue. The Eruv follows Cornaga Avenue on the north side for approximately one block until Beach 19th Street. At Beach 19th Street, the Eruv wire crosses to the southeast corner of Beach 19th and Cornaga to the fence surrounding a service station. We then make use of that fence for one block to Everdell Avenue at which point we connect to the overhead power lines to carry the Eruv for one block until New Haven Avenue. At New Haven Avenue the Eruv crosses from the east side of Beach 19th Street to the southwest corner of New Haven and Beach 19th Street and from there it connects to buildings. The buildings are connected to one another and the Eruv crosses Brookhaven in the middle of the block between Beach 19th and Beach 20th at which point it connects to the fence surrounding the hospital. This allows access to the hospital from Beach 19th Street and access to Beach 19th Street only via Greenport Road.* To access the hospital would require walking along Greenport* or Caffrey and finally along Brookhaven Avenue to enter the hospital pedestrian entrance which is on Brookhaven Avenue between Beach 19th and Beach 20th. The Eruv wire then crosses Plainview in the middle of the street and then encloses the nurses residence which is on the southwest side of Plainview and Beach 19th. The Eruv crosses Beach 19th to the fence on the east side of Beach 19th at which point we follow the fence south until the corner of Seagirt Blvd and Beach 19th. From the northeast corner of Beach 19th and Seagirt Blvd we have our own wire crossing Seagirt Blvd to the point from which we started this description.

In addition to all of these areas surrounded by the Eruv, it is important to note that there are two areas that are excluded from the Eruv. Two "Karfufs", one of them is the area surrounded by the following streets. Seagirt Blvd and Beach 9th Street north one block to Jarvis, east one block into the dead end of Jarvis then using our own wire crossing the large overgrown area to Beach 7th and Jarvis. From there to Seagirt Blvd. near Beach 7th Street and from there back to Seagirt Blvd and Beach 9th Street is a large overgrown area that is excluded from the Eruv.

Another large area excluded from the Eruv is the so called "duck pond" in Lawrence, in Sutton Park. The duck pond itself is excluded from the Eruv.

*Note: Greenport Road has had its name changed to Gateway Blvd.