

RABBI MOSHE FEINSTEIN
AND
Rabbi Moshe Bick

There is a great difference between the ruling of Reb Moshe Feinstein, of blessed memory, and the ruling of Rabbi Moshe Bick, concerning eruvin in Brooklyn. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein is honest. Rabbi Bick made mistakes.

Rabbi Feinstein states unambiguously and explicitly: his ruling was not accepted, or approved of, by leading Torah scholars from past generations (Achronim). Also, his ruling does not conform with the ruling of the Shulchan Aurach.

Therefore, no one has any obligation whatsoever to comply with, or obey, his ruling. This is stated openly in letters, published in his famous work Igros Moshe, (part 4, letters number, 87-88-89).

Stating the opposite, contradicting, negating, and denying the afore mentioned. **Is a lie.**

We cannot rule on any matter of Jewish Law from posters in the street and advertizements in newspapers. Torah rulings are decided after careful study, and from learning published letters, from our holy sages, of blessed memory. Where they clearly explain their views.

Rabbi Moshe Bick also ruled that eruvin cannot be established in Brooklyn. However, he stated: his ruling is impeccable, absolute, and undisputed. **This is a mistake, blooper, and error.**

He also stated that eruvin were never established in large cities. However, the fact is an eruv was established in Manhattan in the year 5667. This eruv was approved of by leading Torah scholars of the generation.

No one reliable disputed the validity of this eruv. It was used and accepted by observent Jews and Torah scholars of the generation.

We must note here forthright. Rabbi Siegel, who established this eruv, was one of the outstanding Torah scholars of his generation. This is obvious when one carefully studies his monumental work Oznei Yhoshuah. Many other scholarly works were written by him but never published.

Rabbonim, in later generations, refused to reestablish an eruv in Manhatten. They did not have a valid reason for this. They were not equal in Torah scholarship or piety, than holy sages, of blessed memory, the ALL MIGHTY blessed us with, who approved of an eruv there, **without any doubt or skepticism.**

Eruvin were also established in other large cities in Europe. This is well known and documented.

Letters, by Rabbi Bick, written to the undersigned, in the year 5740, stating the afore mentioned false statements, were published, with comments by the undersigned, in the year 5741, and again last year 5760. Nevertheless, after he was informed, statements stated in his letters are obviously erroneous. He continued to proclaim them.

Purpose of this article is to impress upon those who might want to follow his views that there is no reason for this. It is against ~~the~~ Torah to follow erroneous, spurious, false and inaccurate rulings.

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