

We urge you to call the Yated at (845) 369-1600 to express your outrage at this advertorial and to demand a written apology.

AN APPEAL TO ALL G-D-FEARING JEWS Not to Desecrate the Shabbos

Recently, a small dissident group of laymen initiated the construction of an Eruv in Boro Park for personal gain, against the well-publicized ruling of the leading Tzedolim and Rabbonim of the previous generation, including Rav Aharon Kotler, the Atmar Rebbe, Rav Moshe Feinstein, the Mattersdorfer Rav, the Pupa Rav, the Skulener Rebbe, the Klausenberger Rebbe, the Bovover Rebbe, the Viener Rav and the Chofetz Chaim, Hisachdus HaRabbonim and HaRabbonim Gedolim.

מכתב גלוי
מהגאון ראש ישיבה "תורה ודעת" שלויט"א
הרב אברהם יעקב הכהן פאם

היום ערב ש"ק כ"ח אייר תש"ס
נכבדו חתימתי על איסור העירוב בברוקלין, שהוא נגד פסק רבותינו
די ההוראה מדור שעבר, נשתוממתי לראות העתקה מקול קורא
מפיצים ומפרסמים שחתימתי מזויפת ולא עוד אלא שגם כל חתימות
האוסרים על העירוב, כיון שבטלה מקצתה בטלה כולה,
לכך עלי להודיע לרבים כי אין שום זיוף ואין כאן
מזומן וקיימת ועומד אני ברעתי עד היום, ותו לא מודי
אברהם יעקב הכהן פאם

I am shocked to see a circulated document claiming that my signature condemning the Brooklyn Eruv is a violation of P'sak of the great At Poskim of the past. It is further claimed that the document is a forgery and not my own. I therefore declare to the public that the document is a forgery and not my own. My signature stands firm. I maintain my position as ever.
Yakov HaCohen Pam

מכתב גלוי
מהגאון רבי אביגדור
מיללער זצ"ל

הננו להעביר ברבים שבאמת חתמתי את שמי
על המחאה נגד הצעת העירוב בברוקלין.
היום ערב ש"ק כ"ח אייר תש"ס
נאום אביגדור מיללער

28 Iyar 5760.
I publicly declare that my signature
condemning the idea of constructing an
Eruv in Brooklyn is authentic.
Avigdor Miller

כ"ח אייר תש"ס
ביום ד' ד' תמוז ה'תש"ס
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We are convinced that the community of precious, G-d-fearing Jews will not sacrifice Shmiras Shabbos for personal convenience. We are not, chas v'shalom, Reform Jews who ignore the words of our Torah leaders!

An Open Letter to the Editor of the Yated Ne'eman

As member of the of the Boro Park community, we can no longer remain silent while our Rabbonim and our community are slandered in the Yated.

Are you truly the "newspaper that belongs in everyone's home?" When the majority of your readership in Boro Park is referred to as "Reform Jews," when our Gedolim are pegged "dissident laymen," and especially when any and all public service announcements from the Vaad HaEruv are rejected for publication, while anti-eruv vitriol abounds, one has to wonder at the hypocrisy in presenting the Yated as all-inclusive.

While Eruvin is a subject that has, over the centuries, stimulated much halachic debate, irresponsible advertorials like the one on page 25 (week of June 8) do nothing to further understanding of the mitzvah. Instead they perpetuate the agenda of a small but vocal group and are conduits for dissension and sinas chinam.

Has the unsigned anti-Eruv propaganda that consistantly fill your pages exposed your true editorial slant? Can it be that a respected newspaper such as the Yated has actively chosen to jeopardize its reputation as a responsible, family publication with the dissemination of falsehoods and inflammatory rhetoric?

In an effort to be melamed zechus, we'd like to think you were terribly misguided and failed to see the correlation between a Rav's hechsher on any product and his hechsher on an Eruv. You would never have the temerity to condemn a Rav's hechsher. Why, then, is his hashgacha on the community Eruv any different? If you truly desire the public good, you will not allow the Yated to be manipulated by political factions any longer. Halachic issues of issur and heter are not the domam of newspapers. The halachic decisions of all Gedolim whether from Chassidish or Litvish sources ought to be respected, and, chas veshalom, not derided. Kavod Hatorah and Ahavas Yisroel are not just lofty ideals; they deserve more than lip service. A public retraction and apology would go a long way towards restoring your credibility in our community.

The Boro Park Community