

THE ORIGIN OF THE CONTROVERSY  
OF THE ERUV IN BORO PARK

WHY DO THE LEADERS OF SATMER  
OPPOSE THE ERUV IN GENERAL?

DID YOU KNOW IT IS ALL A MATTER OF POLITICS  
AND NOTHING TO DO WITH  
TORAH AND MITZVOT?

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**In 5741 when seven Rabbonim made the Eruv in Boro Park, New York, The Ungvarer Rav Shlita approached all the important Rabbis with the question if they agreed with the establishment of the Eruv in Boro Park.**

**These seven Rabbonim were Rabbi Menashe Klein SHLITA Ungvarer Rav, author of Mishne Halachot 10 volumes, Rabbi Abraham Meir Israel SHLITA The Rav mi Honiad, author of the Yalkut ha Meiri on the Shas and author of Sheelot u Tshuvot Vayaan Avraham, Rabbi Meir Greenberg SHLITA Rav of Kazmark, Rabbi Ahahron Wieder SHLITA Rav of Lintz, Rabbi Ephraim fischel Heshkovitz SHLITA Rav of Holine, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Rubin SHLITA, Rabbi of Miszau.**

**The Ungvarer Rebbe had the idea of making the Rav from Debretzin, the RAV HA MACHSHIR, but for many different reasons he did not want the post and instead gave his full support for the Eruv, and also many of the other Rabbanim gave their support initially even though they later changed their position regarding the Eruv, but this is not the place to fully explain all these details.**

**The VAAD HA ERUV publicized in the newspaper ALGEMEINER JOURNAL the Eruv in Boro Park. And that same day 5,000 copies of a special pamphlet called ASEFAT ZEKENIM was distributed and inside were the letters of approval that were sent to the Rav from Ratzport Asher Anshel Kroiz SHLITA, regarding the Eruv. That day a loud sound started to be heard.**

**Rav Bick entered the stage. He approached the Rav from Sighet, the present day ADMOR MI SATMER, and said to him: “In the same way that I helped you regarding the Shechita, I now ask you to help me regarding the Eruv: I beg you to spread the word that it is forbidden to establish the Eruv in Boro Park”.**

**What was the main reason for Rav Bick to make such a request? To our best knowledge he was jealous of Rabbi Menashe Klein The Ungvarer Rebbe SHLITA, and he thought that if he was permitted to do the Eruv, The Ungvarer Rav would have been made the chief Rabbi of Boro Park, which was a post that Rav Bick coveted. And because of this Rav Bick followed the footsteps of Rav Moshe Feinstein Z’L. He became the one who approved of permitting the forbidden in Boro Park, to the point where he would answer the questions of women over the phone.**

**Truth is that in the first announcement that those that opposed the Eruv published [They were the sons of Rav Bick together with his father in law], Rav Moshe Bick was referred to as the Chief Rabbi of Boro Park, and it further said: “And no one has the right to contradict his words”.**

**Rav Bick went further and to warrant the success of his endeavor, told the Rav of Sighet Rav Moshe Teitelboim that the person in charge of the Eruv committee in Boro Park was the Rabbi of Holmin [Who had opposed Satmer regarding the problems with the Kashrus of meat] in order to gain the full support of Rav Teitelboim in his fight against the Eruv and against the Ungvarer Rebbe.**

**And he said to the Rav of Sighet thus: “The Rebbe of Holmin organized the fight against your Shechita saying that you feed Jews with Neveilos and Treifos, therefore protect me and I will protect you. Please let’s publicize in the name of the SATMER REBBE ZTK’L that he was opposed to the Eruv and forbade to build one, and help me so that the Eruv will not be done and then I will do the rest. You will do for me only that which I am asking you to do, and I need that you will not publish in the DER YID newspaper anything that supports or approves of making an Eruv. So that you will only write against the Eruv.”**

**Rav Bick knew that in the newspaper ALGEMEINER JOURNAL would soon be published all the history regarding the Eruv, including the names of the Rabbanim who approve the Eruv and at their head the SATMER REBBE ZTK’L, also**

including the map of the area that the Eruv enclosed in Boro Park. Together with Rav of Sighet, Rav Bick tried to stop this publication in the newspaper, for they knew full well that if the truth about the opinion of the SATMER REBBE ZTK'L came out in the ALGEMEINER JOURNAL they would lose the fight against the supporters of the Eruv, for they would not be able to claim anymore that the SATMER REBBE ZTK'L opposed the Eruv. What did they do? They summoned The Rabbi of Honiad to the house of the Rav of Sighet, and they started convincing the Rabbi of Honiad of the need to make peace and that both sides would not publish anything regarding the Eruv, he would not publish in favor and they would not publish against it, and there will be peace and quiet.

Meanwhile the envoy of the Rabbi of Holmin had already left the material to be introduced in the ALGEMEINER JOURNAL for publication the next day. It included the name of 39 Rabbonim who approved of the Eruv in Boro Park. Everything was ready for publication. It was Tuesday night at 11pm and they had to decide whether to publish the material or not.

The Rabbi of Holmin was informed by one of his people who were working in the staff of the DER YID newspaper, that a full-page publication was ready to appear the next day with the name of six Rabbonim who attested to the fact that the SATMER REBBE ZTK'L forbade the Eruv. It was two hours before the newspaper would be printed and no order to eliminate this material had been received by the staff of the DER YID. It is worthwhile to mention that these six Rabbonim were the ones who were in charge of Kashrus and they were the ones who were feeding tens of thousand of Jews with Neveilos and Treifos, for they obviously had no fear of opposing the Torah's injunction against eating forbidden foods. They took all the DO NOT out of the Ten Commandments and performed the rest: KILL, STEAL, BE A FALSE WITNESS, ETC. Is it any wonder that they would agree to twist the words of the Holy Satmer Rebbe ZTK'L?

Then the Rabbi of Holmin spoke to the Rabbi of Honiad when he was still at the house of the Rabbi of Sighet, and on purpose they spoke in a loud voice so that the Rabbi of Sighet would hear what they were saying. Then the Rabbi of Holmin said that the Rabbi of Sighet and Rav Bick are big liars, because they are publishing the

**announcement on the DER YID even when they are saying that they will not publish anything anymore, “I can assure that your announcement on the Eruv will be published tomorrow in DER YID and you can tell Rav Moshe Teitelboim in my name that he is the biggest liar and this will be known to others, and this will enter history, so that the people will know that the Rabbi of Sighet helped Rav Bick in his fight against the Eruv and to this end they twisted the words of the SATMER REBBE ZTK’L as if he had been opposed to the Eruv, G-d forbid, even when the SATMER REBBE had asked the Rabbi of Sighet to establish the Eruv in Boro Park” (Just as the Rav of Sighet has himself told many Rabbonim, and he indeed worked for a while in order to establish the Eruv).**

**The Rabbi of Honiad said to the Rabbi of Holmin: “Listen to me and don’t publish anything in the ALGEMEINER JOURNAL.” Obviously the Rabbi of Holmin out of respect for the Rabbi of Honiad and for the Ungvarer Rav, who were the chiefs of the Eruv committee, listened to their request and did not publish anything on that occasion. Anyway the Rabbi of Holmin was just working for them and helping them prepare the announcement for publication in the newspaper.**

**It was morning and DER YID came out with the full page announcement signed by six Rabbonim who attested to the fact that the SATMER REBBE ZTK’L had been opposed to the Eruv in Manhattan and in Brooklyn. (In reality it is well known that the SATMER REBBE ZTK’L was against the Eruv in Manhattan because the one who supervised it, was a Zionist and the SATMER REBBE ZTK’L was afraid that he would be the one responsible for the Eruv, and it is well known that the SATMER REBBE ZTK’L supported the establishment of the Eruv in Brooklyn and he even gave money for its establishment, AS IT IS BROUGHT IN ALL THE WRITINGS OF THE STUDENTS OF OUR HOLY REBBE ZTK’L)**

**In the following week the Rabbi of Holmin published the material they were supposed to publish the week before in the ALGEMEINER JOURNAL.**

**At the conclusion of the Shabbat that followed the publication on the ALGEMEINER JOURNAL, the Rabbi of Honiad the Ungvarer Rebbe and the Rabbi of Holmin paid a visit to the Rav mi Debretzin. Just as they entered the door they saw how angry the Rav mi Debretzin really was. (The Rabbi of Holmin said**

that in all the years they had worked together in the VAAD HA KASHRUT publishing the MADRICH HA KASHRUT, he had never seen the Rav mi Debretzin so upset as in that occasion).

It seems that the reason why the Rav mi Debretzin was so upset seems to be that now after the publication in the ALGEMEINER JOURNAL, it was revealed to everyone through the writings of all his greatest students that were published there, the opinion of the SATMER REBBE ZTK'L where he commanded that the Eruv in Williamsburg be established, and The Debretziner was afraid that people would think that he is a liar for he had written that The SATMER REBBE ZTK'L was opposed to the Eruv in Williamsburg (This he had been told by the same Rabbonim who fooled many others into believing things that were not true). And in reality the Debretziner is a man of truth, only that like many others he got trapped by the lies and deceptions of the Rabbis who wanted to use the Torah for their own benefit.

The Debretziner asked: Who published the announcement in the ALGEMEINER? He will get what he deserves for doing such a thing!

The Rebbe of Holmin replied: It was me, Rebbe, and I did it as an envoy of seven Rabbonim and among them is Rebbe Menashe Klein, The Ungvarer Rebbe, The Rebbe mi Honiad, but you can do as you see fit, I am not afraid and I am ready to give up my life for the truth”.

Then the Rebbe mi Honiad asked the Debretziner: “I believe in your Bet Midrash you follow the rulings of the Chatam Sofer ZTK'L and he says to establish Eruvim, Then how can you go against his rulings?

The Debretziner answered them: “How can you make an Eruv here when people will go to eat Pizza and go to the movie theater on Shabbat? You know Boro Park is an open place and people will do all kinds of wrongful things”

The Rebbe mi Honiad answered: “There are no Pizza parlors or movie theaters open on Shabbat here in Boro Park, all these are the words of the Satan”. And he added: “Do you know in which city the Chatam Sofer wrote the Teshuvah (See CHATAM SOFER Orach Chayyim Siman 99: “For this blessing we say on the Eruv is on the Mitzvah by which we do a great Tikkun to guard the people from carrying on Shabbat for which there is really no other way to avoid it”) approving of the Eruv? You just don't recognize the initials of the City as they appear in his teshuvah! I know well the history and it refers to a city that had very little religious

people in it, one hundred times worse than Boro Park, with young men and women dancing in public places and the like. And precisely in a city like that with all that lewdness the Chatam Sofer approved the establishment of an Eruv there. And how can you say that the SATMER REBBE ZTK'L forbade the establishment of an Eruv in Brooklyn? That's a flat out lie!.

### THE STORY OF THE DEBRETZINER

To fully understand why The Debretziner said that the Satmer Rebbe opposed the Eruv we need to know the following:

It is known that The Debretziner was the supervisor of the Mikvah in Boro Park together with Rav Moshe Bick and other Rabbonim like Rav Yechezkel Roth, Rav Chayyim Elazar Freedman, Rav Chayyim Yaakov Tieber, Rav Yoshua Heshil Bick. The Debretziner was very jealous of the honor of Hashem and his Torah and he was told by that there was great promiscuity in the neighborhood and that is why he agreed to write lies in the name of the SATMER REBBE ZTK'L because he was only opposed to the Eruv in Manhattan for there the Rabbi who managed the Eruv was a Zionist , Rav Mendel Kasher, and all that was required was the addition of one word: "BROOKLYN" into the writing of The Debretziner and this was not difficult for the thieves of the mind who really confused The Debretziner.

More details will follow

The World Committee for the establishment of Eruvim