

Free Translation:

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To whom it may concern,

About a week ago I was asked by one of the Rabbis to state my opinion in writing to him, privately, regarding the new Eiruv in Crown Heights. I wrote to him, that since the local Rabbis are opposed to it, I therefore recommend not to use the Eiruv for carrying. And I made a condition that this letter shall not be publicized. But to my utter dismay the recipient of the letter didn't listen to me and published the letter against my will, and more so, the letter was used for the purposes of persecuting those who carried, and to say that they are Mechalelei Shabbos R”L, and I was very saddened to hear that this has happened.

After I spoke to Harav Hagaon Rav Bentzion Wosner Shlita (and other Rabbis), he told me that I must clarify that it is not so, and those who carried in the previous Shabbosim – are obviously not Mechalelei Shabbos R”L.

I checked the Crown Heights Eiruv and found it to be complete, and if it would have been in any other city in the world – I would have written that it is permissible to use it for carrying on Shabbos, but in big cities on which there is a debate among the great Rabbis of the previous generation (and I am like earth under their feet) I am not fit to render an opinion, and it is not appropriate that I get involved in this dispute. It is therefore that I said that I am not the supervising Rabbi for this Eiruv (especially since I don't want to get involved in the leadership and customs of this community).

Obviously, just as in any other Eiruv, there must be a weekly inspection to the Eiruv to ensure that it is Kosher, and to cut the tree branches when they grow etc. (and indeed I spoke with the group of professionals who check this Eiruv every week, under the supervision of a Rav More Horaah, who is knowledgeable in the laws of Eiruvim, and they take care of this).

I wish to repeat what I wrote earlier, that those who follow the Poskim who permit [said Eiruv], he surely has many Poskim and great sages that he can rely on, and they surely cannot be called Mechalelei Shabbos Ch"v.

Signing for the sake of peace and for the sake of the holiness of Shabbos and the Jews,

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