

# Jewish Advocate Eruv Construction

12/13/91 Set to Begin

All required permits and licenses for the Brookline-Brighton-Newton eruv (a device permitting observant Jews to carry on Shabbat) have been obtained, a qualified contractor has been chosen, and construction is scheduled to begin this month. The eruv should be completed by April 11, 1992.

The eruv will include large segments of Brookline, Brighton, Allston, and Newton. The border runs along the Mass. Turnpike from Chestnut St. (Newton) in the west to Beacon St. (west of Kenmore Square) in the east. The border continues along the MBTA Green Line towards Brookline Village and then runs south of Boylston St. until Hammond St. It then courses through the Hammond Pond Reservation and ultimately continues westwards along Boylston St. to the Eliot Green Line station in Newton. The border then runs northwesterly along the Green Line until Chestnut St. and turns northward on Chestnut St. until it rejoins the Mass. Turnpike.

The perimeter length is 16 miles. In addition, there are a number of locations which require their own barriers to remove them from the eruv—Crystal Lake in Newton, Chandler Pond in Brighton, and the Walnut St. Cemetery in Newton.

The Greater Boston Eruv Corporation needs to raise \$100,000 for meeting the cost of construction, hiring individuals to check the eruv on a regular basis, and covering the estimated maintenance cost through 1992. A fundraising committee has been formed and efforts to raise the first \$50,000 are already underway.