

Eruv Tchumim

Ref: Sefer Zemanim, Hilchot Eruvin, Chapters 6 and 7

Definition

One is not allowed to move more than **2000 amah** from one's place on *Shabbat*. However, making an *eruv techumim* allows one to redefine one's place temporarily. This gives one the flexibility to move further than **2000 amah**. I.e. he can move from the new place 2000 *amah* in all directions.

One defines the new place by depositing food there for *Shabbat*. The measure for food is the same as that for a *shituf*. I.e. enough for **2 meals**.

Factors

- *Eruv* should be set up on Friday
- Establishment of *eruv* should be for the purpose of a *mitzvah* (however it would still be valid for other reasons)
- If *eruv* placed beyond the *tchum*, it is invalid
- If *eruv* placed within a city, the *tchum* remains as previously.
- The measure of food for two meals is per person using the *eruv*
- Establishment of *eruv* takes place *ben hashmashot* (twilight)
- *Eruv* can be set up by a *shaliach*
- Food must be edible by person using the *eruv*
- Blessing must be recited as for a courtyard and *shituf*

Procedure

- Goes to designated *Shabbat* place to deposit food for two meals (even just to resolve to go to this place is sufficient to establish the *eruv* ie if he began walking there and was held up)
- Place should be enclosed, but if not, and the area size was no larger than the area to grow **2 seah** of grain, he can carry within this area and walk beyond his domain in all directions **2000 amah**.