

Eruv Tavshilin

One is not allowed to prepare on Yom Tov for after Yom Tov. That includes from day 1 of Yom Tov to day 2 and even from Yom Tov to Shabbat.

Therefore when Rosh Hashanah falls on Thursday and Friday, an Eruv Tavshilin must be made on Wednesday in order to be able to prepare for Shabbat on Friday afternoon – e.g. to cook , light candles etc.

The procedure is quick and simple as explained below.

On *Erev Yom Tov*, Wednesday afternoon, the head of the household, or his designee, should set aside a baked item such as a challah roll or piece of *matzoh*, **and** a cooked item such as an egg or piece of fish and leave them in a safe place.

He or she should then recite the blessing and the declaration – see below or artscroll siddur pg 655. This declaration states that the cooked and baked items should permit us to continue baking, cooking, lighting a flame from an existing fire and do all the necessary preparations from *Yom Tov* to *Shabbat*. It is now viewed as though meal preparations for *Shabbos* have already begun before *Yom Tov* and *Shabbat* meal preparations may continue on Friday *Yom Tov*, *Erev Shabbat*.

Note: This does not permit any activities usually forbidden on Yom Tov but rather allows us to simply perform permissible Yom Tov activities for the purpose of Shabbat.

Once done, the *eruv* covers all household members and guests.

The foods set aside for the *eruv* should be saved and may be eaten on *Shabbat*.

If one forgot to make an *eruv tavshilin* one should consult one of the Rabbis for instructions.

Blessing

*Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ha-olam, Asher kidi-shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al mitzvat eiruv. Blessed are You, the Lord our God, King of the universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us in the mitzvah of eiruv.

Declaration – to be said after the blessing

* Through this eruv may we be permitted to bake, cook, keep foods warm, light candles, prepare and do anything necessary on the Festival for the sake of the Sabbath