

**Banding bandits and
tattered twines:
Maintaining our
Community Eruv**

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Est. 1993

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The ubiquitous wooden pole

Softwoods that grow tall and straight

- Southern yellow pine
- Douglas fir
- Northeastern red pine
- Western red cedar

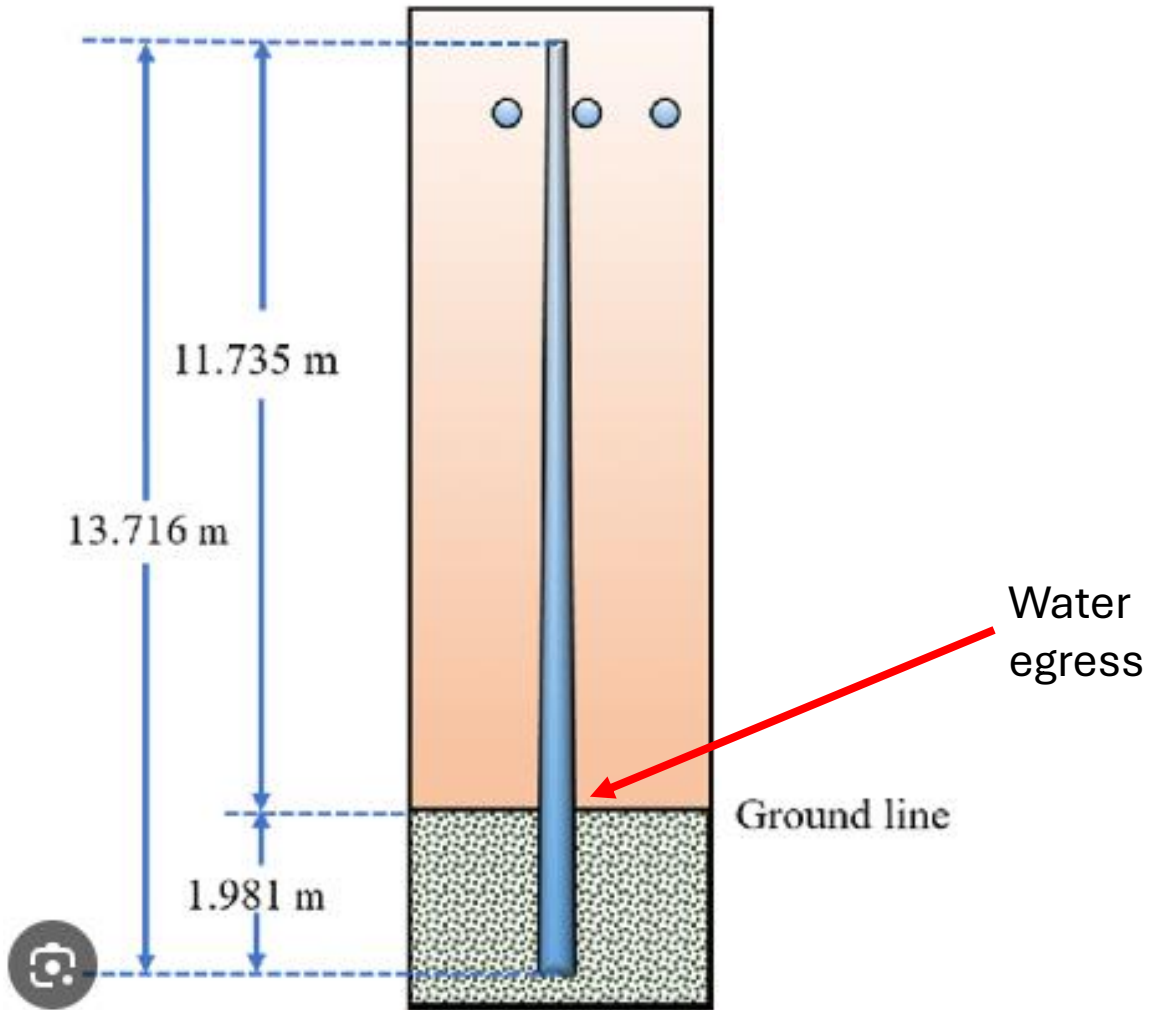
About 150,000,000 in service in US

- Debarked, shaped, conditioned
- Pressure-treated for longevity
 - Chemical preservative (can leach into water supply)
- Can last for up to 70 years



Image from woodpoles.org

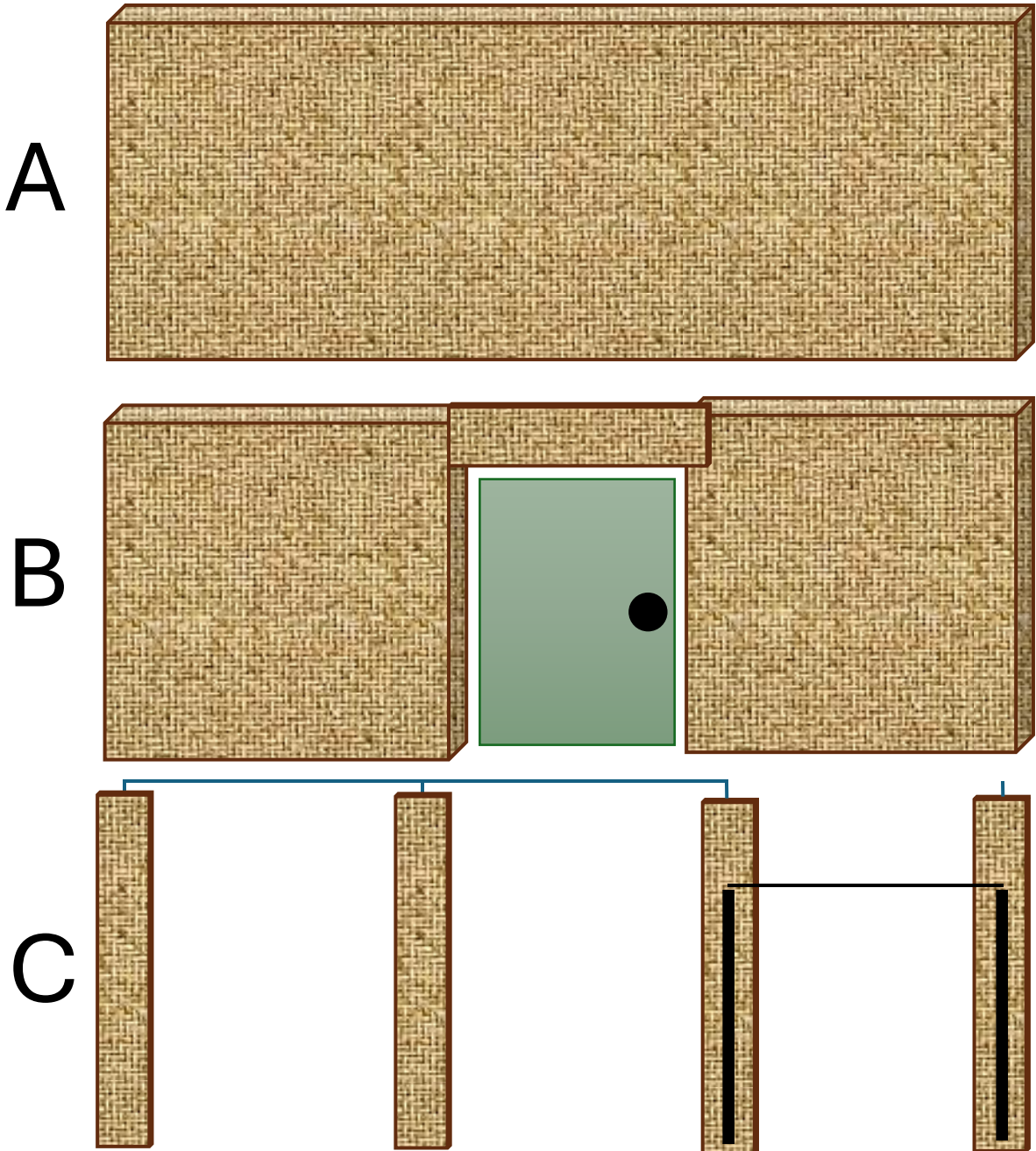
Standard wooden pole installation



Auger drill for pole install

Image from Getty Images

The Tzuras Ha-Pesach



Lechi on pole



Image by J. Hefter, February 2025

Lechi on pole with band



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Lechi on pole with band – looking up



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Pole with twine over the top



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2nd Annual OU City Eruv Conference

October 2024, Saddlebrook, NJ

- About 100 Eruv designers, builders, inspectors
 - Opportunities to meet and share with Poskim
 - New Eruv-related sformim showcased
 - Latest in Eruv hardware and software
 - Fundraising methodologies
- **Greater Boston Eruv**
 - Demonstration of Larz Anderson Eruv Boat



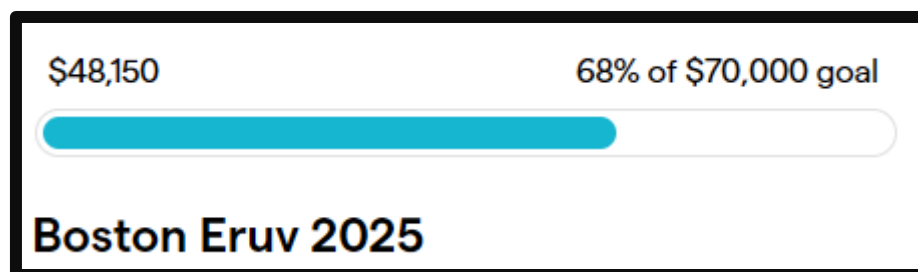
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<https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/eruv-technology-and-the-lovely-lagoon/>

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Financial Picture (EOY_2023)

Category	Total	%-of-Total
Repairs	\$ 33,073.00	45
Salary/Taxes	\$ 30,949.75	43
Materials	\$ 3,701.48	5
Vehicle	\$ 3,461.18	5
Insurance	\$ 1,659.00	2
Expense Total	\$ 72,844.41	100
Revenue Total	\$ 69,642.90	
Net (2023 final)	\$ (3,201.51)	



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