Getting started
Posted by helpless - 04 Sep 2009 20:13

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I am brand new and getting started. Having been 'sick' for many years, the road to recovery appears to be out of reach. However, the thought of being 'clean' brings a huge smile to my face.

I have printed out some of the material from the site and get the daily email. I think my next/first step is to get some form of Internet Filter for the home.

What is the best advice for a filter considering my wife uses the computer sometimes and I need the internet at home for work?

Thanks

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Re: Getting started
Posted by Holy Yid - 05 Oct 2009 17:37

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Rabbi Waschman gave a very powerful speech before Yom Kippur about protecting ourselves from technology. You can come home and say you heard a HORRIBLE story about the web and want to protect yourself from it. Or if you think your rav is understanding in these matters, ask him about having the password and hopefully he will say you should not.

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Re: Getting started
Posted by UTS - 13 Nov 2009 14:34

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Dear Kedusha,

I am not aware of countless rabbonim who hold that there is an actual issur of yichud. (However, that does not diminish the problem.) If you are, please let me know who they may be. Thanks.

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I believe that Rav Matisyahu Solomon, among other Rabbanim, made that statement. In any event, the point, I believe, is not whether there is an <u>actual</u> Issur Yichud, but whether there is any question whether Chazal <u>would have</u> made an Issur Yichud had the Internet existed in their time. I believe that there is no question that they would have made an Issur Yichud, because, in most cases, it is <u>far easier</u> for a man to sin when given access to unfiltered Internet than it is for him to sin when he is alone with a woman (because, in the latter case, he needs the woman's cooperation, which might not be forthcoming).

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Good. i agree - mostly. But it is *ossur to make issurim* that do not exist. Pics are not the same as a ishoh mamesh. However, this question is mostly academic otherwise. ***<u>There are obviously many other reasons not to go online in a way which would be (that is "would be") yichud.</u>***

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