

Dealing with Being Back Home

Posted by strivingforbetter - 24 Mar 2020 05:03

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Re: Dealing with Being Back Home

Posted by farblunjet - 24 Mar 2020 07:19

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seems like no one's here. probably everyone's dealing with the same issue...

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Re: Dealing with Being Back Home

Posted by DavidT - 24 Mar 2020 15:56

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[strivingforbetter wrote on 24 Mar 2020 05:03:](#)

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Hi ,

Indeed this is a major issue for many people now.

How about discussing with your family members that putting on filters is a big zechus for the current corona situation?

You don't need to disclose your struggles to them if you approach it in an assertive matter.

The number one guideline for using technology today is filters. There is no heter to have any device without a very good filter which blocks all ?????? and anything that a person shouldn't see. This applies no matter the age, and no matter what kind of device it is (computer or phone). And it should be a good filter that was made with frum yidden in mind (examples: Gentech, Netspark, NativUSA) and not a filter made by goyim that isn't worth much.

The michshol of having open internet is so big that it's embarrassing that we even need to mention the importance of filters. But this inyan needs constant chizuk for two reasons:

1) It's easy not to find the time to "get around to it" or we just upgraded our device and didn't put it back on yet (and then we forget to). Some people say they are sure they won't be nichshal, so they push off putting on a filter.

2) No filters are perfect and have everything we want open, open, and everything we want closed, closed. Filters can be bothersome and are never foolproof (although they are getting better all the time). So yes, it may be a bother, it may cost money, and they won't be perfect. But consider the hefseid against the s'char. Filters are a fence against ?????? !

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Re: Dealing with Being Back Home

Posted by Realestatemogul - 25 Mar 2020 02:46

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That's really tough!!

If you have your own devices make a rule that you won't use other peoples that aren't filtered. Even if only you know about the rule, stick to it!

Also, come on to GYE and start a 90 days clean forum. It will help you stay strong in these tougher than normal times.

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