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Posted by FighterWithFire - 14 May 2023 06:45

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(SPOILER: Didn't happen that way.)

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- 3) Get a new filter. This would be complicated, as I would have to convince my parents that the current filter is faulty without revealing what I'm struggling with. While I could definitely make up a story of some kind (Saw an inappropriate pop-up ad which the filter is supposed to block, etc.), my tech sense tells me that regardless of whichever filter I get, I'll be able to revert back to disabling it if I can't find a way to deploy options 1 & 2.

So please, any advice or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. I was doing so well before this issue came up, and suddenly I find myself reverting to the filth and evil that I'd been free from for months (at a terrible time too, due to the fact that I'm on track to start Shidduchim relatively soon). Please feel free to give Eitzos of any kind. I'm listening.

Hope everybody else is doing well. Hatzlacha to all.

Daven for me,

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Re: Filter DESPERATELY Needed for Chromebook
Posted by eraygrand - 14 May 2023 13:27

Did you call TAG?

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Posted by ?????? ?????? - 14 May 2023 14:15

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I'm sorry if this is silly, but is getting a laptop an option at this point?

In terms of the timing, I mamash feel you- you will probably also feel more confident about yourself in shidduchim with a good filter installed.

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Re: Filter DESPERATELY Needed for Chromebook
Posted by Grant400 - 14 May 2023 15:14

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Posted by Shmuel - 14 May 2023 15:26

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Most of the popular filters you list here dont work on Chromebooks

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Posted by eraygrand - 14 May 2023 20:41

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Based on what he said before it sounds like an awkward conversation

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Re: Filter DESPERATELY Needed for Chromebook
Posted by lionking - 15 May 2023 21:45

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Truple is the next best thing. your accountability partner will get the screenshots of your screen and a tamper alert if you try to disable it. It should be combined with the DNS filter or Plucky extension (Or both).

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(cleanbrowsing.org/help/docs/configure-doh-on-chrome-browsers-via-google-workspace-admin-panel/)

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IPv6

HostName

DNS-Over-HTTPS (DOH)

DNS-Over-TLS (DOT)

iOS Mobile-Config

2. Use Truple Screenshot accountability

(support.truple.io/articles/chromeos/setup-chromebook)

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(<chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/pluck-lite/chnpoommpdaincgmkgdgmglfpffncf>)
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May you have much success!

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Re: Filter DESPERATELY Needed for Chromebook

Posted by BHYY - 17 May 2023 04:12

TAG can filter Chromebooks. Either whitelist or Gentech.

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Re: Filter DESPERATELY Needed for Chromebook
Posted by eyes - 17 May 2023 04:47

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Re: Filter DESPERATELY Needed for Chromebook
Posted by BHYY - 19 May 2023 12:50

[eyes wrote on 17 May 2023 04:47:](#)

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I don't think that is a helpful comment here.

The bottom line is pick up the phone and call TAG. There are very good and strong filter solutions for Chromebooks.

Hatzlacha!!

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Re: Filter DESPERATELY Needed for Chromebook
Posted by FighterWithFire - 21 May 2023 05:30

So grateful for (but not at all surprised by, given the time I've spent here) the incredible support and advice I've received, thank you to all who gave eitzos, and especially to those who reached out.

I spoke with HHM and worked out a plan for telling my parents about the deficiencies of the filter on the Chromebook without giving away my situation. They agreed that it's definitely a problem, but weren't sure about how to proceed, for now we agreed that I can only use the device in a public space (where I can be seen) and we will look into upgrading to a different filter or locking the Chrome settings so that (as LionKing suggested-extraordinarily helpful) Incognito mode

cannot be opened.

All in all, definitely doing much better than I was at this time last week, Thank God. BE"H, it will only get better. So grateful for my incredible supporting cast.

Thanks again to all those who gave practical solutions/motivation & support. Much appreciated, God bless you all.

A Gutte Voch,

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