

Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas

Posted by siyatta - 07 Aug 2024 17:43

While perusing through the "Introduce Yourself" forum posts, I see the same thing over and over again. Something to effect of "During my teenage years while away Yeshiva, I had occasional falls, mostly during Bein Hazmanim where I had too much accessibility"... Seeing this trend over and over, is telling us that we need to do something about it!

Perhaps every Yeshiva should send home a letter to parents via mail, email and text, explaining the tremendous growth that their son likely had during the zman and the potential pitfalls associated with an unfiltered device in the house. Stressing that **any** unfiltered device in the house is a michshal and strongly encouraging the parents to make the house technology-safe. Everyone knows that they need to be doing this anyway, but getting such a warning that their Talmid chacham son is coming home for a month, can serve as an extra impetus to actually do it and be extra sensitive for the time he's home.

It sounds so pashut, but only because on GYE we have the vantage point of seeing how much damage this is causing. Any thoughts on the matter? Are Yeshivos already doing this? If not, how would we go about creating awareness among Yeshiva leaders?

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas

Posted by whywatch - 08 Sep 2024 12:14

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by parev - 08 Sep 2024 22:25

[tzaddikvikam13 wrote on 29 Aug 2024 16:07:](#)

I would use Netfree if I don't have an other option, but they block GYE.

I just need it whitelisted to GYE,

there is a password protected option of GYE available on netfree

gye.nu/

user gye

password safe613

If that doesn't word reach out to the admin here for the details

also the forum is open

guardyoureyes.com/forum/

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Shalom Brother PY.

I appreciate you sharing your thoughts.

You might be right and this wouldn't be realistic. It would require a structured system where the Rabbeim are educated by an appropriate Rosh Hamosad who would oversee it.

I can try to paint an example tomorrow when I have some more time (and could still be that it's not practical)

Kol tov

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