

The Agudah convention

Posted by the.guard - 26 Nov 2009 22:26

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If you'll be by the Agudah convention - especially by the session called "Tangled in the Web",  
**please print out flyers and leave them there!**

[Black & White](#) / [Color](#)

[Here's](#) a high resolution ad

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Re: The Agudah convention

Posted by Kedusha - 06 Dec 2009 19:05

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[imtrying25 wrote on 06 Dec 2009 17:31:](#)

[Kedusha wrote on 06 Dec 2009 16:14:](#)

[guardureyes wrote on 06 Dec 2009 11:46:](#)

wow, wow and WOW.

***Yachad Kulam Kedusha Lecha Yishaleishu!***

:D ;D

What is that supposed to mean??? Didint you seee my post , Kedusha????

Too bad I Daven Nusach Ashkenaz!

[imtrying25 wrote on 06 Dec 2009 12:42:](#)

When i read all your doing these words come to my mind. NEKADESH ES SHIMCHA B'OLAM  
K'SHEM SHE'MAKDISHIM OSOH BI'SHMEI MAROM..... KADOSH KADOSH  
KADOSH.....

I did - and thank you!

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by kutan - 06 Dec 2009 20:29

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[guardureyes wrote on 06 Dec 2009 12:52:](#)

(I don't do very many "in person" GYE meetings. The Satan has a whole undercover mafia

trying to figure out who I am ;D)

I'm rubbing off on you, Guard!

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by Kedusha - 06 Dec 2009 22:04

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[Kedusha wrote on 06 Dec 2009 05:57:](#)

Here is my follow-up letter to the Rosh Yeshiva:

**Motzei Shabbos, 19 Kislev, 5770**

**December 6, 2009**

**Dear Rav \*\*\*\*\*, Shlita,**

**I am deeply grateful to the Rosh Yeshiva for giving me time last night to discuss “Guard Your Eyes,” [www.guardyoureyes.org](http://www.guardyoureyes.org), a vital resource for Frum people who have fallen prey to Internet pornography addiction. Also, thank you so much for agreeing to speak with and/or meet with the Guard Your Eyes administrator, a true Tzadik and Mezakeh HaRabbim, who has given up his Parnasa as a computer programmer in order to help people faced with what is likely the Nisayon of our generation.**

**Enclosed is my letter, which was published in the October 2009 issue of \*\*\*\*\*. Also enclosed is a full page ad that I placed in the November 2009 issue of \*\*\*\*\* (a half page ad appears in the December 2009 issue).**

**If the Rosh Yeshiva knows of anyone who needs help in this area, they can contact me by e-mail at \*\*\*\*\*.**

**Sincerely and with great appreciation,**

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Follow-up letter has been sent.

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by UTS - 10 Dec 2009 18:15

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If so, how should/would this be done ?

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by the.guard - 10 Dec 2009 20:48

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[Chazak wrote on 10 Dec 2009 18:15:](#)

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If so, how should/would this be done ?

We could polish up the handbooks for this purpose... That would be a good start... (ultimately, I think GYE should come out with a handbook specially designed for Mechanchim, askanim, mashgichim, roshei yeshivos, rabbanim, etc... To help them learn the realities of today's world, the realities of this disease, and what really WORKS, for all stages of addiction, and different age groups, husbands, wives of addicts, etc...

One day, one day... OY, so much to do. Who will help us? We need LOTS of money and lots of ).

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by Dov - 10 Dec 2009 23:04

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Agreed, agreed, and agreed. We'll talk.....about all the big plans. Then we'll DO. W/lots of help!!

Be well, all!

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by Kedusha - 14 Dec 2009 19:06

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[guardureyes wrote on 06 Dec 2009 12:52:](#)

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We all know who you are, Guard. You're an emoticon with a wide, goofy grin! ;D ;D ;D

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Re: The Agudah convention

Posted by the.guard - 14 Dec 2009 21:19

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)... Obviously, I put the party plans on hold for right then, locked the door and spoke with him for a half hour. I outlined all the things we offer, and how klal yisrael is in desperate need of something like this, told him about the 11-14 year old kids who are addicted today and don't even know it's not allowed. I warned that if Klal yisrael doesn't wake up, we'd be raising a whole generation of addicts. I told him that it's hard doing it all alone and that I needed a whole team to help with web-development, publishing, advertising, PR, hotlines, and with answering everyone. I asked if he could provide us with a letter of support, and he asked me how he'd get it to me. I told him that a hand-written letter could be scanned and sent to me by e-mail. He asked me for my e-mail address and he also told me that he'd ask the people in the office to show him the website... I also told him that in order to get a whole team to work with me, I needed some serious funding and asked if he possibly had connections with some "nedivei am" who would understand the importance of fighting this battle. I explained how every mechanech and mashgiach today needs to be equipped with the tools to know how to deal with this *machla*...

All in all, he seemed very impressed and he fully agreed to the pressing need for our work to grow. (He himself told me that I need a "team" to work with me, even before I explained HIM how right he is about that). I explained him the steps of the handbook, and how they work in progressive order for all levels. I explained the nature of the addiction. I even got into the 12-Steps, which he thought were influenced by Christianity, but by the time we finished the conversation he was convinced that they were a vital tool in combating this disease (I explained

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It was a great talk, and he sounds like someone who is "emor me'at va'asei harbe". Although he didn't promise anything concrete, I have a feeling he will be a strong force backing our work.

**A very special thank you to Kedusha, for arranging this phone call!**

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by 7yipol - 14 Dec 2009 21:23

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Yasher koach Kedusha and Guard!

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by Steve - 14 Dec 2009 22:32

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AND Hashem orchestrated it this way to SHOW US that He's pulling those strings. It was mamash seconds away from being a miss!!!

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I wrote a follow-up letter to the Rosh Yeshiva:

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**with what is likely the Nisayon of our generation.**

**Two of the many free resources offered by the GYE website are the Guard Your Eyes Handbook and the Guard Your Eyes Attitude Handbook. For the Rosh Yeshiva's convenience, I am enclosing a copy of each.**

**Notwithstanding all that he has accomplished, the GYE administrator seeks to expand Guard Your Eyes in order to reach as many people as possible who have fallen to this addiction and have nowhere to turn. It would be a tremendous Chizuk if the Rosh Yeshiva would write a letter of support for this unique and extremely important organization. The GYE administrator can be reached at [eyes.guard@gmail.com](mailto:eyes.guard@gmail.com).**

**I wish the Rosh Yeshiva and Rebbetzin a Freilichen Chanukah!**

**Sincerely and with great appreciation,**

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Re: The Agudah convention  
Posted by the.guard - 15 Dec 2009 21:14

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Kedusha, you are the MAN.

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Checking in.....for a toonup  
Posted by shemirateinayim - 15 Dec 2009 21:26

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I heard a mp3 from r pinkus zt"l, about the internet in HIS days....dialup. I though it would be funny to hear him talk of the dangers of waiting 10 minutes to download one picture. but

everything he said was fully relevant to DSL lines also! It was scary. he was not merely talking for his technological dor, but he forsook exactly what the extent of this koach hayetzer is. Anyway he brought an anon. Zohar that refers to this dor as "Va'ad Diznus"

Biur Hadevarim: A Va'ad is an asifah of chachamim, The chachamim of our Dor will unite in the pursuit of zhus! Technological advancements won't merely be for supply/ demand. Rather the demand will be to 'quench' one's lust for zhus in some form or another. and the world's brainpower will unite to advance this cause. You-know why everyone has ta'aynos on NASA for being a waste of money, why congress would cut their billion dollar budget if they didn't find some way to spend it...b/c they don't help advance this cause. Hafla Vapeleh! Nasa has conducted astronomical studies that are beyond the dreams of what earlier astrologists could have expected to be one day discovered! Despite the great chachmah of astrology that they have shown...no-one cares. You know why? because we only want our days minds to be engaged in the advancement of zhus! that's all we see valuable, even at the expense of recognised areas of the sciences.

practically how does this really affect me. Going back 80 years, if you were about to embark on a ship to 'America'. The thought on the forefront of your mind will be, 'How will I be shomer torah um itzvot...shabbos kashrus...what will be with chinuch?' And because you have already recognised this nisayon, and made a mental note of the perils that lay ahead, you can NOW attempt to brace yourself for impact. But without such a mindset, that first shabbos you worked "...pikuach nefesh, I would starve...bla bla bla....another excuse". You'll fall, crash and burn, before you even realise that you're not shomer shabbos.

In today's Dor we need to know that this is our nisayon. True we may keep shabbos (but how many of us could be tested on hilchos borer, chazara, hatmana, losh, melabain.....oh you can't. then how do you lift a finger on shabbos? shogeg? you still have to pay for all those shogegim!). And true we have no end of kosher products and restaurants, both coke and pepsi are kosher, whichever you prefer! (But how many cruddy hechsherim line the shelves in the store. and do we really know that the guy behind the name is competent, does he actually know what that 'big moving metal apparatus' is in the production line he certifies) But rabosai, how many of us wake up in the morning knowing that the primary nisayon that I will have is in tznius/histaklus/hirhurim/hz"/or worse. Hello!!! This is our nisayon! We'd never work on shabbos, and we'd never buy candies without a hechsher, because that's not our nisayon. But THIS ONE IS. And we have to recognise that the world is working at breakneck speed to be 'mekareiv hezekah' even if we can't think of a new 'mazik', we have to be 'mechadeish' a new shtick in the old one.

This is our dor, this is our nisayon, what's your gonna do about it!? And if you don't join the fight (milchemes hayetzer) you're gonna be looked upon by history as the menuvak who bought a zonah for every member of his family (family plan with any decent phone), and called it a chanukah present too.

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