

Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE

Posted by Kedusha - 22 Jan 2010 15:09

Breaking news! Below is a remarkable, groundbreaking, and unqualified letter of support that GYE just received from a world-renowned Rosh Yeshiva. Unfortunately, it's too late for Guard to see this before Shabbos!

I will give Guard the honor of revealing the Rosh Yeshiva's identity.

Update: As Guard noted below, the letter was written by Rav Aharon Feldman, Shlita, Rosh Yeshiva of Ner Yisroel in Baltimore, and member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah.

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With deep respect,

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE
Posted by bardichev - 25 Jan 2010 18:49

WoW SA!!

That was heavy

Yes I pack a lot of humor (and do does rage) but not leitzanus

Here is something that dovetails what you just wrote

Reb Elchonon Vasserman Hashem Yikom Damo (BTW killed by lithuanians Nazis all in the name of Technology and advancement)

Says Reb Elchonon

Why does it say vlo sasuru achrei livavchem which means the heart isn't keffira In the mind??

Says reb Elchono people are naturally maaminim but but

The Kofrim seek to fill their Taavos

But how can I fill my Taavos and lusts there is this silly little voice which I can't silence it nags me and makes me feel horrible

It called a conscious

Aha I can silence that

I ask questions

I mock schar vi-oneshh

I mock emunah

So zuggt reb elchanan

Kefirra is in the heart

Its there to justify my lusts my misused passions

Wow!!

This Rav pinkus ZL

And RebElchananHy"D

Are the one-two-punch!!

But why won't the heimishe "non-press-press" publish us??

Baffles the sechel

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Posted by Kedusha - 25 Jan 2010 22:10

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January 25, 2010

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Posted by Kedusha - 25 Jan 2010 22:29

[bardichev wrote on 25 Jan 2010 22:20:](#)

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Posted by bardichev - 25 Jan 2010 22:43

[Kedusha wrote on 25 Jan 2010 22:29:](#)

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AND FOR YOU KEDUSHA

ALL I CAN SAY IS

"MEGALGELIN ZECHUS AL YIDAI ZACCAI"!!!!

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE
Posted by MaalinBKodesh - 25 Jan 2010 22:49

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The original Haskama did not explicitly mention the GYE site, but referred to other tools, such as the handbooks. However, anyone who would Google "Guard Your Eyes" would find the site immediately, so I wasn't too worried.

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE
Posted by imtrying25 - 25 Jan 2010 23:02

Kedusha your amazing! Simple!

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE
Posted by Kedusha - 26 Jan 2010 12:22

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B'Ezras Hashem, Guard should be posting the revised Haskama today.

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE
Posted by the.guard - 26 Jan 2010 15:07

The updated Haskama appears now on the website [over here](#). (Higher resolution link at the bottom)...

I sent a letter of thank you to Rav Feldman:

Dear Rav Feldman,

Thank you so very much for the heartfelt Haskama on our work - and now on the website too. [Kedusha] is not one to give up easily (to say the least), and I greatly appreciate the Rosh Yeshiva's patience in writing up the letter, making the corrections, and even writing up a new one now which mentions the website too. Hopefully this Haskama will help bring in more support from other Gedolim, and financial support as well, so we can grow and reach ever more

Yidden. The plague of Internet addiction is by far the most destructive force today in Klal Yisrael. Everyone is crying out against the Internet (which is here to stay whether we like it or not) but NO ONE is doing anything concrete in the Orthodox community for those who have already fallen in. And the younger generations stand almost no hope NOT to fall in! (As I told the Rosh Yeshiva on the phone about the Rebbe of 11 to 14 years olds in Baltimore who claims that many of them are already addicted, r"l).

Our organization is the only one in Klal Yisrael today addressing this need. And as much as we do, it is just a drop in the ocean. We need to raise funds to open a center that will have a whole web-development department for our multiple websites, forums and hundreds of articles, and a publishing department for books and pamphlets (off-line). I already have enough material on our site for 15-20 books. And we want to have a PR department to spread the word and network with professionals and Askanim and Rabbanim, as well as a whole "prevention department" to address the need to educate the Mechanchim of this generation in the methods of prevention and treatment.

Our work was mentioned twice at the recent Agudah conventions by Phillip Rosenthal. Rav Zweibel asked Phillip about our work as well.. Hundreds of stories come in all the time about people who's lives have been turned around through our work. We desperately need the financial support of Klal Yisrael so we can meet the demand, which gets bigger by the day. So thank you once again for your help, and if the Rosh Yeshiva knows any wealthy Nedivim who may seriously appreciate the work we are doing, it would be a tremendous help if the Rosh Yeshiva could suggest them to us, or make a phone call to this person.

I thought the Rosh Yeshiva might enjoy today's Chizuk e-mail, so I am sending it below. (#692 - Rav Noach's Yartzeit)

With great thanks and respect,

Yaakov.

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE
Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 26 Jan 2010 15:13

Great! Where is this Haskamah going to be in the non-GYE world?

-Yiddle

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Posted by Kedusha - 26 Jan 2010 15:23

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If the Rav has the courage, he can send it out to his entire membership.

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