

Letter Sent to a Major Frum Publication  
Posted by Kedusha - 01 Feb 2010 01:09

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Hello,

We are interested in running the attached letter by HaRav Aharon Feldman, Shlita, Rosh Yeshiva of Ner Yisroel and member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah, as a full page ad in \*\*\*\*\*. Spreading this vital and urgent message to Klal Yisrael would be a tremendous Zikui HaRabbim. Time is short, as Neshamos are being lost every day.

The Rosh Yeshiva's letter is nothing less than groundbreaking. I say that because it is probably the first letter by someone of the Rosh Yeshiva's stature to fully acknowledge the scope and extent of the problem, and to further acknowledge that we're dealing with an addiction/illness, not with people who are evil and simply need to exercise better self control.

Rav Yosef Veiner of Monsey has made a remarkable statement: that the Nisyonos of the Internet are, without exception, the most serious issue facing Klal Yisrael. The Shiur can be heard at this link (this topic is addressed from about 21:00-47:00).

[www.torahanytime.com/scripts/media.php?file=media/Rabbi/Yossi\\_Viener/2009-07-30/Tisha\\_B\\_Av\\_Our\\_Responsibility\\_Toward\\_Others/Rabbi\\_Yosef\\_Veiner\\_Tisha\\_BAv\\_Our\\_Responsibility\\_Toward\\_Others\\_2009-07-30.wmv](http://www.torahanytime.com/scripts/media.php?file=media/Rabbi/Yossi_Viener/2009-07-30/Tisha_B_Av_Our_Responsibility_Toward_Others/Rabbi_Yosef_Veiner_Tisha_BAv_Our_Responsibility_Toward_Others_2009-07-30.wmv)

With the very large size of your readership, there is little doubt that many of your readers have this problem, and many more are at risk. Who knows how many people will be helped if you assist us in getting the word out?

Unfortunately, Klal Yisrael is, for the most part, still in denial. For example, "Shattered Glass," the serial being run in Mishpacha Magazine's Family First, deals with a Kollel Yungerman who suffers from "Internet addiction," an obvious euphemism for pornography addiction. I am aware that Mishpacha received so many complaints that the author was forced to change the story line to something less threatening [i.e. that basically stopped addressing the issue altogether].

You may get some complaints for running the Rosh Yeshiva's letter, but I am confident that many more people will admire your courage, and quite a few will, b'Ezras Hashem, be helped in

a major way.

Looking forward to your response.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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P.S. As for the concern addressed in your message below, I note that, unlike the ad that was under discussion back in October, the Rosh Yeshiva's letter does not provide the Guard Your Eyes web address. Furthermore, unlike in October, you now have confirmation that the entire Guard Your Eyes program is supported by Daas Torah.

P.P.S. Although I am operating under a pseudonym, Rav \*\*\*\*\* of \*\*\*\*\*, who is copied to this message, knows my identity and can vouch for me. I believe that Rav \*\*\*\*\* is acquainted with Rav \*\*\*\*\* [who is on your Rabbinical Board].

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Re: Letter Sent to a Major Frum Publication  
Posted by shivisi - 23 Feb 2014 12:43

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WHERE IS THE letter by HaRav Aharon Feldman, Shlita,?????????

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Re: Letter Sent to a Major Frum Publication  
Posted by tryingtoshteig - 24 Feb 2014 19:59

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[shivisi wrote:](#)

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[guardyoureyes.com/haskamos#1](http://guardyoureyes.com/haskamos#1)

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Re: Letter Sent to a Major Frum Publication  
Posted by SIB101854 - 25 Feb 2014 07:10

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For those interested, two major Rosheuki Yeshiva and esteemed Poskim in RIETS have also spoken out about Internet addiction. See Torahweb and YU Torah for their perspectives,

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Re: Letter Sent to a Major Frum Publication  
Posted by cordnoy - 25 Feb 2014 20:17

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Although I may be mistaken, it is my humble opinion that most of us here who are addicted are not addicted to internet; we are addicted to lust! the internet is a way (and a very accessible way) for us to get our fix. If it would be defined by its proper label (and perhaps there are valid and legitimate reasons why it isn't), the resolutions and tikkunim would be somewhat different.

b'hatzlachah to us all!

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Re: Letter Sent to a Major Frum Publication  
Posted by aquabeaver - 25 Feb 2014 21:55

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[quote="cordnoy" post=228188]Although I may be mistaken, it is my humble opinion that most of us here who are addicted are not addicted to internet; we are addicted to lust!

Sorry mate you are mistaken I am more addicted to the escapism of the internet than to what you call lust! This does not mean the problem with the latter is not serious.

I am in deep trouble with using the net as a form of escapism. May Hashem give me the strength to overcome this very difficult test.

Wishing everyone Hatzlocho Rabbah

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