

Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by siyatta - 07 Aug 2024 17:43

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Posted by chosemyshem - 07 Aug 2024 19:45

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Great Q.

I'm happy to chip in for a nice big ad in Hamodia/Mishpacha/wherever saying this if it'll have a toeles (or make some hock).

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by frank.lee - 07 Aug 2024 21:52

Brilliant! And the yeshiva can also give it out to the guys so they can show their parents, if necessary. Very subtle..

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by ezraw - 13 Aug 2024 23:12

Great question, but If you don't mind, I'm gonna suggest a different approach. In my personal opinion, letters from the yeshiva/magazines sent out in a general way have little to no impact. If bochrims really want to make a difference at home, they have to approach their parents themselves. they don't have to say they have a problem, rather that they don't want to take any chances of seeing anything by mistake (aka popups). A more practical approach as I see it would be to get the rebbeim in yeshivas to push bochrims to do this. the bochrims will listen to the rebbeim, and the parents will listen to the bochrims. There is no sure fire way to get anything to work, but this is what I think might work (I could be wrong, and your idea could be better). As an aside, I am coming from a home that has filters on the devices, but that never was able to stop me. Filters are a very useful tool, but they only work if the person is not trying to get around them/really wants to stop.

All the best, and hatzlacha raba in everything that you do.

Ezra W.

P.S. If you anyone has any comments or questions, I'd love to hear back from people

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by yiftach - 14 Aug 2024 00:20

Welcome, @ezraw!

Glad to see a new member engaging with posts and comments. Would you like to consider starting your own thread? If you're comfortable, feel free to share your story. You may be pleasantly surprised by the support and encouragement you'll receive.

GYE is a family and we genuinely enjoy getting to know each member, as much as we can on an anonymous forum. If you're up for it, you can reach out to others and build connections. Connection is the opposite of addiction!

Looking forward to get to know you!

Yiftach'l

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by ezraw - 14 Aug 2024 00:29

Thanks for the welcome! I am planning on sharing my story at some point over bein hazmanim. Those words of connection is the opposite of addiction are so true, and that's exactly what I

came here to do. Connect with others who have the same struggles as me. Looking forward to sharing my journey with you gyes and the rest of the GYE fam!

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by chaimoigen - 14 Aug 2024 02:25

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Posted by candé - 14 Aug 2024 13:03

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by stopsurvivingstartliving - 14 Aug 2024 14:57

I wish you luck R' CO. I give him a lot of credit for making the phone call. He must of had a good chinuch and good relationship with his father. Good for you, not all sons would feel comfortable doing this (though he said it awkwardly, he did it).

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To my dear sweetest friend R Cande,

Boruch Hashem, I have a very close relationship with my son. So he has called me to talk about Eitzos for Shmiras Enayim, and how to deal with summers and the street and stuff. He's a special Bochur, a true Ben Aliya and love him like crazy. I didn't go into specifics with him, that wouldn't have been a toeles. But a few years ago, I did help him get in touch with someone to talk about some specifics, when he needed to.

I'm doing the best I can about loopholes. The family computer is in a public place, with a strong filter etc. There's a router-based filter, as well. Of course, filters only do so much, as we all unfortunately know. I try to talk to them and be open, and create positive attitudes and perspectives. And try to deal with whatever else is bothering them too. Doing the best I can, sometimes I mess up too. Ask my wife ! But I'm trying. Guess the best I can try to do is what Hashem wants from me. My kids have Bechira, too....

BH, we are doing a pretty good job of being open, while avoiding the super-squirmy conversations that wouldn't be good for the relationship..

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by tzaddikvikam13 - 26 Aug 2024 22:00

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Posted by Markz - 26 Aug 2024 22:21

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Grassroots is the way to go.

Start with your Rosh Yeshiva.Let me know what he says

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Posted by BenHashemBH - 26 Aug 2024 22:40

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Chaver,

Why not share your thoughts about it?

Looking forward to hearing what you have to say, from a current bochur's perspective.

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by tzaddikvikam13 - 27 Aug 2024 12:40

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I'm switching yeshivos this zeman, so I'm definitely not going to start off by giving the hanhalah my grand ideas.

My father's part of the hanhalah in the yeshiva I was in, and he's the one who deals with these inyanim there. I'd forward this suggestion to him, but he has no clue that I'm on this site or why I'm here. He's involved with an organization that has people in many yeshivos. They're there to have a shaychas with the bochrim, be mechazek them, and help out with all sorts of issues—from stam sof-zman burnout to mental health issues to inyanei kedusha. So, that might be a better place to send the idea to. LMK what you think.

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legabay what? how bochurim would take to hearing such things from their rebbeim?

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Re: Bein hazmanim letter from Yeshivas
Posted by yitzchokm - 27 Aug 2024 13:17

Do you struggle with porn addiction? Are you looking for help?

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