

The Agudah convention

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

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 bardichev - 03 Dec 2009 22:05

IM SORRY I SHOULD HAVE EXPLAINED MYSELF

WE NEED PEOPLE FROM THIS FORUM (MYSELF INCLUDED) TO

EMAIL RABBI ZWEIBEL AND THANK HIM FOR HAVING PHIL

INVITE HIM TO SEE THE FORUM

LETS SEND HIM TESTIMONIALS ETCC

KEEP THE CONVERSATION ALIVE

IF NOT WE WILL BE BACK TO MORE IMPRTANT TOPICS LIKE SUSHI AT FRIDAY NITE

CRISIS ETC

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Re: The Agudah convention
Posted by Kedusha - 03 Dec 2009 23:19

[bardichev wrote on 03 Dec 2009 21:30:](#)

i dont have the mishpachas email if s/o has it please post

I WOULD LOVE IF S/O LIKE KEDUSHA CAN WRITE A BASIC OUTLINE FOR A LETTER TO THESE INDIVIDUALS

bards

Mishpacha can be reached at: info@mishpacha.com.

Here is a letter I've used. You'll want to modify it as appropriate, depending on your personal circumstances and who it's being sent to:

Dear Rav ***, Shlita,**

As you are certainly aware, addiction to Internet pornography is a very serious problem in the Orthodox world today. It affects all spectrums of Orthodoxy, from Modern

Orthodox to Chassidish. It is unknown how many Orthodox Jews (men especially) feel that they are leading double lives, and are crying out for help, with nowhere to turn. Imagine the pain of a father attending his child's Siddur party or Chumash Siyum. It should be a moment of great Nachas. Instead, the father is ridden with guilt because of where he was on the Internet the previous night. And the night before.

I was in this unfortunate position until recently. Then, two things happened that have changed my life immeasurably. First, Rav ***** urged all of his congregants at last year's Shabbos Shuva Drasha to install an Internet filter, and to entrust the password to someone else. He went a step further, providing every member with information on how to obtain a free Internet filter for home use ("K9" - see below), and how to set it up. I had reached the point where pornography had caused me untold pain and frustration, and I was more than ready to listen. I installed the filter, and had my wife choose the password (in case the password is lost, it will be sent to my wife's e-mail account, to which I have no access). While not a total solution, having an Internet filter has been extremely helpful.

Second, I discovered a remarkable website that has numerous resources to give Chizuk to those struggling in this area - www.guardyoureyes.org. This site is a life preserver for those who are drowning in a sea of Tumah (I know this from personal experience – it has kept me clean, and gives me the opportunity to both receive encouragement and to encourage others).

Please urge your members to protect, not only their children, but themselves, by installing K9 (www1.k9webprotection.com/) or another Internet filter, and by entrusting someone else to choose the password. Please also inform your members of the Guard Your Eyes website, and encourage them to make use of it.

The main concern, of course, is whether people will listen. "Kesheim Shemitzvah Lomar Davar Hanishma, Kach Mitzvah Shelo Lomar Davar She'eino Nishma." I believe, however, based on my personal experience, that there are at least two groups of people that will take your words seriously. First, those who have hit (or are rapidly approaching) "rock bottom," whose college grades, marriages, livelihoods and, indeed, entire lives are becoming unmanageable. Second, those who are doing better than the first group, but have the foresight to recognize that they are on a very slippery slope, which is likely to cause them a great deal of trouble in the foreseeable future. Such people may be inspired to take action, even though they have not yet hit "rock bottom." This is what the Guard Your Eyes website calls "hitting bottom while still on top."

Please consider sharing my message with your Kehilah. If you do so, who knows how many people (and their families) will be helped in a major way?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Re: The Agudah convention
Posted by imtrying25 - 03 Dec 2009 23:26

Wow Kedusha! A+++++ Now ive gotta do something with it.

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Re: The Agudah convention
Posted by Kedusha - 04 Dec 2009 00:10

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Posted by Kedusha - 04 Dec 2009 01:28

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This visit took almost an hour, and cost me more than I would have usually given, but I'll just

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Re: The Agudah convention

Posted by habib613 - 04 Dec 2009 02:54

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I forgot to mention: the Rebbe liked Guard's avatar. He remarked that his face must be covered to conceal his identity (he was joking - I think!).

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Posted by the.guard - 05 Dec 2009 18:15

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Re: The Agudah convention
just three? See [this post](#)
Posted by the.guard - 05 Dec 2009 18:16

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I'd make it "official" if he agreed :D

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Re: The Agudah convention
Posted by imtrying25 - 05 Dec 2009 18:20

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Hey Kedusha, Guard knows that im willing to help out in any way i can. Let me know.

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Re: The Agudah convention
Posted by 7yipol - 05 Dec 2009 19:32

Yasher koach Kedusha!

What a tremendous zchus you have.

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Pretty sure Hashem will be paying you back for that donation

Re: The Agudah convention

Posted by Kedusha - 06 Dec 2009 00:16

Thank you, Imtrying and 7Up.

The best way to help, Imtrying (and everyone else) is to try to find ways to spread the word, either by advertising, sending anonymous letters or e-mails to Rabbanim, or speaking with Gedolim. In that regard, I have some very exciting news to share. It will have to wait a bit, because my son wants to learn Chumash now, and I'm not going to keep him waiting.

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