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.

<u>Update</u>: 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.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

There is an international scourge attacking the Jewish People: this is the widespread addiction of men to pornography. Fueled mainly by the Internet, but no less by other means of communication such as telephone and DVDs, this scourge threatens to tear apart the fabric of Jewish life and undermine one of its major foundations, that of tzenius (moral restraint).

This addiction has spared no class of Jews: from teenagers to kollel members, from office workers to Rabbis, and from single to married men. I have seen personal lives ruined and marriages wrecked because of this relentless temptation.

A single individual has undertaken to stem this tide of destruction, despite the personal and financial strain which this entails. This is the anonymous administrator of the program known as "Guard Your Eyes." By utilizing methods which have proved successful in treating other addictions, and by providing constant encouragement, support and strategies to victims, "Guard Your Eyes" has successfully helped wean hundreds, if not thousands, from pornographic addiction and has helped return them to normal life.

I have seen the materials and handbooks which this program distributes and have only

praise for its methodology and approach to the problems of the addicts. Everything which I have seen conforms to the highest standards of Torah values. I highly recommend anyone who suffers from this problem to avail himself of this effective program.

"Guard Your Eyes" is worthy of the encouragement and financial support of every Jew.

With deep respect,

Aharon Feldman

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by fightingyyid - 22 Jan 2010 19:01

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Reb Gaurd, you ROCK!!!!

i know i dont need to say this but after 120 you will have millions of people standing on the right side of the scale for you!!

Keep on doing your holy work and gd willing i hope to have the financial means in the near future to make some donations!!

Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by Kollel Guy - 23 Jan 2010 17:38

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That is seriously awesome news.

1st of all, because many of Klal Yisroel's menadvim will now B"EH be mishtatef, and we'll be able to do so much more.

2nd, so many jews who are suffocating will find out about GYE and will have a source of oxygen.

Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by the.guard - 23 Jan 2010 18:51

The letterhead of this Haskama reads:

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RABBI AHARON FELDMAN

409 YESHIVA LANE, BALTIMORE, MD 21208

Rosh Hayeshiva ??? ??????

Ner Israel Rabbinical College ????? ?? ?????

Rav Aharon Feldman is also a member of Moetzes Gedolei Yisroel, which makes this Haskama even more powerful!

Thank you Kedusha - you have a tremendous zechus harabim (no one knows how hard he worked to get this!). Hopefully this letter will be a catalyst to getting many other Gedolim on), and of-

course, with a few good Haskamos like this, it will be much easier to raise funds for our work, which means many more thousands of Yidden may be able to be reached and helped, be"h.

Together with Hashem, and with Achdus between us all, we will be"h make a revolution in Klal Yisrael.

P.S. Someone once posted a <u>very nice letter</u> on our forum from Rav Aharon Feldman to a Gay Bal Teshuvah (see our <u>SSA page</u>).

board (lehavdil, like when amalek jumped in and made the water a little less hot

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by imtrying25 - 23 Jan 2010 20:34 (And who will they have to thank?

Mazel Tov and congratulations. And Kedusha, You rock!!

Thank you kedusha once again, and thank you everyone for your support and love. Re. Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 24 Jan 2010 00:11

Thats great news! Mazal Tov GYE, Guard, and of course Kedusha. Thanks Guard and Kedusha for your hard work on this important matter for Klal Yisroel.

Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by silentbattle - 24 Jan 2010 01:47

You guys are awesome. Even more awesome than before (is that possible? Can you be more awesome than awesome?).

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by Kedusha - 24 Jan 2010 04:31

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE

Posted by Momo - 24 Jan 2010 06:27

Mazal tov Guard, and thank you Kedusha.

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Also the point that recovering from this addiction is not about becoming a Tzadik, but about "return[ing] . . . to normal life."

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<u>Breaking Update</u>: Guard is now in possession of a signed copy of Rav Feldman's letter. B'ezras Hashem, it will be posted soon on GYE!

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by the.guard - 24 Jan 2010 20:57

Kedusha is da BOMB!

Here's the signed letter folks! :D

Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by Kedusha - 24 Jan 2010 21:12

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Bards was that a joke?