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

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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. May HKBH grant its administrator the wisdom, the strength and the means to continue this holy work, and may it help return the Jewish People to becoming a nation regarding whom it is written, ???????????????????????? ("Sanctify yourselves and you shall then be holy"). With deep respect, **Aharon Feldman** Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by bardichev - 24 Jan 2010 22:27 Kollel Guy wrote on 24 Jan 2010 21:46: bardichev wrote on 24 Jan 2010 21:16: ok who has the hamodias number? Bards was that a joke?

TOTALLY NOT
THIS IS THE THE ISSUE
AS MUCH AS SHMIRAS SHABBOS
WAS AN ISSUE BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR
AND AS MUCH AS COLLEGE WAS AWAR AFTER THE WAR(I"M NOT SAYING THIS TO PROVOKE DEBATE)
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SO CONTINUE PAINTING A WORLD HERE THAT DOESN'T EXSIST
THE WORLD HAS MANY MORE ISSUES THAN POST PARTUM DEPRESSION
AND GUES WHAT WHAT WE DONT NEED HEIMISHE PRESS ANYMORE
WE DONT NEED IVORY TOWER ORGANAZTIONS EITHER
WE HAVE OUR HEILIGER GUARD
A ONE MAN DYNAMO
WE HAVE KEDUSHA
YES KEDUSHA CONTACTED AROSH YESHIVAH WITHOUT GETTING HIS PICTURE IN THE CENTERFOLD!!
(GUARD IF NO-ONE LIKE THIS COMMENT PLEASE EDIT OR DELETE)
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EEVRYONE KNOWS THE TRUTH WHEN THEY SEE IT

guardureyes wrote on 24 Jan 2010 22:13:

I sent the Haskama to Rabbi Twerski, and asked him to reconsider giving us one too (since he once told me he doesn't give Haskamos any more). But I claimed that this issue was Pikuach Nefesh and his Haskama could help us grow and spread hope for so many Yidden. So he sent me back a Haskama (which he then offered to put on a letter-head with his signiture as well). Here is what he wrote:

I thought that my contributions to the website constituted a haskama!.

I doubt that at any time in our history there has been as grave a threat to the morality of our people and to the stability of the Jewish family as the plague of addiction to internet pornography. I vaguely recall reading that before the Ultimate Redemption, Hashem will remove all restraints from the Satan, and I think that the plague of addiction to pornography is the fulfillment of this prediction.

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If it were possible to restrict access to the internet, this would be ideal. Unfortunately, this cannot be achieved, and we must deal with reality.

There is no immunity to this problem. It has affected learned and otherwise Torah-observant people, who have been trapped in the addiction.

I try to contribute to this website, because it is virtually the only effective method available.

The "Guard Your Eyes" website is saving lives and families. Much more can be done to extend this invaluable program, but support is necessary to allow its continuing function and expansion. Supporting this life-saving cause is a great mitzvah.

Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by imtrying25 - 24 Jan 2010 23:36

Its just incredible and mind boggling whats going on here. Thanks to all the holy tzaddikim!! And a special thanks to Guard and Kedusha. *Taking action*.

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE

Posted by MaalinBKodesh - 25 Jan 2010 05:24 Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by shemirateinayim - 25 Jan 2010 07:06 FORGET HAMODIAH, HIRE A GOY TO DTAPLE THESE POSTER TO EVERY OTHER LIGHTPOST IN FLATBUSH...OH AND ON EREV SHABBOS Post it on the ddor of every shteibel in EY. Plaster the streets of Meah Shearim. Post it in the Mir bulletin board! Make some noise ppls! I once posted this site's adress at my (then) local shteibel, and I wonder how many avreichim from my yeshiva read it (not they they ever daven int he shteibel CV, bidieved mybe)! Cmon, there has got to be SOME way every one of us can spread the word! I am gonna start a thread about this...

Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE

Posted by Kedusha - 25 Jan 2010 10:55

LeivTahorBeraLi wrote on 25 Jan 2010 05:24:

I'm the guy who posted that letter from R'Aharon Feldman to a gay baal-teshuva and wrote about my own experience with the Rosh Yeshiva when he came to my city for a shabbaton and gave me a loving bracha when I asked for one in matters of shmiras habris and teshuva. I have tried to make myself a keili for that bracha and still feel its warmth and his hands on me. You can therefore appreciate my great joy knowing Rabbi Feldman is not only aware of GYE but

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gave this haskama. Made my day.		
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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by Kollel Guy - 25 Jan 2010 11:36		
shemirateinayim wrote on 25 Jan 2010 07:06: You, in turn, made my day!		
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Maybe print 10,000 bumper stickers which say:		
"I'm <i>much</i> more fest than you"		
www.Guardyoureyes.org		

A revolution in the hishtamshus.

Then give them out all over all the yeshivos.

I'm aware it doesn't make any sense, but at least it will get people to check it up. Especially us

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by UTS - 25 Jan 2010 11:47

curious types

This haskomoh is absolutely amazing. It is about time. And it will just be the first. Everything the Rosh HaYeshiva said is completely obvious to many, but no one wanted to come out and say it. The king is now wearing clothes after having realized that everyone was taken in by the clever tailors (the yetzer horah). Truly a watershed event. I hope. Now even more so with Rabbi Twerski sounding less hesitant.

The truth is that we have to be ready to realize that some very intelligent and knowing people may not be ready to make a statement as clear as Rabbi Feldman or Rabbi Twerski. There is the other side. But we do what we understand to be the "richtege zach" and try to get more letters of approbation, haskomos, whatever can be gotten.

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by the guard - 25 Jan 2010 11:58

Chazak wrote on 25 Jan 2010 11:47:

Edit: A groisse yasherkoach to whomever was involved in getting the Rosh Hayeshiva's statement. I wish it would have been me. (Sorry, I am half asleep and can't figure out exactly who they were. I think it was Kedusha and S. E. among others (?).

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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Buaceuhakadeshcinyhiszbaakazoa whende quoted the Pasuk "Veheyisem Kedoshim"
Why did Rav Feldman shlitoh only mention men being in danger? Is it because that is the fact of the matter, or because the letter is not the place to discuss the women issue?
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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by UTS - 25 Jan 2010 12:11
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I hear.		
We also can't seem to do it without you. You were/are the shliach, or the first one, of Shomayin to start the hisorerus and tikun. Shtchadbgtz.		
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Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by Kollel Guy - 25 Jan 2010 12:29		
Chazak wrote on 25 Jan 2010 12:23:		
Kollel Guy wrote on 25 Jan 2010 12:08:		
Why did he only mention men being in danger? Is it because that is the fact of the matter, or because the letter is not the place to discuss the women issue?		
Dear K. G. shlitoh,		
I sincerely do not think that the Rosh Hayeshivah would want this letter of haskomoh to be discussed with such diyuk on this forum.		
I didn't think of that, my sincerest apologies.		

Re: Groundbreaking Letter of Support for GYE Posted by the guard - 25 Jan 2010 14:00	
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Try editor@hamodia.com for starters	