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Although it is my policy not to give endorsements, I must make an exception in the case of the Guard Your Eyes website.

I doubt that at any time in our history has there 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.

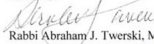
If it were possible to restrict access to the internet, this would be ideal. Unfortunately, this cannot be achieved, and we must deal with reality.

There is no immunity to this problem. It has affected young and old, men and women, and even 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. I am aware of a number of cases who were rescued from this destructive addiction by this website, which provides support and guidance.

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.

Sincerely,


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Maintaining Moral Purity in Today's World

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A Letter from the Trustees of the Guard Your Eyes Organization

Dear Friends,

Over the last few months we have become acquainted with the very important and critical work being done by the Guard Your Eyes organization (www.guardyoureyes.org). This organization has been relatively unknown until recently, but with the expansion of its efforts and proven success, it is becoming known throughout the Jewish world today as a critical resource for dealing with the growing problem of pornographic addiction and related behaviors in our communities.

Fueled mainly by the accessibility and anonymity of the Internet, this affliction has spared no class of Jews: from teenagers to kollel members, from office workers to Rabbis, and from single to married men. Many of the social ills afflicting the Jewish community today such as youth-at-risk, broken marriages and even child abuse and molestation can be traced back to this issue. Much of the Jewish community's investment and efforts in education today are being undermined by the strong-pull of these temptations.

The Guard Your Eyes organization has undertaken to stem this tide by utilizing methods which have proved successful in treating other addictions. They have successfully helped wear over a thousand Jews from these destructive behaviors and have helped return them to normal life. Guard Your Eyes also performs a vital function in preventing the spread of this scourge by raising public awareness of its dangers and by offering effective preventive measures to the general Jewish public.

The materials and tools that this program utilizes have been praised by Gedolim and experts alike for their methodology and approach, and they conform to the highest standards of Torah values.

We believe this project is critical to the hatzlacha of the Kedusha of Klal Yisrael and is the only weapon we have at our disposal in dealing with this widespread problem. It is an international project, which can help thousands of Jews across the world and all across the religious spectrum.

We strongly urge you to join us in helping support the wonderful work being done by Guard Your Eyes.


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February 2011



Dear Menahalim and Mechanchim,

At a meeting of the Vaad Roshei Yeshiva of Torah Umesorah, a presentation was delivered by an organization called Guard Your Eyes. We are writing to you based on the Vaad's **התקצו** and recommendation.

The Guard Your Eyes (GYE) organization specializes in the treatment and prevention of obstacles facing today's morality. GYE was founded three years ago with the help of Rabbi Dr. Avraham Twersky. They have since assisted approximately 1,000 Jews in breaking free from addictions to inappropriate material on the internet and other related activities. GYE is also offering practical solutions and help to our schools as well.

Torah Umesorah is therefore recommending to you the following GYE resources, to help meet the challenges encountered in our homes and schools:

- 1) **The new GYE support Hotline** - Manned by trained professionals to serve our schools and communities, this hotline is ideal for mechamicham and parents: **646-600-8100**. Please make the number available to those who might make use of it.
- 2) **GYE Prevention Tips for Parents** – Awareness, tips and practical advice on dealing with digital dangers in today's world. You may wish to publicize this pamphlet to your parent body.
- 3) **The GYE Handbook** – An invaluable resource to be used when encountering talmidim who are struggling with areas of *mitzvot* and *halacha*. We encourage the schools to make the "GYE Handbook" available to every Minhagel and/or Rebbe.

Those receiving this letter via email, please find the attached "Prevention Tips for Parents" and the "GYE Handbook" for easy printing. Those receiving this letter via fax, you may request that these documents be sent to you via email by writing to info@torah-umesorah.org

PLEASE NOTE: The GYE material is not meant for children. It is intended only for mechanchim and parents.

May your efforts bring us to the fulfillment of **וְהִתְקַדְּשָׁתֶם וְהָיִיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים**

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Our current general society is unfortunately afflicted with many types of addictive behavior. We are all aware that there are many organizations and specialists that treat these types of addictions. Due to the rise of the computer and the internet, the ability to use pornography has created an addiction to viewing. In the Jewish world, which is in no way immune from any of the problems that affect all human society, addiction to pornography is a problem that has had tragic consequences for many individuals and their families. As such the organization, Guard Your Eyes – an organization developed to treat such an addiction amongst the Jewish society – has an important role to fulfill in Jewish home life. Its methods of countering this addiction have proven to be effective and successful and long lasting.

Because of all of the above I encourage all to help support this organization and to allow it to continue and expand its necessary service within our own society. I know personally the persons involved in the work of this organization and I can attest to their skills in this area and their devotion to the cause of the sanctity of Jewish family life. Any help and support extended to this organization will be most appreciated.

With Torah greetings, I remain,

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Dear Parents, שיחיו

We very strongly urge you that your children should not have access to the internet.

Even with supervised access, even with just e-mail, even with a filter, the web poses a significant threat to basic Yiras Shomayim. Unwittingly the child is exposed to the most inappropriate scenes and ideas. This isn't a distant possibility; it's a definite unavoidable occurrence.

If you must have internet, under no circumstances should there be access without the safeguards of a filter and reporting software.

To become acquainted with the various protections, we are enclosing "Prevention Tips" published by 'Guard Your Eyes'. This organization is under the auspices of Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twersky and other respected personalities.

Sincerely yours,

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