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We look forward, בעדויה, to a productive year of שמיים ויראת שמים. The success of accomplishing this goal, is largely dependent on an ongoing partnership between the הנהלה and the parents.

This Media Contract addresses an area that requires a very serious level of focus and concern; the challenge of internet damage. It is crucial that we have a mutual understanding in this area of internet.

The גדולי ישראל are very vocal and passionate in warning us of these dangers. Our experience, along with מחנכים worldwide, has shown a very tragic reality. Even caring parents are unaware of the following:

1. The **extent** of the downfall brought about by unsupervised internet use
2. This נסיון is relevant to **each and every one of our children**

We therefore must take all necessary precautions, to create a safe environment for ourselves and our children.

Although open communication and trust are the foundation for success, this is not enough. All children are naturally curious, and have a יצר הרע. They need clear boundaries. Making these boundaries are a most basic parental obligation, despite inconveniences this may cause.

Thank you for your serious participation in this חשוב ענין. We look forward to your feedback.

Rabbi Shlomo Gottesman

Rabbi Dovid Gottesman

הצלחה, DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY TALMID'S
A MEMBER WILL INDIVIDUALLY MEET WITH EACH BOCHUR TO DISCUSS HIS
CONTRACT. HE WILL SIGN IT AT THAT TIME.

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Parents

These following two items are a basic parental responsibility:

- **Old Devices:** All internet accessible devices no longer in use (old phones, laptops, tablets etc.) are to be discarded. The pitfall an unmonitored device, is obvious.
- **Filtering:** ALL devices in the home must have the basic protection of a filter. Typically, non - Jewish filters have compromised standards and are easy to bypass. **Purchasing a filter and / or setting parental restrictions, through TAG is needed.** This will ensure both an educated and a secure choice.

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- To prevent internet access of unfiltered devices that made their way into the home, router filtering is recommended.
- An overlooked potential pitfall is grandparents' devices. It is our responsibility to communicate respectfully and effectively to protect our children.

The following safeguards will significantly improve our children's protection:

- Online usage should be only with parental supervision.
- Computers or laptops should be kept in an open area.
 - No devices behind closed doors.
- Portable devices should be kept with the parents overnight.
- Keep tabs on all portable devices throughout the day.
 - A portable device that is not in use, should have a designated spot. (ex. When no one is making use of a family tablet, it should be charging on the kitchen counter; the parent's bedroom etc.)
- Communicate and set clear time limits.
 - Create an attitude of: "If you have nothing to do, don't do it on the internet!"
- **Continued education and awareness.** Up to date Internet safety requires current knowledge and ongoing motivation. Understanding the nature and severity of the issue will guide our inborn **ד״חש תא׳** and parental feelings of **ת״ר׳א**.

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Talmid

My goal as a Mesivta talmid, is to dedicate these formative years toward עליי בתורה ויראת שמים. While my main focus is on the עשה טוב, I understand I must address the סור מרע as well by making גדרים in order to distance myself from things that block or hinder my growth of רוחניות. I therefore accept upon myself **that I will not:**

- Use an unfiltered device at all.
- Use Social Media, (including WhatsApp etc.) **at all.**
- Possess **any** smart device (even if the internet capability is blocked) or **any** device with internet or radio capability.
- Bring **any** device with video capability to ישיבה. Any camera brought to ישיבה must be registered with the הנהלה.
- Have an email address.

I understand that with today's unprecedented נסיונות in technology, a בן תורה who chooses to avoid going online altogether is accepting a proper and praiseworthy זיהור upon himself.

Options for my commitment regarding internet use:

- I refrain from going online.
- I limit my online usage for the specific things **with** a parent on a TAGed device:

- I use the internet only on a TAGed desktop computer or laptop (not a smartphone, iPad etc.) in an open area, **and** only with parental supervision.

Questions and inquiries are welcomed.

Please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Dovid Gottesman. 845.499.8653

HAG"R SHMUEL KAMENETSKY SHLIT" A
Expresses the Need for Communal Filtering Standards

Inaugural Letter to The Los Angeles Community

To the Honored Rabbonim of Los Angeles,

I was very happy to hear about the upcoming meeting. If I had the ability, I would travel to participate personally, as this matter is of extreme importance, ועומד ברומן של טולם, and can literally be viewed as the saving of ישראל!

We are living in times fraught with unique challenges. The advancements of technology cause us all difficult nisyonos, **the likes of which we have never experienced in our history.** The obstacles are especially great in places where there are computers, iPhones or other destructive devices connected to the internet. The Menahelim of ישיבות know and have heard of this; however, I am unsure if they are aware of the extent of how alarming and tragic the reality is.

In truth, the danger that exists in our קהילות is already well-known worldwide. There are schools that have forbidden bringing in any device due to the grave risk of the students falling in this web of danger, ו"ז. Indeed, this is a good start. However, it is incumbent upon us to do whatever we can in all our investments in our תלמידים, whom we hope will be the מקבלי פני משיח, in order to ensure that they will be able to greet him, בשלימות, בטהרת המשפחה, and in a safe and dignified manner.

Therefore, if we can establish that the institutions of חינוך should only accept תלמידים from homes who have protection on all their internet accessible devices, with the strongest filter settings; in a way that won't allow any possibility of the danger of falling into the web of חטא, it would be a tremendous accomplishment. Considering the current situation, this is a great necessity; and even with all this, much more still needed to be protected.

Certainly, this will be difficult to accomplish, as the ש"ט fights valiantly against any good thing, and he specifically wants to make Yidden stumble in this challenge, and indeed has already caused countless casualties. Battling this yetzer hora will definitely require much נפש. **But it is not beyond reach for although beginnings are difficult it will end with tranquility.** Holding strong in this will bring success, and save thousands of our children from this danger.

I am sure that if the ציבור accepts to correct this דבר קדוש, we will be זוכה to have the שכ"נה and Its protection reside among us, as it is written כי ה' אלוהינו יתן לנו חסד ורחמים רבים.

With brocha from the depth of my heart,
(Hag"R) Shmuel Kamenetsky



