



A Place That Has No Filter

25. If the company does not provide a filter, the employee is obligated to put a filter on the computer on his own, even if he must pay for it. (*As explained at length in the introduction, one must pay money to avoid transgressing a mitzvas lo sa'aseh.*)

26. If the company does not allow the employee to install a filter — for example, if he works for a non-Jewish firm — he must ask a *Rav* if it is permitted for him to work there.

It is worthwhile to mention that it often is difficult for someone to ask his boss or manager about filters. However, a person should bear in mind that the *Rema* (*beginning of Shulchan Aruch*) writes: “One should not be embarrassed by the scoffers.” This means that whenever someone thinks that others will look down at him for wanting to keep a higher standard, he should remain firm and stubbornly cling to his values. At the very least, he should remain as strong as he would be in the face of a physical danger. Above all else, he should know that this is something that he **must** do. He must have a filter. When one knows that something **must** be done, his mentality changes and he remains firm. And the general rule is “*Haba l'taher mesayin oso*, when a person makes the effort to remain pure, he receives Heavenly assistance.”