Technology - Feedback Part 2

Thank you for sending these important emails!

I recently realized that virtual work meetings were becoming problematic, and the email you shared from another reader helped me realize that the settings can be changed. For those who use Webex:

Click the Layout icon (upper right corner) and change the setting for "Stop incoming videos" to "On".

I hope this helps! Thank you again.

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To the special Doeihu team,

I don't know why I waited until now to send you my story, and to thank you, but I guess it's better later than never...

About a year ago, on a quiet morning, I had some extra time and began playing around a bit on my computer. I knew that it wouldn't be too problematic, since I have a very limited

whitelist with only a small number of approved sites open, and I can't get anywhere inappropriate online. As I was clicking around, I bumped into one of the popular AI platforms. It looked like it was automatically installed on my computer when my computer updated. I began asking it questions - appropriate ones, of course - but it was super addictive. My whole brain started running around what AI would have said. I got scared when, after a couple of hours, I realized that I was robbing myself of my ability to use my own intellect! This wasn't after days and weeks of playing around - it was just after two hours! It took another two hours for me to gather my wits and send an email to our IT department, which then blocked it.

I feel that I had the strength to block it thanks to the daily Doeihu emails, which are so encouraging and inspiring, giving us the sense that we are not alone in our battles. It shows us that there are thousands of other Yiddishe kinder who are eager to grow and strengthen themselves every day, to stand strong against the constant nisyonos coming our way. Thank you, Doeihu, for giving me the push!

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I use LinkedIn because I have no other social media, and it's the only way I can advertise what I do. But I wanted to share a tip that I have found helpful for my own LinkedIn use, and I believe it is relevant for all similar platforms:

I view it as any public space, such as the grocery store. Just like I wouldn't walk up to a man in the grocery store and flash him a thumbs-up if I liked what he just said to someone else, I don't "like" or comment on a man's post on LinkedIn, no matter how much I like or agree with it.

If a man comments on my post, I will respond, just as I would if he would speak to me in person- short, to the point, and with no extra exclamation points or emojis. (Thank you, Doeihu, for bringing that particular point to my attention!)

With these gedarim in place, I have, baruch Hashem, been able to maintain a professional presence on LinkedIn for many years without ever running into any unpleasant issues.

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Hi,

There is an old quote from Previous Gedolim: "If a Jew in Warsaw changes his shoes [to be more modern or according to secular style], a Jew in Paris is mechalel Shabbos." The message intended from this quote is that each Yid has an achrayus for all other Yidden. A story that happened to me recently, in the area of so-called "kosher entertainment", strengthens this message.

I always refrained from opening such sites, but I was recently searching for specific business content and arrived at a Yiddish site for kosher entertainment. I was unsure if I should continue my explorations, but in the end I spent several long minutes exploring the site, which in turn led me to other, similar sites. Of course, I was "just checking stuff out", so it "didn't matter".

That night, I was speaking to a friend of mine, and she mentioned that she had stumbled across terrible scenes and videos on a popular site. I was shocked, as this was very out of character for my friend.

"When did this happen?" I asked her. She answered that it had just happened today.

This really hit me hard. I saw so clearly that the actions of one Yid affects all other Yidden! I decided to take the right step and contacted my filter company to block all "kosher" entertainment sites.

We're all interconnected! Maybe neither of us were the cause for the other to view content that we wouldn't normally, but I *can* be the cause for her and others to have the strength to stop viewing this content and keep their eyes and neshamos clean.

Thank you, Doeihu, for giving me and others strength!

P.S. Another thing that I heard about recently: Even with good filters and whitelists, a lot of content is shared between people on spreadsheets. It's not chats, internet search, nor AI, and yet so much horrible content is shared and viewed by hundreds. Let's all be strong and do what's right by staying away from all those stumbling blocks.