



A Message From The Editors

A Special Message From The Rabbonim:

While not directly related to the workplace, prominent Rabbanim (including HaRav Michel Steinmetz shlita and HaRav Yaakov Ephraim Forchheimer shlita) have reached out and asked us to address a very timely, yet somewhat overlooked, topic during these summer months.

Many are not aware of the need to keep boys and girls apart when swimming even among close family members.

This applies to children of very young ages*, younger than in other areas of chinuch, due to the memories that can remain for life when one's eyes and thoughts are not guarded properly. (The Chazon Ish used this reasoning to say that boys younger than three years old should not go swimming with their mothers.)

The exact ages of the boys and girls can vary due to different factors, and each person must discuss with their Rav how to apply this practically.

* (Chazon Ish - Maaseh Ish pg. 166 ; HaRav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach zt"l says that this applies to boys from age 3 and girls from age 5 as brought in Halichos Bas Yisroel 7:19; Om Ani Choma 21:1- Bara Kachamo 7; and in Children in Halacha by HaRav Simcha Bunim Cohen pg. 31-32; Other poskim say possibly a year or two older – see Shut Divrei Chachomim Even HaEzer 21; Shiurei Halacha 18:5.

Also see Sh"ut Shevet Hakahasi chelek 2:319 and Sefer Ohel Yakov - Even HaEzer 21:28)