

***Crossing the Digital Divide:  
The Electronic World of Kids for  
Parents***

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**Place: Neri Center**

*A very informative  
evening!*

On-line bullying, known as "cyber-bullying" is emerging as one of the most challenging issues facing adults as the Internet and other forms of mobile communication technologies have become commonplace among our young people.

Internet sites that are popular with our kids are also popular with millions of others, and many times we find that our children sometimes use them recklessly and with a false sense of privacy. Parents are all too often unaware of the long term implications of their child's digital speech and its possible impact on college admission or employment. Nor are parents fully versed in some of the difficulties with social networking, or the legal implications for violating the boundaries of digital speech.

This workshop presents:

- The latest information on cyber-bullying;
- Sexting: what is it and what are the consequences;
- Defamatory speech, threats, and other forms of electronic speech as well as the boundaries;
- Privacy and how very little we realistically have;
- Some of the web sites popular with our kids, discussing the opportunities and issues surrounding them;
- Safety issues and how we as parents can best monitor our children's online behavior will be discussed;
- How colleges, universities and employers are making decisions about students based on information found electronically;
- Time will be allotted for questions and answers.