

GUARD YOUR EYES: *Shmiras Einayim on the Internet*

Modesty is the best policy!

INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE LIBREWOLF BROWSER:

While Opera Browser does have a free VPN, which is nice, as a non-expert I'm not sure if VPNs could actually work.

But LibreWolf has no Speed Dial feature.

Block all images in browser settings:

1. Go to about:config
2. Accept you're doing something risky by clicking "Show All".
3. Search in the Search Preference Name bar for permissions.default.image
4. In the field that says "1" (the settings that allows all images to load, change this to "2" (this blocks all images) by clicking the pencil button and then typing the number 2.
5. You can change this back to a value of 1 as needed, but please be very cautious because just like in the Opera settings described below, it could be easy to forget you'd unblocked images! There is a reset button next to the pencil button that would revert this back to original settings of allowing all images to display.

Extensions:

1. Adblocker for YouTube (this might be a different extension w/ same name!); and <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/adblock-for-youtube/>
2. uBlock Origin comes already installed in LibreWolf browser;
3. YouTube Audio Only
<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/audio-only-for-youtube/>

The first two extensions block immodest ads from displaying in the sidebar of the YouTube and have consistently done so almost perfectly almost 100 percent of the time. YouTube Audio Saver, while on this computer seeming to sometimes take several seconds to kick in while playback is already occurring (so you've been warned), does block the video playback on YouTube so you can have the option to stream a video but just listen to the audio only in case you're not sure people are wearing only modest clothing, etc.

How to disable autoplay of video content:

1. Enter about:preferences#privacy in the search bar and hit Enter on the keyboard.
2. Scroll down to Permissions.
3. Find Autoplay.
4. To the right of Autoplay is a button that says Settings. Click that.
5. In "Default for all websites" make sure the option says "Block Audio and Video". This is the setting LibreWolf browser came with originally when I started using it. So this is probably the default for LibreWolf at this time, which is good. These instructions are here so you can verify your settings are the same and just in case you need to find that menu to change your own settings in the future if the settings ever had somehow changed. If you needed to change them, you'd select a different option in that drop-down menu and then click Save Changes to exit the window while saving the changes.

Here are some paid filters I've read are good:

1. GenTech
2. Nativ

Both are Orthodox Jewish internet filters. I've used GenTech with good results. Nativ is one I have read positive things about and I hope to try it someday.

Ease of switching browsers:

Of the two options described here, I think LibreWolf is slightly better in terms of modesty because of the lack of the Speed Dial feature. I found out it was very easy to switch over to LibreWolf browser as my standard browser because I went to about:preferences#general and then just went to Import Browser Data and clicked Import Data, then selected which options I wanted and my bookmarks and other things from Opera went right over to LibreWolf.

Good luck to any Noahides and/or Orthodox Jews who may benefit from this collection of tricks!

INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE OPERA BROWSER:

I'd have to conclude LibreWolf is a little more preferred for modesty than Opera because of the lack of the Speed Dial feature.

Block all images in browser settings:

1. Go to opera://settings/content/images
2. Under default behavior, select "Don't allow sites to show images"
3. This can be toggled again if you need to do some kind of Captcha or something to verify for the site that you're not a robot (although it's preferred to just use the audio challenge for visually disabled people whenever that's available--I have found out that it's possible to just click the mouse almost randomly where I think the button for that would be if images weren't blocked, and that takes me to it). Please be very cautious because it could be easy to forget you'd unblocked images!

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<https://addons.opera.com/en/extensions/details/ublock/>
3. YouTube Audio Only
<https://chromewebstore.google.com/detail/youtube-audio-only-save-d/pbmaabkincjhignodmdbmmnciopheaj?pli=1>

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How to disable autoplay of video content:

I don't know how to do this yet for sure but this method should work. The point is to keep videos from automatically playing such as when hovered over with the mouse.

1. Get Autoplay Killer extension (go here and click Add to Opera):
<https://chromewebstore.google.com/detail/autoplay-killer/pjehmemkchfgplmlhnlbaahhecoflaen>
2. Click Add Extension.
3. Open your Extensions menu and click the pin-shaped image to pin it to the bar.
4. Click the Autoplay Killer image on the bar and it will toggle on, showing "ON".

Disabling Opera's Speed Dial function:

How to stop the Opera Browser from showing immodest images in Speed Dial, which is the feature that opens up like a "homepage" when a new tab or new window is opening.

Current settings are:

1. Go to `opera://settings/onStartup`
2. Select "Retain tabs from previous session" to make sure you have disabled the option called "Begin fresh with start page"
3. What you have done so far only blocks Opera from displaying Speed Dial when a whole new window opens. Next you need to make sure it doesn't display when a new tab opens. I don't have a good answer for that at this point because Opera has worked very hard to make sure that new tabs go to Speed Dial no matter what.
4. So the best option I have right now is to not open new tabs in Opera by pressing the + button but instead to open them by clicking the Forward or Back arrow while already on a different webpage and pressing CTRL on the keyboard at the same time.
5. The last resort strategy of positioning a clipboard or at least a full sheet of printer paper to cover your eyes from seeing on the screen everything but the very, very top of the Speed Dial page would prevent you from seeing whatever is on it and this could provide the chance to click a bookmark on the Bookmarks Toolbar with the other hand. But this isn't a truly 100 percent reliable method. It's just better than nothing if you think Speed Dial might come up, anyway.
6. I think the best option for solving this Speed Dial problem is going to be one of two things: (a) Enough people tell Opera to only display 100 percent modest things in Speed Dial according to modesty standards of Orthodox Judaism; or (b) Develop a set of different instructions using a different browser. A next possibility might be the use of the browser called LibreWolf, an offshoot of Firefox.

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