Communication between people has changed dramatically in the last 20 years. Emails, texts, Facebook messages, Whatsapp, and all other forms of instant, written communication have, in many ways, changed the way our relationships develop and progress. These relatively new forms of communication have significantly affected the way people date, the way friends communicate with each other, the way parents and children keep in touch, the way Rebbaim and teachers interact with their students (and vice versa), etc. etc. In many ways these changes have had adverse effects on our relationships, often without our knowledge. However, some of our virtual and instantaneous communication can also be helpful and positive.
This is an issue for the general population but it is even more significant for the Torah community for whom our bein adam lachaveiro relationships are so crucial. Surprisingly, this discussion is also very connected to our relationship bein adam lamakom as well.
In this sicha we will discuss how the Torah can shed light on this modern topic. We explore, from a Torah perspective, the above issues and the various ways in which texting has affected these boyfriend/girlfriend, husband/wife, parent/child, teacher/student relationships. We will also discuss what, if anything, we can do and need to do in this “new world” of communication to enhance our bein adam lachaveiro relationships