

Fallen

Posted by willnevergiveup - 04 Apr 2011 18:21

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Hi,

Boruch hashem I have kep internet use under control with Webchaver which is a fantastic tool.

My post here is to put forward the discussion how webchaver and any filter will not work unless one increases Yirei shomayim drastically. Filters and forums are good for when we have them but they are not the ultimate answer.

I am still discovering this day by day. When I go on business trips I have my laptop with Webchaver and it is a very useful tool BH.

But what about Strip bars, dance clubs etc etc. If you are in a foriegn country without a jew for 2000 miles the temptation is so great because no other Jew in the world will walk in on you, premium channels television, KTV lounges, the list just goes on.

Being a holy Jew is so much more than internet filters nowadays. As a traveling Jewish Businessman the temptation is around every corner.

The reason I am writing this and found this site, is I have had a recent business trip and during a business meeting I was introduced to the suppliers sister, over a couple of drinks things happened and she ended up spending the night in my room and more .....

I can here you all shouting how can you, your a sick vile individual. I know I am , but I just did not feel at the time I was doing anything wrong. My wife (don't disown me yet) is the most special individual in my life and we BH have an exeptional marriage, but the problem was I just did not feel it being disloyal. It felt like I had a yeridah and looked up something bad on the interent. She is still the only one I love in my life and have and will not have any feelings to this shiksah. I didn't even enjoy it much.

I have now come back to the USA and I feel like I am meeting Hashem again, and I can't face him, I can't look at myself in the mirror.

The question is what now..

Have I thrown my life down the drain. (I don't feel i have, maybe I should feel like that?)

Have I been thrown out of the Jewish nation till I have done Teshuva (how and what)

To me I feel this is a huge learning opportunity and to prepare myself adequately for any future similar challenges. But I think this is part of the problemm. This is a shocking most disgusting thing I have done. I can't just carry on life. I have to make a massive change in my life!! I can't just carry on a s normal./ I am desperate this does not affect my marriage in even the tiniest way. But why should Hashem be this kind to me. Thanks for listening.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Me3 - 05 Apr 2011 16:52

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So much for being too nice.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by willnevergiveup - 05 Apr 2011 17:03

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Hi Dov,

I think a lot of what you said has hit the nail on the head and I believe this is what is needed. Honest direct mussar. Yes i am depressed and you have made me a little more depressed, but so what! I am finally realising what i have done. FYI BH I do not have a porn problem (yes I have looked at porn occasionally) but not a problem.

I have been on business trips many times and have literally been held by the arm and dragged into a strip club but walked away without even peeking in. I feel on this trip I would have also not attended a strip club but the Yetzer Hora that came my way was something new, completely different and I was unprepared for it.

The reason why i feel Emes is so important here, is because my normal trips have been in places where there are western people and even in front of goyim you don't want to feel a shegitz. This time round I was in a place that no one even knew what a Jew was, they did not know that the kippa on my head meant I had higher morals than them. For such a situation you need total emes! And in this i was obviously sorely lacking.

Thank you for the insight, please continue to post.

Regarding telling my wife, I can't see any point at all in telling her, why give her the anguish. I will do whatever it takes to correct this Aveirah and Bezras Hashem with hashems great

kindness it will be like it never happened.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Kedusha - 05 Apr 2011 17:13

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[willnevergiveup wrote on 05 Apr 2011 16:42:](#)

Thank you Rage, I never knew this was an Issur.

The question is: Had you known, would it have made a difference?

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Re: Fallen

Posted by willnevergiveup - 05 Apr 2011 17:14

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Read my last post, probably not,

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Kedusha - 05 Apr 2011 17:17

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I suggest getting guidance from an Adam Gadol as to how to do a proper Teshuva. And, a medical exam to rule out any STDs (this, by the way, should have deterred you, if nothing else), which you surely would not want to pass on to your loyal and unsuspecting wife.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by kosher - 05 Apr 2011 19:42

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I was asked to comment on this thread, so I will make a few general comments:

1. I started a thread on the challenges when travelling (which are many) feel free to look and comment there [www.guardyoureyes.org/forum/index.php?topic=2665.0](http://www.guardyoureyes.org/forum/index.php?topic=2665.0)
2. The issur of drinking in a bar can also be found in Y"D 114
3. When meeting clients, as I am I sure everyone realizes part of the job is to "chat up" the clients (whether male or female). Usually it is all external and means nothing to me; after schmoozing a whole day, I end up showing up at my hotel feeling like I was in solitary confinement. Once, I had a particularly good conversation with a female contact and she put out her hand to shake when I left. For the first time, the halacha that you cant shake hands was a real factor. I didn't shake hands and it made a difference, but even so, when I heard she left the company and would not be there on my next visit, I still felt a pang that would miss her. This really drove home to me how careful we need to be and where this can all lead to if we are not careful.
4. Yiras shomayim is of course important, but as we know from chaza"l what happens on this world has a more powerful direct effect. I try to walk into these situations visualizing what the effect will be if this kind of "mistake" becomes public – faced with the real possibility of being cut off from your entire family friends and community (which would likely happen if this became too public, and it could), it is easier to conjure up the proper Yiras Shomayim...

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Blind Beggar - 05 Apr 2011 21:20

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How does a business hand shake keep one out of bed with the shakee?

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Kedusha - 05 Apr 2011 21:22

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David,

With regard to shaking hands with women, one who is lenient has what to rely on, but one who is stringent has what to rely on as well. Rav Aharon Soloveichik brought a proof from the Yerushalmi in Sotah to be lenient, as discussed here:

[www.ottmall.com/mj\\_ht\\_arch/v24/mj\\_v24i15.html#CDQ](http://www.ottmall.com/mj_ht_arch/v24/mj_v24i15.html#CDQ)

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Dov - 05 Apr 2011 21:33

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[kosher wrote on 05 Apr 2011 19:42:](#)

I didn't shake hands and it made a difference, but even so, when I heard she left the company and would not be there on my next visit, I still felt a pang that would miss her. This really drove home to me how careful we need to be and where this can all lead to if we are not careful. I can relate to this, too. The harchokos are to help us be less influenced by lust. But if we have the lust, all the harchokos in the world will not stop it from festering and leading to trouble. I feel that many of us need to learn what women really are and to see them as real people, not as shiksas, objects, or toys. Even if they are goyim...maybe *especially* if they are goyim. Putting the trouble off is certainly good - but it is no solution if we have a problem.

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I do not call this yir'as Shomayim, I see it in myself as just plain fear. Perhaps of the onesh, or of the direct embarrassment. Perhaps I have a small degree of respect of G-d's Name in this world and how the chillul of it is messing up the very tachlis habriyoh, but that does not conjure up fear in most people I know. Guilt, maybe - or fear of the guilt...but not fear of doing that itself.

So what's the difference you may ask...I just think it's important not to walk away from the escape via those tactics with the mistaken impression that "I must have some yir'as Shomayim,"

unless I really **do**.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Blind Beggar - 05 Apr 2011 21:40

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Never Give Up,

I am pleased to hear that you do not intend to tell your wife and irreparably damage your beautiful marriage.

You should know that human nature is that most adulterers cannot live with their guilty secret, so they tell their spouse or make sure that the spouse accidentally finds out anyway. Please make sure not to fall into this trap and keep it 100% secret forever.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Kedusha - 05 Apr 2011 21:47

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I think there's a bigger issue than whether or not you tell your wife. A faithful spouse is entitled to assume that they will not pick up any STDs from their husband/wife. The unfaithful spouse, therefore, has the responsibility to undergo a medical exam to rule out this possibility, as I mentioned above. I recognize that no one wants to touch this issue with a 10-foot pole, which is why no one responded to my comments above (including the person who started this thread) and which is, presumably, why STDs are rarely discussed on this forum, at least by the men. That doesn't make my point any less valid.

If I'm wrong, someone should please tell me why.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Dov - 05 Apr 2011 21:51

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Why - is he not getting checked?

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Re: Fallen

Posted by WeWillNotBeForsaken - 06 Apr 2011 01:44

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Dear WNGU,

You have it tough but hopefully you'll make it through. I am a firm believer that it is never too late to fix things - it just gets harder and more complicated as time goes on.

On another note,

1) I have heard from several of my colleagues how he/she have had Jewish women come to their office with STDs and are shocked as to how they possibly could have gotten them. Many STDs can be asymptomatic - especially in males. If you are so inclined you can go to any family practice and request testing.

2) Many non-Jews are not aware of Jewish laws/customs and are extremely offended when a Jewish man will not shake hands with them - especially since often one cannot explain the reasons why in that short time period. I believe this causes a major chillul Hashem, and I for one would rather risk touching a woman's hand than cause a chillul Hashem.

3) Its sad, but probably true, that it is really only the perverts that have immoral thoughts when shaking a woman's hand, and interestingly when I first shook a woman's hand I probably did have improper thoughts - but now that it has become so commonplace it is absolutely nothing more than a hand shake, a gesture required by basic human decency.

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Re: Fallen

Posted by Kedusha - 06 Apr 2011 02:38

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Dear WWNBF,

I completely respect those who follow the lenient opinion to return a woman's handshake to

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avoid embarrassing her (I'm not talking about the man initiating the handshake). They have what to rely on. But, those who are stringent have a strong basis as well. And for those who hold it's forbidden, it cannot be a Chillul Hashem when they follow what their Posek tells them is the Halacha.

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