

THIS IS IT! How anonymous should a forum be?!?!  
Posted by gothika - 03 Nov 2011 23:13

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OK so this post is something that I have been ~~pushing off~~ too busy to do for a long time. Every time I see Dov's name in a post I get a twang inside me that I know that there is something that I should be doing in my recovery but I am not.

So finally today I have mustered up the guts to do this, and I am doing it and not looking back!

"Do what" you ask?

Well intrigued fellow forum-er, I am glad that you asked, but get ready!

I have been doing some reading from this page, its a list of quotes and resources that gibbor120 links to at the bottom of his postings.

Specifically the following lines from our very own dov.

1- Doing it that way[anonymously on this forum] puts me just where I want to be: in the driver's seat, defining myself based on my own research and offering myself my own favorite solutions. [Hey, that's exactly what all we forum liars have been doing all these years: trying our guts out to stop by gimmicks and compromises that "seem right for me". Who we are kidding eventually becomes clear...]....

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3- By never admitting it all to another person, we never really admit it to Hashem. [Say, haven't I been davening shacharis, mincha, and ma'ariv all these years? Doesn't He really know everything about me anyhow? Well, apparently he is not that powerful a personal force in my life if I can still hide in the bathroom on my knees and masturbate to my sweet goddesses of schmutz... Nu.] ...

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5- By hiding behind a username and never peeping out from behind it to meet and create real relationships with real, sober people, we are doomed to forget. A friend of mine says "this is a disease of forgetting." ...

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Far from bashing GYE - my point is that GYE is great as a 'gateway' medication for addicts. Good things start here. Friendships in person and by phone, and lots of other things become available to those who want them. GYE can also be also a great help to non-addicts who are swimming in desire and despondency. But again, a certain degree of 'coming out' is the price we all must pay for real friendships. One can pretend his 'friend's' name is really "Taikwondo613Help!" for only so long. Eventually it just gets stupid saying the fake name even just in writing, kal v'chomer on the phone. But some folks are just not ready to take that step. It's a kichsak'l self-imposed 'prison', if you ask me.

So while I am only a 'junior' member here, and I won't criticise anyone that wants to remain anonymous and just work through the forums, handbooks etc, I feel that for myself personally I don't want to live in a self imposed prison anymore, and I am sure that there are others deep down who would resonate with me on this. Now you can see where I am going with this...

... I am looking for a real person

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that is willing to create some kind of accountability/partner system between each other, but it must be in person or at the very least by phone but not purely email / PM or other types of anonymous, faceless interfaces like that. I am looking for the real deal here.

Someone else who is willing to co-operate with me and be partners together in this in real life. I am not criticizing anyone here who does not think that this is your thing C"V, I understand that everyone is different... but I know myself, and I know that if I don't create something real, something with a *real link* to my life, that I have to speak to face to face then I know that I am not really willing to change for real. I am just pretending. I am being fake, and ultimately I am only doing myself a disservice in continuing to destroy my Olam Habah. So I know that this might seem like quite an extreme move to many people over here I am 1000% serious about it.

Once again I am looking for someone also recovering and who is willing to try a real face to face or at least actual phone call meetings who will grow together with me in working through all this stuff and who will hold me accountable, and I will hold them accountable to real growth and change.

Now the technical stuff.

To make this work you need to be in the same city as me, or at least the same country so that time zone differences and all that don't complicate matters, and I think that it would help that we would be at similar points in life in terms of age and married etc, however if you think that all that is a non issue then I am willing to work together with you anyway.

So my details are (I am adapting this template from a board that Guard put together.)

Marriage Status: Single

Type: I grew up FFB-modern and I am now more yeshivish (or so I seem)

Location: Jerusalem, Israel

Would like: Partner

In touch by: Phone / Real Life / both

Intervals: Once a week, (but flexible)

Occupation: Studying in yeshiva, and doing a degree via correspondance

If you want to be that someone, then please PM me here, or alternatively you can email me at [nebulamud@gmail.com](mailto:nebulamud@gmail.com)

David

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P.S To the moderators. I am aware of the fact that this post could also have been placed in the Partners/Sponsors board, but I felt that it would be appreciated in the breaking free section also since it does bring up the debate of is my quest for anonymity getting in the way of my recovery

and am I doing enough in terms of change/growth, which could get interesting.

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