

Suicide

Posted by poshut yid - 30 Dec 2008 17:31

The news today of a young Kollel Avreich who is reported to have committed suicide is sweeping around the frum community. Everyone who knew says, it couldn't be, it's not shayach. The truth is, how many of us have wondered, what if I get caught can I face the shame and humiliation? What if I catch something that I can't hide? What if my wife finds out who I really am? Unfortunately I can relate on some level. B"H I have never contemplated suicide but I can understand how someone could!! I hope that does not make me unstable. I just know that if I do not STOP NOW, the ramifications of being caught are life altering. I DO NOT KNOW THE NIFTAR AT ALL and am not casting dispersions on him, I am just commenting that we never can understand the hardships that people face!!

Is it really that far fetched. I know we are all going through our own nisyonnos and no-one knows what this poor man was going through but this just shows that we are all human and no matter how great a person is perceived to be, we all have problems. Some problems are bigger than others. My heart goes out to the mishpocho as well as the niftar. Nebech that it had to come to this. We have to be mechazek ourselves that we move away from these negative behaviours so that chalilah we should never be in a situation where we have to ask ourselves these very tough questions!!

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Re: Suicide

Posted by Elya K - 30 Dec 2008 18:57

Boruch Dayan Haemes.

Yes, this addiction can kill. Among other things. We just don't know what others are really going through. That's why we must give people the benefit of the doubt.

Resentments for us are our worst enemy. People who get caught in this action can go to jail, be arrested, shot or divorced. There are consequences for our actions.

This is why we all, including me, have to begin working harder on our program.

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Re: Suicide

Posted by UTS - 05 Jan 2009 07:43

I did not hear this story until seeing it mentioned here. Do we have reason to believe that it had something to do with this matter, or could it have been something else entirely, such as the financial situation?

Yes, depression can be pikuach nefoshos.

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Re: Suicide

Posted by the.guard - 05 Jan 2009 11:26

If you're talking about the story on the bridge, it seems to have been a car accident, at least according to all the frum news sources I saw. Are you sure it was a suicide?

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Re: Suicide

Posted by poshut yid - 05 Jan 2009 14:24

To answer the first question first. I do not know if he was having our kind of issues but I am simply saying that I can understand how someone can get so entagled in a lifestyle clandestinely that if things start to come unravelled, they may see no other way out. Unfortunately it seems that it was originally reported as an accident but other facts have come to light.

My whole point in bringing this up is that many of us have got such huge secrets that if chalilah we were "caught" or felt that we would be exposed that we may feel that we have no options! That is why it is so important to have this forum so that there is someone out there that understands what we are going through more importantly it gives hope that we can recover!!

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Re: Suicide

Posted by Elya K - 05 Jan 2009 19:57

I did not mean to imply that he had this issue. I have no idea. I was just saying that this issue can cause suicide also, if it gets bad enough. By the way, it was suicide.

Relatives of mine in Baltimore confirmed that a trooper saw someone approach the bridge and the car was intact by the time he reached the scene.

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