

Harry's Wife

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 30 Sep 2009 21:22

Yea,we all know her.

Sitting on the bus near you.

The guy next door's wife.

Your best friend's wife.

Bekitzur,everyone's wife but yours.

Hashem commands us:

Do not desire her!

Um,sorry?

I'd understand if You would tell me

"Don't have sex with her!"

But not to lust?

How can we be commanded something that is seemingly out of our control mostly?!

So I ask you the following:

Would you like to buy a nice porsche and drive cross-country?

Yea?

Nice.

Would you like to buy a nice spaceship and circle the moon a few times?

No?

Why not?

I'm sure it would be fun.

The answer is no.

Because it's not shayach.

It's not happening.

It's out of our reach.

The first bracha under the chupa is:

"Who forbade us the betrothed, and permitted the married (the one that you're married to)."

Why?

Because first we must understand that any other women **are not shayach**.

We must get that into our heads.

It is not happening.

It's like that spaceship.

This is the yesod of the Ibn Ezra.

When I spoke to my sex addiction therapist about this, he pointed out the following:

Think about any wife who would think of cheating on her husband.

Think of how difficult their relationship must be.

And you would go in there and destroy a family even more?

We do not want to enter this sugya, chevra.

Even "just looking"

Any wife who dresses provocatively we must feel bad for.

She's obviously not being shown enough love at home.

We must daven for them.

Not watch them as they walk.

See the other side of the story chevra.

Even pornstars.

What brought them to this place.

Oy!

I feel like crying :'(

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by yechidah - 13 Oct 2009 15:17

there is a reason why I do not like going to PTA's

John's wife seems to have kids of all ages and is on every single line.

strong perfume smell permeating the holy halls.

wafting past the pictures of the gedolim that are across both walls

so I bring a sefer along, and bring my wife along too, to tell me when the coast is clear.

then I ask mrs yechida to let me stay home next time.

so far,request has been denied

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 15:32

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YESSS HELIGEH YECHIDAH A GOOD WIFE IS THE BEST SHEMIRAH!

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by yechidah - 13 Oct 2009 15:42

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THE YARTZEIT OF THE KEDUSHAS LEVI TODAY

MAY YOUR NESHOMAH SHINE BRIGHT WITH HIS WARMTH AND LIGHT

ESPECIALLY HERE AT GYE

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by Rage AT Machine - 13 Oct 2009 15:46

torah from a punk rocker (on Harry's wife):

strange things going on this week in the parasha in the story of the forbidden fruit....for one, why did Gd meet-out such a cruel punishment against Adam and Chava, after all, all they did was lust..ok, a sin, but hey, isnt an enternal curse a bit draconian?...next, how does the punishment address the crime? where is the middah keneged middah correlation? finally, why does the torah, which picks and chooses its words crefully, go into the whole back and forth between Gd and Adam and Chava? Why doesnt the Torah simply say, "and Gd saw what they did and he punished them as follows..."..quite frankly, pesukim 11-13 are entirely superfluous when it says:

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So whats going on here? The answer (maybe) is that Gd was most upset with Adam and Chava for their answers in pesukim 11-13...they failed to take responsibility for their falling in lust instead choosing to peg it on someone else...Adam showed both a failure to take responsibility and a total lack of hakarat hatov when he said, " ????????? ?????? ????????? ?????????, ??? ?????????-???? ???-???? ??????" and that is why he was punished in Chava's punishment...when Gd punished Chava he said, "???-????????? ?????, ... ?????, ?????????-?????" this was a punishment for Adam...you claim you have no control because she controls you...ok, Adam, from now and for all of eternity you will control her, now lets see if you are able to control your lust any better?" It is a lesson to Adam to not blame Chava (or adam's wife) for his failings...to Chava, who also punted and failed to take responsibility for her fall he says, "????????? ??????, ????????? ?????? ?????????, ?????? ?????????, ?????? ?????????: ??? ?????????? ??????" He tells CHAVA, "ok, you claim you couldnt say no to the snake, ok, from now on you will never again be able to say YES to the snake, you will hate each other, now lets see if you can control your lust any better...'

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Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 15:49

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BAAAAAAAAAAAAAAM!! (IN YIDDISH GEVALDIGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG)

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by G38 - 13 Oct 2009 16:05

Habib

This is part of the problem, not explaining to the girls the severity of such things.

Kedushas eynaim is a subject by the boys and it's a pity they do not emphasis it to the girls :'(

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by habib613 - 13 Oct 2009 16:09

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Posted by Dov - 13 Oct 2009 16:13

[bardichev wrote on 13 Oct 2009 15:32:](#)

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HERE IS BARDS OVERSIMPLIFIED OPINION

GIRLS "NEED" WELL DRESSED AND I WOULD EVEN DARE SAY ATTRACTIVE TEACHERS

HEY WHAT ARE WE COMPETING WITH

TEACHERS THAT ARE WELL DRESSED AND DONT LOOK NEBBY

CAN BE A ROLE MODEL (EMPHASIS ON ROLE)

THE PROBLEM WITH "TEACHING" TZNIUS IS IT ENVOLVES HALACHA

AND A 'GEFEEL" THAT NEED TO COME WITH WARMTH CARE AND UNDERSTANDING

MOARH WAS NOT WRONG SHE JUST DIDNT EXPLAIN IT WELL

bards

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 16:26

[dov wrote on 13 Oct 2009 16:13:](#)

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THANKS REBBERBER=DOV

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by G38 - 13 Oct 2009 16:29

My daughters are growing up and I am trying (as our friends name here) to get it in their bones. It is hard but...don't they teach them the halachos of yichud?

If they do than it is a good opportunity to glide over to the next topic and if they don't ...:-\

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by kanesher - 13 Oct 2009 16:33

Youch! Wow! Touched a few raw nerves - and that's really what it is. Let me explain -

We're all addicts. And that means we have a lot of raw emotions. But I think all of us - men and women - should be non-judgmental - heck, isn't that what GYE is all about (hmmm... an oxymoron - am I judging people about being judgmental?)?

Let's look at the non-addict world, dear friends.

Men - someone who was zocheh not to go through these nisayonos - remember, Ever Katan Yesh L'Adam - has a lower threshold of sensitivity; B"H I can see it myself in these early stages of recovery, and when I was in the throes in my addiction I was angry at every female who didn't look like an overweight wicked witch of the west. Then I realized a few things-

Regarding from women who truly dressed to kill (beyond the line, according to everybody)-

Why wasn't I as mad at someone, who say, lied and stole and wore a frock. Why wasn't I as mad when the monsey meat scandal came out? Is that less hypocritical?

Two reasons -

A) I was the victim of it.

Tension turns into aggression.

But it didn't have much to with religious fervor. Just that I was on the receiving end of it. True, I have my own obligations, and for them I must answer for and not theirs - but still, we all agree that they made these nisayonos harder.

Also, as the girls pointed out, there is a real, real, female desire to be desired, end of story. Just as strong, and as overpowering as the male desire - just in a different way. Of course, girls have an obligation of modesty - and we also have an obligation. To say one nisayon is easier then the other is ridiculous. They express themselves differently.

And many, many girls struggle with where the line is; and the urge to look good is overpowering; there is no obligation to look frumpy. Some girls and communities dump fashion and makeup; but certainly none can demand girls do that - and I know I would have chance at recovery if my wife did. What is tzinius? The details are endless, and frankly, no sefer can cover it because of the ever changing nature of women's bodies, social fashions and male desire (Don't even get me started on Oz V'Hadar Levusha) .

That's why tzinius is an sense of self, and a sense of self-esteem and intrinsic desirability, and that is a constant nisayon to maintain from the latest fashions to that outfit that fit last week and anyways I'm going to lose those five pounds and nobody notices anyway and everything else I have is covered in baby spit...yada yada yada. It's oh so very real.

That's why you have a fine girl, who is a genuine Yareh Shamayim, who struggles with tzinius - JUST LIKE US! JUST LIKE US!

And we create it. The more we lust, the more we demand in shidduchim, the more girls feel the desperate pressure "to get noticed" that looks is the key to shadchanim and dates and the chuppah. And afterwards, as well. And add the peer pressure - it's a tremendous nisayon! Throw in an entire culture that worships the body - come on, are we being fair? Yes, it's still an obligation - but definitely a difficult nisayon.

Often married girls dress far more proactively than their single friends - often because of failed marriage, and a desperate need to be noticed by their husband - for a woman that is the equivalent of a slow death (unfortunately, sometimes this happens to attractive girls because they overdid it before, got married without him seeing anything on the inside, and are now left with just the outside, and a relationship can run on just that - John Grey in *Mars & Venus on a Date* writes about this). And she will do whatever she can to get some feeling of his attention - to heck with other men - or even some validation from other men - see hubby! I am desirable! See!

And again, girls are not obligated to be frumpy because we have no self-control. And I mean us. A woman shouldn't wear something that will draw the male eye, but that means the normal male eye. Because we've given ourselves - we addicts - super sensitivity does not mean that women need to dress like potatoes. Adrabeh - many a marriage has hit a brickwall because of potatoism. Some have ended up here. And anti-potatoism is often part (NOT all) of the solution.

A Bas Yisrael is allowed to - and should - look dignified, attractive but not enticing - see R'Moshe Sternbuch's *Toras HaBayis* when he recommends that women wear sheitalach for this reason. Respectability. Not looking like you're wandering around in your pajamas.

But a toast to the tzanuos! A toast to those who leave that skirt on the rack, in their closet, - a toast to all those who bite their lips as the men look at her friend and not her. True, a genuine prutzah shares the onesh. Shouldn't a tznuah share the schar? Indeed, Rebbetzin Heller writes of Baalei Teshuvah who complained to her "that they lost their power" when they started dressing in accordance with the Torah (*Our Bodies, Our Souls* - a great read for the right perspective on all of this) - and she writes how healthy it is, and how she girls develop their "true power" which is so much deeper - and powerful (and not incidentally, the true glue of a marriage). For those who do - thank you, Bnos Yisrael.

And as far as those who don't - Rabbasoi, our obligation is our obligation, and I believe that collectively we've brought much of this upon ourselves, and after some time of self-control things get less attractive, and that many are trying to heal their own feelings of emptiness and lack - in or out of a marriage. May Hashem heal then all, and us as well.

The unwritten rule these days in Kiruv seminaries (krovim and recokim) is that teachers must be attractive. What a world, what a world...

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 16:35

HELLO TEACH BY EXAMPLE

POINT OUT WHAT YOU DO

I SAY TATTY IS LEAVING NOW BEACUSE I CAN'T STAY HOME WITH THE "GOYTA"(MAID ,OZERET)

BUT WITH A DERHOIBINKITE NOT WITH COLDNESS AND STRICTNESS

BRING THE "ATTA BICHARTANU MIKOL HA-AMIM

YES YES MAKE "CHOIZIK'OF HANNAH MONTANA AND BRITNEY SPEARS (YM"SH I DONT SAY THAT LIGHTLY RABBIM CHALLAILM HIPILAH YIMACH SHEMAH GEHONNOM IS NOT DEEP ENOUGH FOR THESE SICKOS THAT THE WORLD WORSHIPS)

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by Dov - 13 Oct 2009 16:38

Hi chavers...OK, time for a nice niggun break.

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OK, now get back to it.

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