

Posted by eerie - 03 Jul 2024 17:46

I got to try out in real time, and it is currently working wonders. There is a wonderful person here who has been doing his own work of spreading awareness of what GYE has to offer. He's been doing so in BMG. And got over 20 calls from people wanting to know more. A few days ago a guy called, but this was someone who our tzaddik was uncomfortable speaking to. He asked me if I could call this yungerman back. Which I did. I got to know a really special yungerman, a real ben Torah, who's been struggling for years all alone. Has hardly heard about GYE, and had no idea what it's like. And he has no regular access to internet. He still has enough to struggle with, unfortunately. And I have had the zechus of guiding him, of showing him how he can get past all these behaviors. He's BH on fire and I daven he'll keep soaring. My friends, Hashem gave me taste of what it would be like to help people that don't know the culture here, that haven't read any threads, that don't know about the F2F program, and most importantly, that don't know there is a way out.

And we can change that.

Again, please share your thoughts. ?????? ???? ????
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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by yitzchokm - 04 Jul 2024 20:50

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by frank.lee - 04 Jul 2024 21:19

Do they have people who can speak English? I assume Yiddish they have.
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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by eerie - 04 Jul 2024 21:22

Does someone have Lev Shomei'a's number? I'd like to call and see what it is

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by frank.lee - 04 Jul 2024 21:33

Do you mean the one in EY? *8147

Not sure if they have a USA number.

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by redfaced - 04 Jul 2024 21:56

[yitzchokm wrote on 04 Jul 2024 20:50:](#)

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Pretty sure Lev Shomei'a is only in E"Y . Even if its in the US of A (happy b-day) its entirely unknown and not accomplishing what this hotline potentially could

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by yiftach - 04 Jul 2024 22:32

Reb IWLR, just wanna say ASHRECHA in public!

Even the mere fact that you got the oilum the ratzon to make a change, is all worth it! BeH we will!!!

Just want to add my small experience. Bnogaya to what @eerie mentioned that whenever the RY of GYE go to Rabbanim they should bring along one of us to knock the idea into their heads. I have personally accompanied one of the founders of GYE to a Rav/Leader of our community (the reason I accompanied him was pure siyata dishmaya...). He is someone that I believe knows this sugya really well and everything GYE has to offer. I wasn't asked to share my story, but I did anyways to bring out a point. The Rav knows my family and the yeshivos I grew up in, he was shocked when I shared my story!!! Not that it's so gory, just that someone that he knows so well can actually struggle in this sugya. He said that what made him do what GYE was asking him to do, was thanks to hearing a real story from a living person who he knows (somewhat).

Another Yid shared with me, that he met an influential magid that couldn't believe that such a chosheve Yid like him was struggling. This Rav barely knew about GYE and what they offer.

How will we manage to get to the bachurim and yungerleit if the Rabbanim don't lead them to GYE?! It HAS to come from us!

But OTOH and maybe at the same time, there's a way to influence the higher level of mechanchim and rabbanim to what's happening on the earths surface?

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by yiftach - 04 Jul 2024 22:38

1) Personally, I don't think I would've taken down a number from an anonymous sign. I don't think I would've done so because I wouldn't feel comfortable calling a number without knowing what to expect from the other side of the line.

2) For that, I think, askamos are necessary. If a sign or advertisement would have askamos on it, and the ad would explain that likeminded yungerleit that are fighting the fight and are approved to give eitzas are at the receiving end of the line, would have a much bigger effect.

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 05 Jul 2024 03:27

Rabbeinu IWLR Shlit"a,

The sign is a great idea! I would add that there are probably many guys who will be weirded out by the sign because of its public nature; i.e., "so I'm gonna be the loser who pauses to scan the phone number with his eyes?" - as well as by the element of the unknown; i.e., "who's the creep behind that phone number?" (However, regardless of a sign's effectiveness, tearing down a sign is not a very Grodnian thing to do)

That's why I believe that we need to tap in more and more to the power of "word of mouth" in the underground of GYE - as demonstrated by the far reaching effect of HHM.

As the several hundred few and proud of us (many of whom are mechanchim) encounter the lonely strugglers and the "double-life" guys, we all know where to refer them to; for some it will be CO, for others Vehkam, etc.

Let's keep on networking through PM and text, and let's spread the word one struggler at a time.

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Posted by parev - 05 Jul 2024 09:45

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- 3] They are working on a English speaking division - with co-oporation with American Rabbonim

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Rabbi Yosef Elefant and Rabbi Yitzchok Berkowitz are to be involved, I know R' Y Berkowitz's contact and exposure to SA, Rabbi Elefant's is also a big fan of SA.

It could be though an idea to have an alternative to SA, and GYE is predominantly internet based, which doesn't work well for a lot of bnietora, so a hotline of some sort could be a great thing

If anyone wants more info on Lev Shomea or how to take this further can PM me

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by chosemyshem - 05 Jul 2024 13:52

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Shkoyach for making the call and finding this out. Did your contact share the mehalach they use for guys calling? What's holding them back from expanding in the U.S. - money, askamos, other issues?

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by parev - 05 Jul 2024 14:16

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...I am in the process of getting involved

I don't know if there is a GYE website in Hebrew... - I introduced him to SA a while back [including getting copies of the big book and white book] however I didn't follow up - coz I didnt want to raise any red flags by him

I will try to see what tools they have [besides sending to therapy] and perhaps there is a thing or two they can learn from GYE

It was actually he who mentioned the power of speaking to a guy that's been there and done it and is a ben tora

Perhaps the initiative of having the possibility for them to refer people to speak to someone like Eerie, HHM etc could be a good one, however since there is no GYE hebrew speaking community I don't know where to find those guys [of course there are SA guys but then it's really the whole 12 step thing]

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by yitzchokm - 05 Jul 2024 14:37

This is the Hebrew website of GYE: <https://gye.org.il>

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by parev - 05 Jul 2024 14:45

Thank you.

Netfree block that

Is there a version like gye.nu/ that is password enabled and allowed?

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by BenHashemBH - 05 Jul 2024 15:08

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Can you contact Netfree and ask them to unblock that site?

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