

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 cande - 12 Jul 2024 18:16

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[iwannalivereall wrote on 12 Jul 2024 17:07:](#)

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Kol Tuv!

ill just say one thing,

**you will never win with these guys**, ive been there,

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and then they wanna know why why why.....are my kids.....

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by proudyungerman - 12 Jul 2024 19:54

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Or maybe we can all email IWLR and he'll gladly forward it...

Seriously, clearly he doesn't understand what is happening here.

Can you respond and ask him to elaborate on the unspoken reasons?

I very much agree with redfaced's style answer. Is he willing to take responsibility for the continued struggles, failures, marriages ending, and all the fallout from that from anyone who would've been helped who now isn't. And if he isn't, what is his alternative? Doing nothing isn't the answer, but maybe he has ideas.

I also agree with cande, that throwing mareh mekomos back at him ain't gonna work...??????  
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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by iwannalivereal - 12 Jul 2024 23:02

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Another point to think about... I'm assuming you don't know anyone that struggles with this stuff. However, keep in mind that it's quite possible that I'm your brother. It's possible that I'm your shvugger as well. If I'm not, there's a very real chance that some of your very close friends struggle with this stuff. Just imagine finding out in 20 years about a close relative or friend going through a divorce rch"l, and you hear that it all started with an internet addiction. Imagine had he seen this sign... do you want to take the risk of holding back help from a close friend or relative? And please don't tell me that all your friends are chashuve b'nei torah or very yeshivish and those types of guys don't struggle with this stuff. I know guys from a number of top yeshivas (myself included)... brisk, pragers, yagdil... a few r' mottel guys... And it's the real yeshivish guys as well. Probably about 20 percent of the guys that call me don't have texting on their phone. I got two phone calls recently from yungeleit that don't even own a cell phone at all. These are chashuve yeshivish yungeleit... yet they struggle. I'd put down quite a high amount of money betting that you have at least one relative or close friend that has struggled with this stuff. Make sure to have that "anonymous" karov in mind before you remove the sign.

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by yiftach - 13 Jul 2024 18:54

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Late to the party....

Reading the guy's email just makes a me sick. This attitude is the same one that says we shouldn't speak about these topics openly, as speaking about it is not going to help; rather, let's shove it under the bus and pretend it's not a problem. Obviously, if someone approaches a rebbe, the rebbe should give him encouragement, but it's not for the general public...

I find it incredibly frustrating! Is it possible that they fail to comprehend the essence of living? Do they not know the facts on the ground?! Do they truly believe that the majority of people can simply let their eyes wander about and remain unaffected by everything the world has to offer?!?

If this sign were to be shared on social media, it would create a wonderful kiddush Hashem. Aderaba! Let the world witness that people yearn for a genuine connection with Hashem and seek to move away from indulging in inappropriate desires....

**Keep on doing your avoidas hakodesh! Don't be fazed by these idiots!**

**What a great reply!!!**

**- Yiftach'I**

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by parev - 13 Jul 2024 20:05

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This calls for real daas tora - name included please!!

I mentioned this at the beginning of the thread, and although I was swept up with enthusiasm and hung in the Mir, I still think that there is room for a shaala.

IF there is an issue of chillul Hashem, the end *may* not justify the means, no matter the potential outcome. - this is a real shaala.

Similarly my contact in Lev Shomea was very vocal that the fact that throughout the doros inyonie kedusha was kept under wraps, evidently that is our mesora not to make a habala about it but to deal with it quietly. - whether the aforementioned sign falls into that category can be a shaala too.

As an aside, it could be that those suffering from these issues like we/some of us are, could be categorized as onsim and therefore eliminate the issue of chillul Hashem.

However even myself as an addict would be judgmental if I would become aware of certain Rabbonim watching porn... and could understand the knee jerk reaction of the sign rippers.

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by yiftach - 13 Jul 2024 20:22

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by frank.lee - 13 Jul 2024 22:14

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@IWLR, you are awesome! Hopefully your response resonates with him, and halevai he will follow up, ask a Rav and not just keep ripping them down.

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Posted by frank.lee - 13 Jul 2024 22:18

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Posted by cande - 14 Jul 2024 03:54

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imagining the response,

"i must say, im suffering from internet addiction  
too.....blah.....blah.....blah.....crying.....drama....."

FACTS!

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Posted by parev - 14 Jul 2024 03:58

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As mentioned previously they are of belief that the israeli bnies know where to turn to....

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by parev - 14 Jul 2024 04:41

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I have reached out to 2 big poskim and renowned rabbonim with experience in this field.

Will post the shaala and teshuva [and the name of the rabbonim] once a response comes through IYH

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by parev - 14 Jul 2024 12:55

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See My Correspondence with Rabbi Yitzchok Berkowitz shlit"a

Lichvod Rabbi Berkowitz

I am an avid member of Guard Your Eyes and SA.

Recently there has been an initiative to spread awareness among bnies tora that many are suffering silently for years with no-one to turn to, not aware that they are not unique in this struggle and that there are ways to break free.

I wanted daas tora confirmation if such a sign would be appropriate to hang up in adult botie midrashim [the Mir for example] **People voiced concerns of chillul hashem, ????? ????? ???, better left things swept under the rug and others.**

(a similar sign was posted in BMG and over 40 people responded)

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**I'd like to share my story with you in the hope that others can gain from it...**

**As a young boy I was unfortunately exposed to the darkest tumah the internet has to offer. I spent many many years struggling, all the while trying to figure out how to break free of the terribly strong grip the yetzer hara had on me. I struggled through my years in mesivta, beis medrash and then as a yungerman here in the Mir. This struggle gave me no rest and was a huge weight on my shoulders throughout all those years. Bchasdei Hashem, a few months ago I was zoche to learn the proper way how to deal with this nisayon and I've broken out of this terrible cycle that had been going on for more than 15 years.**

**If my story sounds at all familiar, you should know that you are not alone. There are other chashuve bnei torah that I know personally, and possibly many more that I don't know about, that struggle with these inyanim.**

**You should also know that it is quite possible to break free. The same way I did, you can as well.**

Feel free to call anytime [preferably bein hasdorim, if you don't block your caller ID I will try to bl"n return calls]

Phone Number and Email Address

Yitzchak Berkovits 14:19 (1 hour ago)

**It is not inappropriate if it is not a big flashy sign**

**YAY - Well Done IWLR!!!!**

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by eerie - 14 Jul 2024 20:03

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Anyway, friends, let's not get sidetracked, and let's keep up the good work!!!!

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Posted by parev - 14 Jul 2024 21:34

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It seems like your meds are doing the trick!!

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