

A moral dilemma

Posted by ovadia - 21 Jan 2010 12:57

To all the special people at GYE

After two months at GYE my life has changed immensely in many aspects, and I am indebted to everyone here and of course R Guard for saving my life/soul.

I have the following dilemma which I would appreciate hearing what the Oilam think.

I have always had an aversion to technology. On a very personal level I feel that the more I get involved in technology, the more it interferes with my Ruchniyus. I might be wrong, but it is the way that I feel. For this reason I do not have a computer at home.

The ironic thing about GYE is that to be part of it, I need internet access. Currently I have access at work which for obvious reasons means that I have limited time. (Interesting that I had less of a "dilemma" when I browsed other sites).

For this reason I have thought for a long time about getting a laptop. It is clear to me that I need GYE as oxygen for my soul, on a regular basis, and for the support you give when I need it. I feel that I have so much more to gain (and hopefully to give) from having more time to communicate with everyone.

Yet, having a computer seems to be opening a whole can of worms!!

I would appreciate if anyone can help me weigh up the sides based on their own experience.

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Re: A moral dilemma

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 24 Jan 2010 13:04

Besides the danger of p***, computers are addictive IN THEIR OWN RITE. Especially a computer at home. Once you have one, SUDDENLY so many things you can do on it seem so important. It really takes a toll on everything else.

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Re: A moral dilemma

Posted by ovadia - 24 Jan 2010 13:27

Ok this is really tearing me apart.

I know that this is going to sound like the Y"H talking, but I am going to run it past you guys.

I know that before I started to work, I managed fine, but as time has gone on I have used the computer at work for personal use more and more. I know that my boss does not mind (he got insulted when I asked him if I could print off something personal) but there is a limit.

GYE takes up a lot of my time and even more of my concentration and emotions during work time - and I NEED it.

I might be wrong, but I have made it very clear to my wife the dangers involved. I plan Bli Neder to give her the password. All in all I would like to give it a try.

I am not saying all this to justify myself, or to quiet my conscience (I hope - Negious !!!!!) I just think that By doing this with the right guards in place, one can survive, and maybe gain as well.

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Re: A moral dilemma

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 24 Jan 2010 14:16

[ovadia wrote on 24 Jan 2010 13:27:](#)

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Thos are two very unsettling possibilities. "One can survive" and "maybe gain as well". I am not going to tell you what to do, but from experience, if there's even a slight possibility that an addict has to reverting back to old ways, he WILL.

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Re: A moral dilemma

Posted by silentbattle - 24 Jan 2010 16:27

It's a tough call. This is a situation where I think it would be great to talk to a rebbe...

There is no clear "right" answer - it very much depends on your particular situation, and while we can point out the dangers and advantages, none of us know you as well as you know yourself, or a close rebbe knows you.

Just be careful, think long and hard, and (if you get it) get it knowing that you may have to get rid of it at some point in the future, if you see things aren't working out.

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Re: A moral dilemma

Posted by imtrying25 - 30 Jan 2010 22:11

Wishing you the best and hatzlacha on your decision. But dont ever forget that the lowly YH is always there!

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Re: A moral dilemma

Posted by silentbattle - 31 Jan 2010 06:55

Please keep us posted (really, no pun intended! :D), one way or another.

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