

unanimun & belmont4175's heoros

Posted by unanimun - 03 Jul 2014 00:42

the mishna in avos says ?? ?????? ????? ?????? ??????, ?????? ??????????"

The Maharal asks why does the mishna say that one whose fear of His sin is greater than his chochmo? It should say one whose fear of sin (?????? ?? ?????).

He answers that everyone, as a result of his inherent nature has a tendency towards specific sins. It is not enough for him to have a general fear of sin. He has to have a fear of his specific sin that he is more inclined to transgress.

Thereby the mishna is saying that only when one's fear of HIS sin precedes his chochmo, will his chochmo last.

(As explained by Rav Wolbe in aley shur vol. 1 pg. 133)

I think that just being aware of the fact that it is normal for different people to lean towards different sins should be encouraging. Also we see that there is a concept of working on the fear of a specific sin and not only a general Yiras Shamayim.

I know that some people will say that Yiras Shamayim doesn't do the job, but I think that there is something here that can help. Not the fear of heaven but the fear of sin. Being afraid of the sin and all the side effects, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Contemplating the fear of the specific sin, while we are not in the trenches nor in the middle of battle, perhaps can have a positive effect and change the results once the games begin.

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Re: unanimun & belmont4175's heoros

Posted by shlomo613 - 09 Aug 2015 22:27

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Re: unanimun & belmont4175's heoros

Posted by cordnoy - 09 Aug 2015 22:34

[shlomo613 wrote:](#)

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Why? you only use porn outside of your house?

I guess it is like those who observe 'kosher' in their house only.

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by shlomo613 - 09 Aug 2015 22:40

I wish I could say I was that religious.

In fact, I will not be seen with it in public; my house is not kosher.

(NB That was semi in jest. I do try - but the above was true for too long, and is liable to revert at the flick of a switch. Or the click of a mouse.)

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by unanumun - 07 Mar 2016 19:57

There is a Gemara that is often quoted that says that ????? ??????? ????? ??????? ????? ??
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Many people feel that from this gemora we see that somehow just being married can save one from hirhur aveira.

The obvious question is that the balabatim section of gye is very busy. Somehow the gemara skipped on all of us.

However, after just coming across the gemora again, I realized that there indeed is a simple pshat - one that is indeed discussed often on the balabatim section of gye.

The actual gemara starts off with a story, indeed the story is a prerequisite to understanding the gemara.

The Gemara in Yevamos at the end of daf .?? discusses that Rav Chiya's wife would cause him a lot of grief. In the context, it seems like he had it tough. The Gemara continues that Rav Chiya had a habit in which upon finding something appropriate for his wife, he would wrap it up in his handkerchief and bring it to her.

Rav asked him about this habit. He said to Rav Chiya, "your wife drives you nuts, [so why are you going out of your way to bring her things]" To which Rav Chiya replied "It is enough that she raises our children and saves us from sin [sinful thoughts]"

I was thinking that we see something very profound here. I believe that the fact that Rav Chiya was bringing her presents and the fact that she saved him from sinful thoughts are connected. As is discussed here often, Rav Chiya was taking care of his side of the street. He was constantly giving and looking for things that his wife would appreciate. He was not expecting anything in return (Otherwise he should have answered Rav, "Maybe if I bring her presents she will stop driving me nuts). He appreciated her for the good that he experienced in the relationship (raising his children and saving him from sin) and focused on that.

{It is fair to assume that if this was his attitude outside the bedroom, then this was his attitude inside the bedroom. I have seen in a choshuve sefer, that the whole concept of guarding from sin only helps when once approached the mitzva of onah from a proper attitude. (Perhaps this works emotionally perhaps spiritually- as a reward mida keneged mida) }

al kol panim, we can learn from Rav Chiya the importance of focusing on giving, with no expectations in return. Once we accomplish that we may discover that marriage can help us to avoid sin, (may we be zoche to understand that part of the equation one day.) but until we get over our selfishness, and start focusing on our wives, there is no kasha from the gemara.

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by unanumun - 07 Mar 2016 20:26

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The Gemora asks: Didn't Rav Yehudah teach his son elsewhere that a man finds gratification only with his first wife, and Rav Yitzchak asked him: "who is such a woman?" Rav Yehudah replied, "Your mother."

The Gemora answers: She would get angry fast, but she was easily appeased.

We see from this that the same woman that can be the worse wives can also be the best wives. And as the gemara answers it can change quickly from mood to mood.

Another point I see from this gemara is that based on the gamara's answer we see that the definition of being more bitter than death has to do with the wife being angry. I have seen several times on gye, that people's wives being angry can be a trigger to go escape and act out. It was for me.

We see that the gemara is validating that the feelings one has when a wife is angry, is indeed more bitter than death. (Apparently we see as well that it is something specific to a wife being angry as opposed to a different relative, a friend, neighbor or boss being angry)

So yes, it is a difficult thing to experience, but remember, the same wife can also be a source of gratification. Perhaps we can't all apease out wives easily, but there is always hope that the source of terrible bitterness, can turn into the source of gratification.

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by cordnoy - 09 May 2019 01:40

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by yiraishamaim - 09 May 2019 13:42

Thanks Cords for bringing to light this thread that was dormant for three long years.

Great Stuff!

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by cordnoy - 09 May 2019 15:35

[yiraishamaim wrote on 09 May 2019 13:42:](#)

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Pleasure, but that doesn't answer the question.

Nice to see/hear you though.

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 09 May 2019 16:19

[cordnoy wrote on 09 May 2019 01:40:](#)

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by cordnoy - 09 May 2019 16:30

[Gevura Shebyesod wrote on 09 May 2019 16:19:](#)

[cordnoy wrote on 09 May 2019 01:40:](#)

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by cordnoy - 09 May 2019 16:39

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[cordnoy wrote on 09 May 2019 01:40:](#)

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Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 09 May 2019 16:52

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Posted by Markz - 09 May 2019 17:28

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Our Muslim brothers have a tradition to keep the original text and burn all others.

Its in their Ani Maamin b'olam haba text too, for those that are in the know.

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Re: unanumun & belmont4175's heoros
Posted by lovingpapa - 09 May 2019 17:44

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pretty certain it means that we are supposed to focus our energy and effort to be intimate with

our wives in order to have children, who ultimately grow up as shomrei torah mitzvos, and can bring more nachas ruach to Avinu Shebashamyim.

we can use every character trait to achieve greatness!

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