

Welcome to the Beis Medrash!

Posted by the.guard - 18 Jun 2009 06:54

At the request of our Heilige Tzadikim, "bardichev" and "Pintele Yid", we are starting this board for Torah thoughts related to our struggle with lust and with the Yetzer Hara. If anyone comes across something inspiring in any sefer, whether it be Chumash, Rashi, Nach, Medrash, Gemara, Agadeta, Zohar, Chassidishe Seffarim, Mussar Seffarim, etc... PLEASE share it with us! Or if you have your OWN chiddushim on this struggle based on Torah, Chazal, or even Teffila and Tehhilim - PLEASE SHARE.

On our new site, guardyoureyes.org (which will be down for a few days as it is being transferred to a new server), we will have 10 categories. One of them will be "Beis Medrash" and we will try and choose the best insights from THIS BOARD for posting every day (or every few days) on the site.

I made the following members into moderators of this board:

"Ykv_schwartz, bardichev, dov, Noorah BAmram, Efshar Letaken, Pintele Yid"

I made them moderators because they already post a lot of great Torah thoughts. (Forgive me if I forgot anyone else who posts a lot of Torah)... Indeed, anyone who posts **a lot** on this forum will bl"n be upgraded to moderator of this board as well. Once you're a moderator, you can modify other people's posts, so you can fix mistakes that you notice in someone else's post, or add a word or two to make it easier to understand (if you want)... Which brings me to the next point:

To make it easier for us to use your thoughts on our website and perhaps in Chizuk e-mails as well, we ask that everyone try to spell correctly, put in commas where necessary, and use lower case and upper case letters as appropriate. This will save us editing time, and also make it more pleasant to read *Lechatchilah*... (Of course, if your spelling and grammar is not good, don't
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Who knows if one day this board won't be material for a new Sefer? The Torah was given for every generation to expand on, based on the issues that each generation faces. As the Pasuk says about the Torah: ***Rechava Minei Yam***. Who knows if this board is not the seed of one of

the great branches of the tree of Torah in **our generation?**

Bisheim Hashem Na'aseh Vinatzliach.

A few side notes:

- As Bardichev requested, this board will be without debates and without "personal struggles". Only Torah and Chizuk. (Questions and *shakla vitarya* are allowed).
- Although this board is not for 12-Step discussion, any Torah thought that can help us understand one of the 12-Step Yesodos better, can surely be posted here. (I think R' Dov would be **great** for that).
- If we get a good *vort* on the parsha each week, I can try bl'n to post it in Friday's Chizuk e-mail. (But to go into Friday's e-mail, it needs to be on THIS week's Parsha, not last week's).
- One day I hope to offer a Chizuk e-mail list JUST for Torah thoughts on this struggle, for those who want.
- Feel free to search through all your old posts, and copy and paste here all the Torah thoughts you ever had! :D

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by bardichev - 15 Jul 2009 20:58

beautiful idea

I LOVE IT

hello kutan I am not a slonimer chusid

but..but.. I heard from a GROISEHHH YEED

NESIVAS SHALOM WAS WRITTEN FOR THIS DOR

HE SAID (KMAT) IT IS A CHYUV TO LEARN IT MEN AND WOMEN CHASSIDISH AND LITVISH

DID YOU SEE THE VORT I QUOTED FROM THE HEILIGER KOBRINER ?

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by yechidah - 15 Jul 2009 21:03

All Slominer seforim are beautiful. A lot of people are learning nesivos shalom. My personal favorites are devrei shmuel and toras avos (the root - the kovriner is in there) the seforim of the first reb avraham are very deep, but if you stick with it, there are great treasures there.. and no. I love all Yidin (or at least try to) but I'm not a Slominer chossid.

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by Noorah BAmram - 16 Jul 2009 01:52

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Aye Tateh.....zol shien zein d gueloh

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by Efshar Letaken - 16 Jul 2009 22:15

Kuton,

I love that thought about learning how to fall with grace.

If we use bardichevs attitude in "Fell Shmell" it will help us fall shmall & get up & go on with grace.

NB,

This Nesivos is Ah Shtaarke Yesod!

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by UTS - 19 Jul 2009 22:03

[guardureyes wrote on 19 Jun 2009 10:36:](#)

hey women, with the internet today you can keep learning and getting inspiration! Check out the [Torah page](#) of our Kosher Isle. When you finished hearing all the shiruim on all the sites listed there (scroll down), let me know and I'll find you some more (it shouldn't take more than 100 years ;D)

For someone who is not aware of it, there really is a hundred years of Torah on the internet.

The thing is for everyone to find out what he or she likes, does good, etc.

I used to be against women learning too much. But, have I changed my mind! For one thing, there are the false hashkofos that are flowing around out there, concerning what Judaism is or isn't and what it teaches. Kabboloh is completely distorted of course, so I hear and believe it, but somehow never managed to see much of that personally.

Secondly, women have to know many things from halochos to hashkofoh etc.

Apparently, there are not enough shiurim (live) for those interested. But, the internet is an endless source. And the Guard shlitoH really put up a good list. For men, we have to weigh whether it is all worth it in light of the problems. For women, it would seem to be a more one way brochoH (blessing).

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!

Posted by Kollel Guy - 10 Dec 2009 08:44

The reason the previous generations weren't so into women learning, was because they were completely sheltered from the outside world anyway, so why rock the boat? In other words, they don't have the general chiyuv - for reasons dicussed in the gemara, so the only reason would be

for the mussar and philosophy to counter the ytz"hr, but they didn't need that, being as they generally were'nt exposed to the streets anyway.

However as soon as they were exposed (haskala) and they were being affected, Reb. Sarah Schenirer opened the 1st Bais Yaakov for the simple reason that it became neccessary.

All the more so today...

Agav, This beis medrash is the greatest thing since penicillin! (well, maybe since the whole gue community site, but before THAT - penicillin)

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Posted by UTS - 17 Jan 2010 11:33

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Posted by UTS - 17 Jan 2010 11:54

[kutan shel hachabura wrote on 15 Jul 2009 20:47:](#)

LEARNING HOW TO FALL GRACEFULLY

I wish I knew how to fall off a bike gracefully! Or just how to fall (physically) gracefully, actually more safely.

That was a good moshol.

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by Kollel Guy - 17 Jan 2010 13:20

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Of course they learnt the Halachos which were relevant to everyday life. I'm talking about learning for the sake of knowledge. Learning the philosophy of the Torah, and why things were created the way they were, and the deeper meanings of the mitzvos.

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Posted by shemirateinayim - 18 Feb 2010 21:25

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You brought tears to my eyes, by reminding me how much I miss Nesivos Shalom. But you rekindled within me the most beautiful word I have ever heard from the sefer. The beauty is not in its depth or heart, but in its utter simplicity and powerful meaning.

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Titsheinu Hashem Elokeinu Milfaneicha.....

And that "Gzeira shava" is said about "??? ????? " !!!!!

With tears in my eyes thank you for reminding me of this vort (I has to call-up EY to ask a
chaver to repeat it to me- so I has the wrong gemara posted for an hour or so.)

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by Noorah BAmram - 18 Feb 2010 21:48

this cold heart is so frigid that i don't even remember writing thatbut thanks for reminding me
of this piece from the holy Rebbe....boy do i need this reminder

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!

Posted by shemirateinayim - 18 Feb 2010 22:11

I had to call EY and have a chver summoned to the phone, to tell me it's in 3a, and not from the G"SHava of Aleiha Aleiha. I alwaysed condused these 2 pesukim when sayin git over!

Hey can you type the pasuk in hebrew. Whell it's not a pasuk, rather it's from Nishmas Kol chai....

I want to send this to GUARD to use in the emails. It get's too watered sown in translation, so it's fine the way it is. I just can't type in hebrew (that's all cut/paste from hebrewbooks.org)

It's not from you. And if anyone from EY sees this, and you recognise me, and my divrei torah...please do me the courtesy of a pm (oh and welcome to the forum, what daf are you guys up to now?)

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!

Posted by SIB101854 - 16 Sep 2013 05:03

For the last ten years, on the Yamim Noraim, I have been davening from the Machzor Mesoras HaRav , which is based on the teachings of Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik ZL, the Rosh Yeshiva of Yesivas Rabbeinu Yitzchak Elchanan ZL. Rav Soloveitchik ZL said in 1971 in the pre Internet era, the following:

"I have often encountered a very strange phenomenon in modern society. There is a certain openness to modern man. He has no modesty. Modern man will often publicly discuss intimate details of his life. Somehow, he is not embarassed to pick up subjects or discuss topics or problems whioch should belong in the realm of his private intimate life. Modern man lacks Tznius, modesty.

This is so because modesty entails concealment. Modern man, hoswever, is basically a man-thing. He experiences himself as a thing, as an object, as something concrete. Everything about him is on the surface. Thus, there are no secrets. There is no privacty. There are no intimate phases in modern man's life.

That is why modern man is burdened with the curse of pornogra[phy]. Pornography has existed since man was created. It as ancient as man himself and results from man's degenerate imagination. Modern pornography is unique in that the legislatures wish to legalize it. Powerful rampant forces in our society assert that the prohibition againat pornographic literature is in conflict with constitutional liberties, with free speech. This phenemoena has occurred since modern man experiences himself as man-thing, as man-object, and is, thus, open and vacuous. (Noraos HaRav, Vol. 15, Page 114).

Rav Soloveitchik ZL also commented on why we read Parshas Arayos at Mincha on the Yom HaKadoshm of Yom HaKipurrim:

"Egypt and Canaan are mentioned specifically because these nations represented the two poles of secular civilization in Biblical times. Egypt was the most urbanized and technologically advanced civilization of the time, while Canaan was pastoral and primitive. The Torah emphasizes here that as different as they were from each other, nbeither of these fundamentally immoral societies should serve as role models. The essential message of the Torah reading during Mincha on Yom Kippur is that if we do not separate from the nations, we can become corrupt and impure (Before HaShem, Pages 157-158, quoted in Mesoras HaRav Machzor for Yom Kippur at at P.688.)"

Rabbosai-this is what we must face and comprehend so that our own Milchemes Mitzvah that each of us must face will result in our being Matzliach and having a kiyum in the wonderful mitzvah of Kedoshim Tihiyu Bshlemusah!

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Re: Welcome to the Beis Medrash!
Posted by HHJR613 - 09 Jan 2014 12:56

I heard something today from Isralight.

In our Torah, G-d gives instructions about theft and "slavery." It seems harsh to make someone work hard and live with someone until you realize the lessons:

1) If you mess up (steal or owe money) then you must take responsibility Don't just blame bad luck.

2) People sometimes think that they have no value. It is easier to break a law (steal) when you are worthless. G-d is teaching us that if you were worthless, no one would pay for you. Since you have a market value, you can earn back your respect with hard work and also realize that you are important and have financial value (and obviously also have intrinsic value).

Realize how worthwhile you are. It may not make things much easier but I hope it's food for thought.

Best of luck.

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