

It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 24 Nov 2022 19:25

Hi there all my anonymous friends!

I am on here for a while, most of the time just to sign in and update where I'm holding, but from time to time I do read around some posts on the forums, and I am really at a loss of words when I try to describe what I think about all of you. I'm simply awed into silence. You guys are all amazing, fighting the terrible urges, sometimes in such difficult circumstances, from complicated pasts, I stand humbled. I am so proud to at least be part of the same nation, even if I don't come close. Keep up the fight and may Hashem be with all of you and may you feel his closeness.

And now, Hi! I gave myself the name eerie because that's what I think about my situation. I am blissfully married to a really special person,(which, I learned from the posts on this site, is not to be taken for granted. It's something that so many of my dear friends here struggle with, their addictions creating issues in their marriage and the problems in their marriage further exacerbating their addictions) and we have a few wonderful kids. I really cannot imagine a better marriage, we respect each other, love each other, communicate beautifully, and my intimate life is wonderful. I believe my wife would say the same. I am a seriously respected member of my community, I am in a position of chinuch (and I think I do a pretty good job:)), so why oh why on earth am I here? What would the people think if they knew? Would I still have a wife? Would they let me talk to my kids? At that point would I even care about my job or my life's mission? I BH had a wonderful upbringing, loving and caring parents who are very proud of their "successful kli kodesh" son. What would they think if they knew? These thoughts were on my mind as I created my account and the feeling I had was "This is eerie. A mechanech. A talmid chacham. Sought after maggid shiur. This is totally eerie." So there you have it. It's all in the name.

A little about me. I think many of you would disagree but I don't think I'm addicted to P&M. I have normal urges like all healthy people. I have no smartphone (if you would only hear me speak about the downfalls), no computer at home. So where and when do/did I fall? I called a talk line by mistake, I was trying to reach a company. I was horrified. I hung up and told my wife about it. But, of course, my curiosity plus urge got me to call. This was probably 10+ years ago, called maybe 10 times total. Can't remember the last time I did that. Then my wife got a smartphone, and we blocked the browser entirely through parental controls, with each of us having half the code. Of course, when I was down I tried a few times and of course I figured out her half. Here and there I would go on really bad sites. Not long thereafter we got rid of that phone. That was also 10+ years ago/ But every once in a while I fall. I once found that one computer in the Yeshiva (!!!!) where I work had no filter. You read that right.. No filter, in the yeshiva computer! I would estimate that once in 2-3 months I went on really bad stuff there. One day I just realized that I need accountability, so I came to GYE. I know I have to answer to someone, I'm going to write it if I fall, and that helps me.

Now you might wonder, what am I writing this for? I am writing it first of all because I feel a kinship and I feel like it's "therapeutic" to tell my story someplace. Because even the people that I really trust, I can't tell them any of this. I sometimes wish there was an anonymous phone line where I could call and tell a Rav what I struggle with, to get it out of my system. When I was

bachur I was really close to my rebbeim, and I shared with them even my deepest secrets and struggles, I would tell my Rebbe if I M'd. BH I didn't struggle with that much, but I did do it a few times in my bachurische years, and my rebbe knew/knows about it. Maybe I'm weird that I shared that with my rebbe, but that's me. If I felt an attraction to a bachur I told him, and he understood me, always helped me, never judged me. There's no question that having such a person in my life changed me in unimaginable ways. Alas, I don't think I'll ever have the nerve to go to anyone and discuss my normal struggles and mistakes at this point. What would a rav or even my rebbe, whom I am still very close to 20+ years later, think if a person in my position came and said "I struggle with this. Once in a while I can fall into watching P." I can't do that, so I'm saying it here. I'm a healthy person with normal urges and desires and it can happen that I fall sometimes. I try to avoid unfiltered machines, when I'm at my parents' house I don't touch their devices, I told them to never let my kids touch their things and I warn my children to stay away, not even to look at Grandma's phone. But I know that every once in a while I'll find a device, and my urges, desires and curiosity (yes, I am still curious as to what some tags on some sites are supposed to mean. Curiosity is powerful.) can get the better of me. I joined GYE so I have to give an accounting, and I even had a fall since I joined, which I reported. I have a life's story, like everyone else, and here I shared some. Maybe some more another time.

But another reason I write this is because I look at what other people have written here, and I realize how small I am. I, the guy who sits up front at dinners, the guy whom you may have even heard at a dinner or some other place, I look at you in awe. Because I am not torn to shreds like some of you are, I have a happy marriage, and so many of you are working so hard to just keep the pieces in place. You are brutally honest with yourselves, and in spite of being in places I have only read about, doing things out there....in spite of that you are here, trying mightily to get only closer to Hashem, to be good, to be clean. I also struggle, but nowhere nearly as much as most of the people here. And I wish I could shake your hand and tell you how proud I am of you. I am so proud, and I know that I can't imagine how proud Hashem is. Keep it up!!! In this world I'm at the head table at the dinner, but believe me, at the se'udas livyason you guys will be up there, I hope I'll at least be in the crowd!

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No and yes; it means that he was usin' his brain to convince him how he would feel good and what will be beneficial for him.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 03 Jan 2024 21:48

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Heeling - 03 Jan 2024 21:51

[eerie wrote on 03 Jan 2024 21:48:](#)

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Heeling - 04 Jan 2024 14:53

So, While the Legend didn't clock 500 yet, I think its fear to say he'll be here shortly. So, lets starts the party...

Mazel Tov on this milestone! Wow! Huge, you're a Rabbi and role model for many of us. Always with a warm smile and huge hug. The positive energy popping out of the phone. Thank you for who you are!

Keep trucking!

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 04 Jan 2024 21:28

I really appreciate the warm words and the deep feelings of friendship, my dear Heeling.

I wish I had time, but I don't. I wish I had the time and the presence of mind to write something profound. To really express my gratitude to Hashem, to HHM, to all of my dear friends here. It's

really been unbelievable so far, and I'm looking forward to continuing here together with you all. For a long, long time, beH. It's unreal to me to read my first post, and to see how much you guys did for me. I wish I had the time to express what's going on in my heart. I wish I had the words to explain how much you each mean to me. I wish I could hug each of you and tell you what an impact you've made on me. How highly I think of you. How special you are and the inspiration I've gained from being here with you. Alas, I have not the time right now. Maybe we'll have a belated party. For now I'll just say thank you for being there, thank you for letting me into your family, thank you for always listening to my thoughts, worries, gripes etc. And thank you for holding my hand.

Keep trucking...and smiling!

Eerie Gimpelovitz (Yes, my real name:))

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by chaimoigen - 05 Jan 2024 01:00

The towne crier calls out "Hear Ye!"

And the multitudes all get teary

For **500** he's past

Countless Zchusim amassed

Thank You Hashem for Eerie!

May you continue the path you've begun

Bringing us warm rays of sun

Knowing just what to say

Never ~~linger~~ has a bad day

Encouraging each every one!!!

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by cande - 05 Jan 2024 19:22

EERIE!

give me high five! your definitely made of FIRE.

or something.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by chaimoigen - 07 Jan 2024 01:05

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When I wrote "never has a bad day" I didn't mean that you never do. I know that you, my friend, make mistakes and get down like everyone else. But one of the things I respect so much about you as that you pretty much always maintain your positive tone and your upbeat optimism, at least here in the fake forums we live in. That's a positive Middah and one of the things I admire and like about you!

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I'll challenge you to come here to post what you feel/did next time you have a bad day, If you won't prove us we will continue having a hard time to believe you. I have a feeling that the bad

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 07 Jan 2024 19:28

My friend and inspiration, Reb True-self, you made me smile!

That much I will concede to Reb CO, that I try to remain positive. When I have a bad day or I'm otherwise run-down, I call one of my friends from here and just shmooze. It helps to pick me up and put me back on track. Even if I don't talk about my bad mood and its causes. If I'm feeling really run-down I call Reb CO and let him hear me. If I'm mamash depleted...oh, well then watch out, eh....em, what were you asking again?

(P.s. years ago I told my wife, that when I'm in a bad mood she should totally ignore it. Just go on as if nothing is doing. For me it works much better then the "Oy, my dear eerie, what happened? Did someone bother you? Oish, I'm sorry you're upset...

I don't know what works for others. Of course it is proper to inquire as to what's bothering your spouse. That's why I told her clearly, just ignore me and eventually, it may take a year or two, but eventually I'll come around:))

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