

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 bachurishe 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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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by redfaced - 26 Feb 2025 18:39

[youknowwho wrote on 26 Feb 2025 01:10:](#)

[chaimoigen wrote on 26 Feb 2025 00:48:](#)

[eerie wrote on 26 Feb 2025 00:37:](#)

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There's the part that she sees this as a relationship, as a threat to her own, etc. Bottom line is, a woman can be much more distraught that her husband is casually shmoozing with another women, than she is by the fact that he had sex with other women

Powerful.

Just want to accentuate the obvious: you're not mitigating the fact that many women would murder their husbands (**and dismember them limb by limb**) for having any kind of physical contact with another woman, let alone sex. You're pointing out that to some women, casual intimate conversation can be as bad (or in this particular case worse).

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Once again it all goes back to ??????? ??????

She would be thrilled to know how she is inspiring the generations

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by altehmirrerr - 27 Feb 2025 05:28

Just saw this now..... (hey am i even later then py?!!!!!!!), to add my 2 cents from the point of view as someones who's been there and done that..... sorry chachomim but what this women is saying and feeling is basic stuff....., to me the chiddush would be the other way around...., what a women needs and craves most is to find chein in their husbands eyes, that's her essence it's her mohus, so when she finds out that her husband is in a emotional relationship with someone else, then she feels no existence at all, not just is her husband crazy..... but she feels like she herself is worthless, and that is a indescribable pain....., on the other hand this that her husband is acting out in all these crazy ways while it hurts her tons tons tons... and she is in alot of pain, it is still not reiring uhn her gontzeh metzius in the same oifen (although it is also.... but it's not as deep...), ok enough with my rambling, and please hashem help out all the yidden, r' eerie wishing you much hatzlocha with them!!! my heart goes out to her and to him.

kol tuv from the mir!

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Posted by parev - 27 Feb 2025 05:50

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my wife felt so validated when i read her this post

'i thought i was the only one who cared more when u shmooze with the nieghbur than when youd go to a prostitute'

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 12 Mar 2025 20:30

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Tired, stressed people that have a bottle or two of wine for a lchaim instead of stressing reach

Tired, stressed people that reach out to friends have been BH quite successful

There. That's seems a little more seasonally appropriate.

#TYH

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 25 Mar 2025 05:49

I know this is isn't the grouchery, but in my own space I'll take the liberty to grouch.

GROUCH

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 30 Mar 2025 19:50

Saw a beautiful vort

Someone came to the Chazon Ish, he had done terrible things, and his past was not letting him move on.

The Chazon Ish told him, the gemara says ?????? ????? ??? ??????, said the Chazon Ish, the thoughts about the aveirah that a person has done, the thoughts of yiush, of feeling so low and disgusted with oneself, those thoughts are really worse than the aveirah itself! Your worst enemy are not your past misdeeds, but the way you view yourself as a result of them

Dearest Chaveirim, KEEP ON TRUCKING!

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 09 Apr 2025 18:38

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It's so sad. Here's a girl, exposed, struggling, not knowing what to do. Her parents are oblivious, thinking that there's no problem with the computer, right? Perhaps they don't know anything about wifi. But as parents raising children in today's world, we all have to stay in the know.

It is incumbent upon us to be knowledgeable. Otherwise we run the same risk as above.

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Hashem Yeracheim Aleinu

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Posted by chosemyshem - 09 Apr 2025 19:07

Is the chiddush here that it's a girl?

Because this general story is probably how ~75% of us got started.

Definitely how I got started. Except by me TikTok didn't exist yet (Youtube did. And they used to let much more interesting things on youtube lemme tell ya.) And the computer was "filtered." Anyone remember k9? lol. Oh, and my parents almost certainly knew/suspected what was going on. They just didn't know how to deal with it (or turning a blind eye perhaps was the best way of dealing with it. Who knows.)

Or maybe there's no chiddush and you're just trying to unload. Eerie, you're welcome to hang out and unload anytime!

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by jubilantfalcon18 - 10 Apr 2025 01:50

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Im assuming from the ad in the papers...

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Posted by eerie - 10 Apr 2025 22:49

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by redfaced - 11 Apr 2025 04:26

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