

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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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by chancy - 29 Nov 2022 20:29

You wanna know why he isn't here yet? This is what our holy sfarim say.

There are 50 levels of impurity against 50 levels of Holiness l'havdil. the 50th level of holiness is freedom (as in the 50 year is the Jubilee/Yoivel)

but in order to get that activated the 50th level needs to be cleaned out. Because its like a see-saw they are aligned up against each other. when one rises the other falls. So in order to raise the 50th level of Kdusha, the 50th level of tuma needs to be cleand out. Hashem saw that the yiden in Mitzrayim are not capable of doing it and it would be fatal for them to attempt. so he preempted the redemption earlier then expected. But it wasnt a complete redemption yet. So

our job now is to go into the depths of the 50 level of tuma and collect the sparks of holiness and raise them up. How do we do that, you ask?

1. By realizing that everything beautiful and good and desirable in this world is only alive because it has a holy spark in it, without that, it would cease to exist.

2. The you say to yourself, "if this beautiful *car* (a euphemism that's also true for me, as I love a good car) is so desirable because it has a holy spark, how much more beautiful and desirable is to be able to connect to higher levels of these holy sparks until you connect with Hashem? **infinitely more!**

You see, love and beauty and connection and all other character traits (midos) that we use in this world are actually very holy attributes from up high that after many many constrictions and conversions come into this world as physical things that we can comprehend, but they are only weak imitations of the real thing as they are accessed up high. So this is our job to see the beauty, understand the holy spark thats keeping it alive, think about the higher beauty, and raise everything up to Hashem!.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Eerie - 29 Nov 2022 21:36

You've only amplified my question, Chancy! Because what are you and all the people here doing if nit all that you describe, albeit in kabbala for the laymen:) I know the answer, chancy. The reason Moshiach is not here yet is because not enough people are here on GYE! There's a whole thread about getting the people here, ???? ?? ????? ???

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Markz - 30 Nov 2022 00:03

[Geshmak! wrote on 29 Nov 2022 17:51:](#)

[Markz wrote on 29 Nov 2022 06:12:](#)

[Gevura Shebyesod wrote on 28 Nov 2022 21:43:](#)

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What?!?!?

And here I thought you know Yiddish...

KOMT!

See more at

<https://guardyoureyes.com/forum/23-Just-Having-Fun/84252-GYE-GLOSSARY-OF-TERMS>

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Sapy - 30 Nov 2022 03:50

Wow, I feel like an Alta zetzter.... but you guys should read some old threads here!

Warning: Spoiler!

Scary to see the only thank you of the Baal Habbus...

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Hashemschild.1 - 30 Nov 2022 05:54

WOWOWOW I love every word you wrote! I was in the same situation as you, I'm currently up to day 16. The fighting isn't easy, but I can so relate to every word you wrote!

I'm struggling since I was 13-14 (more than 10 years ups and downs). And now I suddenly got this push from Hashem to go ahead and start fighting this bloody war.

Thank you Hashem for pushing me to where I'm up to!!

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Emes-a-Yid - 30 Nov 2022 06:31

[Eerie wrote on 29 Nov 2022 18:30:](#)

I felt alive. Because I am alive. I can do this, I can fight, I can stay clean, I can make Hashem proud, I can make my wife proud, I can make my parents proud, and yes, I can even make myself proud. Yes, I can look in the mirror and be proud. Because I'm here for the long haul. Dearest friends, my dear dear brothers, I so happy to join you all in the land of the living!

And all of us reading this are proud, keep shteiging and representing a very special holy yid becoming holier, you are own of a kind, keep that in mind. BTW I know it may sound cleshay but I plan on never falling, and bz"h with constant talks and chizuk, it just won't happen, because I am being vulnerable similar to you. HHM thanks for your help, if you are reading this, I B"H on day like 50+ (just counted at 7+ because I wanted to do a daily fresh start on here) I hope you are proud of me, and please don't think for a second I don't care and that's why I haven't been in touch. I do care and B"H I have been very busy and always kept that and now doing 50 days please be proud, although I know I haven't reached out to you for a while now. Eerie, chazak ubaruch I am planing to be proud of each and everyone of us here, so it's not just your blood

relatives yourself and friends. It is also us your gye community chaverim here by your side!
hatzlacha, and keep up the great work!!

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Re: It's all in the name
Posted by chancy - 30 Nov 2022 18:18

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Re: It's all in the name
Posted by Sapy - 30 Nov 2022 18:27

[chancy wrote on 30 Nov 2022 18:18:](#)

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Re: It's all in the name
Posted by chancy - 30 Nov 2022 18:40

Ok, i take it all back. I thought he meant the other one....

I SINCERLY APOLOGIZE. Please forgive me for i have sinned.

Please delete my posts that you have reposted. Ive deleted mine. i want no record of it....

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Geshmak! - 30 Nov 2022 19:33

I know Yiddish and I still don't know what komt means can someone please explain I'm like a stikel going crazy,what does it mean???? I'm soooo curious!!

btw I don't like to type Yiddish on this forum cause many members don't understand it so it's not so nice like imagine in middle of a geshmakah thread and someone through s in a post in Spanish and a few guys reply in Spanish... I would be pretty mad.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Geshmak! - 30 Nov 2022 19:39

[Sapy wrote on 30 Nov 2022 18:27:](#)

[chancy wrote on 30 Nov 2022 18:18:](#)

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I'm just curious...

But why would you take such a username?

Does komt mean to come? Like we're should they come to (hope u don't mean the other come.. like I'm just not chaping)

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Teshuvahguy - 30 Nov 2022 20:04

Isn't it "Keep on Monster Truckin"?

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Eerie - 30 Nov 2022 21:24

Hi there Dear Brothers! There are a whole bunch of things I want to share in my journal here, so although I sort of decided to only post once a day maybe today will be an exception. I know that most things I write are things that you all feel and know, I'm just writing the way I experience them. In yesterday's post I wrote about the feeling of my heart waking up after a long hibernation. It is so geshmak to just feel myself. This morning, as I was putting on my teffilin I remembered that when I was a bachur, I was probably 16-17 there was a long period of time that I cried every morning when I said the ??? before teffilin that's printed in every siddur. I had terrible urges, and I just wanted to be good. I would cry to Hashem "the teffilin opposite my heart should subjugate my heart and it's desires to your service...and may the teffilin bring me to long life, may it bring upon me kedusha, with holy thoughts and no sinful thoughts...". I cried, I begged, I pleaded. I even created my own little nusach for that teffila. But then, somewhere along the way, that innocent little boy faded away. Of course I knew I should be better, but I didn't believe I ever will be better. I mean, for years I was trying, I made kabbalos, I didn't go there or look at that, and a little while later it was whamo! here we go again, slipping up. I don't know at what point, but somewhere I emotionally disconnected. My heart went into a deep slumber. But over the past few days I feel my heart waking up. It's nowhere near to what it was, it still needs to get out of bed and drink a coffee, but at least I feel it. It has a pulse. And that feels amazing. This morning when I put on my Talis I imagined it to be Hashem's way of hugging me (thanks vehkam for the inspiration), I felt totally enveloped in His loving embrace. And when I put the teffilin strap around my finger 3 times, and I said the pesukim where Hashem talks to us, to me, to you, to every Yiddish neshama, "you are betrothed to me forever", FOREVER. No matter what you will do, no matter how sullied your Neshama may get, no matter where you'll be, you will still be mine, you will still be my beloved. "You are betrothed to me in faithfulness", oy, Hashem, halevai I was always faithful, forgive me for the infidelity! But Hashem, I will be faithful, I will keep on fighting, I hope to never fall again but if I will I will get up

again, too. Hashem I feel your endless. eternal love for me. And as I put the strap on, like a ring that Hashem has given his kalla, you guys can all laugh but I imagined Hashem kissing me on my forehead. It felt so good to know that Hashem is proud to have me as His child. And I'm happy I sit in the back of the shul (even though I sit up front by dinners:)), so no one saw my tears. My dear brothers, I'm coming back. Thank you all for the inspiration you give just by being you...and sharing it

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Re: It's all in the name
Posted by Eerie - 30 Nov 2022 21:28

Emes-a-yid, your words warm my soul! You are a true brother, keep inspiring us all

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