

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 Sapy - 30 Nov 2022 22:55

Okay guys let loose a bit... Geshmak, it stands for Keep On Monster Truckin', a GYE slang, that whoever will know on the world to come gets a straight ticket in Gan eiden, with a Woodford on the house. And if you wanna reply in Spanish go ahead I won't be offended. Chancy Marksiz will gladly forgive you. I'm not worried.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Eerie - 30 Nov 2022 23:45

You guys are making me feel like you're in my dining room, shmoozing and drinking beer on the
I have a funny suggestion, and I ask nobody
to take offense (Uh, oh. something offensive is coming...) but the way I see it is that a thread is
a person's way of recording his journey, with pointers for the oilam and from the oilam. When
the conversation goes to a different direction entirely why not take that conversation someplace
else? Just a suggestion, nobody has to agree with me...

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couch, and I'm not even part of the conversation!

Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Sapy - 30 Nov 2022 23:49

Sorry Eerie, i apologize btw nice to meet you.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Teshuvahguy - 30 Nov 2022 23:54

[Eerie wrote on 30 Nov 2022 22:19:](#)

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Kudos, @eerie. BH, my wife told me that a long time ago. She just wants the closeness and love and affection and gentle, loving attention. If it happens, it's nice but for us to give our wives that pressure that if they are not getting there they are failing US, is wrong thinking.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Sapy - 01 Dec 2022 00:05

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Sapy - 01 Dec 2022 03:02

Good work Rabbi Eerie, Eirree Yeshanim Meshinaschem....

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Geshmak! - 01 Dec 2022 03:34

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Not stam!!!! This post is so powerful and so true it's scary!!!! I think our chusen rebbes need to start teaching theses stuff. Hey r'eerie maybe become a chusin rebbe!

btw this thread should be moved to the bb forum. I don't know how to switch a thread there but my first thread wasn't in bb and someone switch it (probably the moderator switch it there) but the problem is that so many chushivah buchrem take so much chizuk from your post you can't locked them out of it... maybe open a new thread there.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Markz - 01 Dec 2022 05:31

[Geshmak! wrote on 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

gye is nor far fartige meshigoyim - If you're only a stikel u don't belong here, sorry bro.

You need to simply get a life. Ask HHM he has the password.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Geshmak! - 01 Dec 2022 05:38

Lol! I said I'm going... I'm on the way I'm almost catching up to you.

btw what do you mean he has the password,Password to what?

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Eerie - 01 Dec 2022 05:52

dear Gesmak! some people have different ways of expressing humor, and Markz has his. He

was referring to your comment about KOMT, and he's telling you, jokingly, to ask HHM to help you with it. It means Keep On Monster Trucking, by the way. Now go prepare shiur, Geshmak! And don't forget to keep posting, your words are full of chizuk for me and all of us. In the future if you have trouble understanding Markz just PM me and I'll do my best:)

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Emes-a-Yid - 01 Dec 2022 13:52

[Eerie wrote on 30 Nov 2022 22:19:](#)

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Posted by jackthejew - 01 Dec 2022 14:34

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I think even for us Bochurim, it's only really useful knowldege when it's practical, D'hayu when we're BE"H engaged. But it is critical that you inform your Chosson teacher that you have been exposed to porn, because unfortunately there's usually lots of damage to undo

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by Eerie - 01 Dec 2022 17:18

Hey,Sapy! I like that one, it wasa not what I had in mind when I signed up for GYE, but it is more true then what I was thinking. Because being here really woke me up! And really guys, I get a mazal tov...it's been a few months since I signed up, but today is a week since my first post! And what a wild week it has been....I never thought I would post, I started off just signing in, then once in a while reading other people's posts, but I should post?! Never! I was mortified at the thought of it. To speak to someone?! Are you nuts?! Well, my dearest friends, dearest brothers who have been with me for just this one week of my journey, I don't know why I did it, and I don't know how I did it. But boy am I glad that I did it! There was nothing particular going on, but I guess I just burst from keeping my struggles to myself for so long. I took stock this morning and I realized that I am calmer, happier, more confident, and even in just one week my marriage improved. I know I have a long way to go in all those things, but I feel better then I

have in ages. I came into my house this morning after Shachris, I was in such a happy mood! I kissed and hugged every one of my kids, with a hearty good morning. The world is so much brighter! Brothers of mine, it's just so great to be alive! I have no words to thank the people who have commented, encouraged, reached out, and for the person who gave his time almost every day this week to listen, feel me, understand me, direct me, and to give me a telephone hug. Me, my children, my wife, my future generations, we all say thank you.

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Re: It's all in the name

Posted by chancy - 01 Dec 2022 17:20

If i had told my chussen rabbi to what i was exposed to, he at first wouldn't believe me, then wouldn't understand what im tiling about, and if i had explained it to him, he would've died right

So make sure to find the right kind of teacher.....

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there and then from a stroke or heart attack.