

Introducing myself

Posted by noselfconfidence - 15 Dec 2022 18:33

Ummm I've been looking at this forum for a while and I finally got myself to become a member of gye and post I saw Someone said that it's healthy to post so I guess I'll try

I'm in my twenties and I'm married and have kids learn half day work other half have very little self confidants I'm the middle child in a big family all my brothers and brother in laws learn all day and are big t.ch. I always felt my farther hates me even though I know it's not true now that I have my own kids but I always thought that way and I built a deep belief with me that I'm not good and my father is embarrassed of me and the only thing that made me calm and happy was to look at bad pictures in my mothers lady magazines and masturbate but today I want to stop But I just can't I watch the worst and my wife which I'm very close to thank you h for that knows abt it but I tell her it's an Old addiction that I have. She begs me to stop for my kids sake I tell her I want to stop for mine and her sake but I just can't. She tried to get me to go to therapy but I'm to embarrassed to meet someone. She recently told me to check out gye so I'm here I saw that someone wrote that new members should post so here I am. He wrote it will feel good to get it out but I actually feel bad ... I hope nobody knows me and u are probably all laughing at me for this weird first post. But I'm trying not to care and I'm really only doing this for my wife anyway she cry's in bed and I know it's because of me but just can't help it so I told her I'll try gye. Whatever

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Posted by Teshuvahguy - 22 Dec 2022 11:58

[Human being wrote on 22 Dec 2022 05:43:](#)

[Teshuvahguy wrote on 21 Dec 2022 21:42:](#)

Dear HB, if you have something to say, I welcome you to say it. Go with G-d! However, it is not cool to use my words and strike through them to make your point. That is disrespectful to me. I have never shown you disrespect and I am surprised you would show it to me. You have no idea what was behind my comment and you didn't ask for clarification. Please do not "edit" my words again. With much appreciation, TG

I'm sorry. Yes it wasn't nice at all. It was a mistake and you should be upset at me. I wasn't sure if I should do it. I understood from the way you expressed yourself last night, that you wouldn't be coming back, therefore I was "moreh heter" to write it, because it wouldn't hurt you anyway.

But yes, it was not nice at all and I should not have done it, so I would like to give you an apology, *I'm sorry and I don't blame you for being upset, it was disrespectful and you have always been respectful to me.*

You are respectful and have taught me much. I hope you can move past this mistake of mine with forgiveness and peace. I dont judge you if you can't. Feel free to PM me to continue the convo. Only love

All is forgiven, my friend. ??

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I agree and you agree and so does his wife who told him in no uncertain terms that he needs to get help - but where does he stand now?

Likely helpless / therapist less / gye friends less.

In concept you are 100% right.

In reality I believe I have a point too, and we need to find the balance.

I learned this from a top therapist. I'll try find his frank talk on the topic, and share it with you guys.

Thanks for your input!

KOMT

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Posted by Eerie - 22 Dec 2022 17:10

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All of us have some quirks.

Teshuvahguy, I agree it's unusual to strike out text like our friend HB did, but a private pm would suffice, or better yet just KOT!

Let's stop trying to change him. He's trucking nicely on gye and so are you!!

Markz, if you felt the need to rebuke me for my (very polite) comment to HB about altering my post by *telling me it would have been better to do so via PM*, then wouldn't your own comment criticizing me *have been better delivered via PM*? You know, kinda "lead by example" sort of thing? Anyway, we're all over it. Time to move on.

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Re: Introducing myself
Posted by Eerie - 22 Dec 2022 17:24

Hi TG! It's nice to see you here. btw, you seemed very bothered by the seeming double standard shown by Cordnoys post and shared some strong words about it. As a follow up I would urge you to check out said post and write a beautiful piece about equality on the forums. Keep trucking my friend!

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I don't think anybody argues on the aspirin thing. What I believe Markz is saying, as well as what I'm saying, is that its not about morally what should be done, but rather practically what can be done, aka, practically how can we get him to get help faster, Markz and i believe that the less aggressive we are, the better we are off *practically*. The faster we will get someone to reach out, and the safer people will be. So what do you argue about? I see 2 options.

1)- You agree that practically the softer the approach, the faster to get someone to reach out for help. But you believe that since its morally wrong to be soft with such a guy, it prohibits us from giving a soft reply. **(in short, You agree practically, But you believe in a moral response over a practical response)**

2)- You believe that a softer approach will make it less likely that a person will reach out, and therefore **(in short, you disagree practically)**

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I believe this is really a separate conversation. Meaning, one conversation is the argument about how we as gye members should respond to the post (softer or tougher).

And then there another conversation that is, what one should be allowed to post, verses what we deem inappropriate, and unacceptable.

For the first conversation -the one you are not commenting on, its a matter of opinion. Markz and I, as well as some others believe, we should respond softer. And Cordnoy jackthejew, franklee and many others believe, we should respond tougher. Its 2 legit approaches and thank g-d we have all come back together following a couple ruff days on the topic.

Then there is another conversation- the conversation i believe you are posting about- --of when and what, should our wonderful moderators edit/delete/allow/not allow. About *that* topic I think we are all in agreement. I believe we all agree that the moderators are fair, looking out for all of us, and good at what they do. And I think we would all agree that leaving it up to the moderators is not only a good choice, but rather the only choice. Thanks again moderators!

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Posted by Jewishmusician - 25 Dec 2022 03:50

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