

Something worth listening to

Posted by merryzebra74 - 17 Jun 2024 21:02

Just wanted to share a mareh makom with the oilam, for those who didn't know about the Adirei Hatorah event that took place last night or were unable to attend. R' Ephraim Wachsman Shlit"a spoke in his amazing, inimitable way as usual, but there was one story he told which triggered something in me and I could not stop crying after hearing it. I felt it might also be a his'oirerus for the oilam here. I was unable to attend but listened to a recording today on the chayeinu hotline (732-301-4043). It's the last 5 minutes of the drasha about the boy and the piece of cake. May we be all be zoche to "vetaher libainu l'avdecha b'emes".

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Re: Something worth listening to

Posted by yiftach - 23 Jun 2024 09:38

But "cake" has nothing to do with a bochur struggling with porn use.

Assuming that many/most bachurim/yungerleit have marbles... they understood very well what he meant in his speech.

No, it wasn't about cake...

How many times have I (others?) fallen and thought of ourselves as jerks with no way out?! Hearing this, that the fall is not a disappointment, just a proof of the sacrifice, is a tremendous source of chizzuk (for me, at least).

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I can email it to you, if you want. PM me your email, I'll send it beH

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Re: Something worth listening to
Posted by jbl96 - 24 Jun 2024 15:26

his speech by the internet asifa was memorable and years ahead of its time...

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Torahanytime.com, class ID#304845

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Wow, ashreicha! It's not so much a chiddush to me when someone opens up to a Rav or whomever about themselves. Yeah it's tough (too tough for me) but at the end of the day it's "change or die" and people are motivated to not die, to break out of the cycle of pain. But when someone opens up and puts himself and his shameful story out there, not to help himself, but to hopefully help others I'm truly inspired.

Dov said in a shuir something like opening up honestly is a crucial part of getting clean, but don't go bang on the bima and announce that you can't control your masturbating because opening up doesn't require destroying your life. And here you have guys like PY and Eerie taking that risk and basically banging on the bima. And only to help others. Wow! I've never said "mi k'amcha yisroel" non-ironically before, but mi k'amcha yisroel!!

Strongly considering sending my own letter. Gonna sleep on that idea.

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Re: Something worth listening to
Posted by jewizard21 - 25 Jun 2024 21:33

Happens to be GYE does advertise, but people don't really know what it is..

I only started getting adds for GYE after I started posting. Maybe GYE needs to change their marketing base. I don't know exactly how it works but I know that advertising companies use cookies to provide the consumer with adds that relate to their searches. How is someone that isn't looking for help gonna get an add from GYE?

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I remember when I scheduled the meeting with a Rav I felt I trusted. That day was the most terrified I have ever been in my life and I had to force myself to go through with it.

BH I did bc it was one of the most important things I did. As the Rav said it was the hardest

thing I had ever done bc it's against the nature of one that is secret so long to reveal themselves. I believe it is an integral part in the journey to recovery.

It is VERY scary but it is EXTREMELY banaficial!!

Hatzlacha whether you do it or not!!

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Posted by proudyungerman - 25 Jun 2024 22:52

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If you let me out of that teacup, (ahem, babysitting - sorry) I'd be glad to!

But seriously, please ~~consider doing just that~~ **JUST DO IT! PLEASE**

As R' Eerie said so beautifully, **it's on us** to change the status quo. That means all of us.

You know who you are, and now you are starting to realize what you can do to help others, and Klal Yisrael.

And, as R' Eerie also said, please please chime in if you have other ideas of how to get the word out!

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Absolutely. A boy, or young man, or anyone for that matter, that struggles with regular shmiras einayim issues, or even masturbation issues but doesn't use the internet much, has not struggled with porn, I wouldn't think he should come here. I think there could be another idea set up, maybe a helpline for rabbanim, run by HHM or the like, that can offer real ideas that really help. But the many, many people, like myself, who have struggled with worse than that, they can really use this place. And that's the message we gotta get out there.

Friends, there's a great tzaddik here that has some ideas. Might sound somewhat radical to some, but hey, I think it's a crazy, wonderful idea. Will share more later, beH

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