

Sticky Situation

Posted by nowhere to turn - 10 May 2010 02:11

Sholom Aleichem warriors,

I am a regular 15 yr old yeshiva bochur in a top yeshiva in somewhere, but has internet at home. Besides for my own problems with watching my eyes and controlling my hotzoas zera that has been with me for years, i noticed something interesting recently. I have noticed my father, a heimishe guy by the computer late at night. My curiosity got the better of me, and when noone was around, I pressed ctrl H to see history, and found out that my porn problem is inherited from him. I also noticed a secret email address that he has, so i put my hacking skills to work, and got the password from a free keylogging program. What i found was heartbreaking- a bunch of heimishe guys from shul are all a bunch of porn addicts forwarding porn around to each other! So lately i go in and delete all unread inappropriate inbox messages, but i now realize this is just a "moire heter" of my yetzer to do it myself, as my hz"l has been worse lately, so this is no solution for me. How is a 15 yr old yesiva bochur from a good home supposed to deal with this- I cant confront him, and i cant let my mother know about this- she'll divorce him! So before i deal with my own shmiras einayim/bris issues, how do i deal with this without destroying my home????

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 11 May 2010 20:05

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Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 11 May 2010 20:13

Even a Rabbi who is struggling with these same problems would still be able to provide some great advice. Quite possibly even better than a 'clean' Rabbi. He understands this subject with all of its ramifications very well!

Although he may not have extracted himself from the quicksand yet, it is quite likely that he did think about it at some point or another.

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On second thought, ANYONE can be an addict. Only intelligent, intellectual, practical people can choose to be ex-addicts!

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by Dov - 11 May 2010 22:04

Dear Briut and Yosef hatzadik,

Yeah, yeah, OK...I just wanted to jump in with what I thought is a nasty piece of truth to dispel naivete, and some advice I like for choosing somebody. Siyata dishmaya is what we need for outcomes - all we can do is try.

Bye!

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by frumfiend - 12 May 2010 00:28

Although I myself find myself in the unenviable position of being one of those. I must firmly object to those words. Words or even thoughts such as those can erode the entire foundation of

klal yisrael. Klal Yisrael was and always will be built on emunas chachomim. . There was always a few bad apples . We had Acher and many such. There have also been many doctors who ended up being butchers but people still go to doctors. The gemarah says im raisa talmid chacham sheusa avera al tiharer acharuv ki vaday asa teshuva. There is a chazaka on a talmud chacham that he will not sink into sin even after sinning. To cast a shadow on the tzibur of talmidei chachomim and rabanim because of a few bad apples like me borders on the absurd . I am sure the writer who is himself a talmid chachom didn't mean it as I am interpreting it. However I still feel a need to state this. Words such as those even if said with a different intention are a dangerous slippery slope to erode the respect of talmidei chachomim.

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by nowhere to turn - 12 May 2010 02:45

Dear oilam,

All i can say is wow. what an amazing stream of ideas from everyone and i cant express how deeply moved i am by **our** family. First off- as far as a filter is concerned, we have k9, but my father has the password, and i figured it out, so thats no help. Secondly, i hate to say it, but i know my father and his friends and they will delete any email from gue b4 opening it (not saying its not worth a try, just it will probabably not help the situation). and thirdly, I will let the oilam now my plan, and i would appreciate any comments. reb guard, shkoiaich for the link-i listened to that r viener shiur last night, and although hes not the rav of my shul, i have a kesher with him and plan on writing him an anymous letter, providing him with the email that i made up for this site and to communicate with him letting him know the situation. as my father is concerned, i dont think im going to confront him - all my koiches are in learning and staying away from the shtusim that haunt me and my father, and i dont need any more tension right now.

again, thank u all for giving me a place to turn

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by nowhere to turn - 12 May 2010 02:51

Also, i do feel like i have some achrayus to make sure he doesnt get his emails-like the story from r guard-if he gets better, that can make my road that much smoother. also (this is probabably my yetzer talking) is there a lifnei iver happening- that or "lo saamod al dam reiacho" here?

ps i will put down my life savings that my rov is not involved in this

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 12 May 2010 03:13

So why not let someone from here contact him??? Maybe Guard or someone with a non GYE-looking email address so atleast they would open it. whoever it is would obviously not mention that you did it, but it accomplishes alot and you would not have to get involved.

I am not volunteering to do this. Someone who is high up in the GYE ranks should be doing this, if you chose this option.

Just trying to keep your options open and making the best for everyone. Remember these people need recovery just as much, if not more, than you do. Dont get involved yourself but allow someone else to.

HAtzlocha on whatever you choose!

-Yiddle

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by nowhere to turn - 12 May 2010 03:17

R' guard now has the addresses, and well see what becomes with it

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 12 May 2010 03:19

Ok great. Now to the more important topic. Your recovery. Hope your excited!

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by allaloneontop - 12 May 2010 03:23

Chaverai,

I know I'm new here...but I must express how much it pains me to read this young man's post...I mean that was me 20 years ago!

"Nowhere to turn" let me tell you what I would have told myself...get help.

Get help now.

Get help before you spiral out of control.

Get help before you get married, have children, have a job and have other people rely on your success.

Get help before you have a rough day at home or at work and call a prostitute because the internet and the lap dances don't do it for you anymore.

Get help before you hit rock bottom and feel all alone.

I'm crying for you...because I know where you will be in 20 years from now if you don't get help...blogging on GYE in a hotel room alone...trying to get through your first day (night) of sobriety with the TV blaring in the other room.

Don't be embarrassed about it...as you can tell it's normal...get help young man.

Love you,

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by Today I am OK - 12 May 2010 07:32

I would like to add to Bruit's excellent comments.

If someone suspects he has been discovered, he will try to find a better way of not being caught. Change must come from within. You can not accomplish that. Leave that alone.

Since you know yourself how tough the struggle is, you can understand that it is a struggle for most people. Why else do you think there are laws of yichud? This struggle is not hereditary, it is part of being male. Those on this forum are journeying upward and can have pity on those who are losing the will to struggle. Your pity on your father can impress upon you how fortunate you are to have decided to journey upward at your young age, so that you will not get to such a stage yourself.

Losing to the yetzer hora in one area does not undermine all the other good a person does. Clearly, Hashem wants one who sins in one area to still do everything else He desires. So, while you have had a most rude awakening to the gravity and pervasiveness of this lust, you

have no reason to lose respect for all the other good you see in your father. Besides, you still have a mitzvah of kibud av.

So after all is said and done, LET GO of the subject of your father. Feel fortunate that you are focusing on your spiritual integrity. And don't forget, regarding every aspect of your situation, hashlech al Hashem Yehavecha vehu yechalkelecha (Tehillim) Cast all your burdens onto Hashem and He will sustain you.

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Re: Sticky Situation

Posted by Bard - 12 May 2010 23:57

I think you have gotten lot's of good advice from the more experienced members of the forum. I will add one uncomfortable statement. I can't imagine having a group of friends that I would share this secret with, in the sense of sharing pictures, as opposed to going to therapy together. That doesn't mean they are incurable, but I think it does mean you should steer clear of trying to do more than help yourself. You have come to the right place to get help and have done so at a younger age than most of us on the forum. You have much to be proud of.

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