

Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight

Posted by Kedusha - 06 Sep 2009 16:31

Back in June, Bruce asked London: "What can you see in my posts that I should be grateful for?"

I would like to share my response, with apologies to those who read it already and are still
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If I may weigh in: for starters, if pornography is difficult for you to avoid, you are, obviously, able to see; those who are blind don't face this particular test.

I have tried to remind myself that the Talmudic principle of Meegoo should apply here (albeit, not an exact application):

G-d doesn't owe us anything, and could have made us blind. G-d, therefore, has a Meegoo: since he could have made us blind, the least we can do is to avoid abusing the gift of sight.
groaning

Not to be too silly, but to remind ourselves of this Meegoo, why not post a picture of "Mr. Magoo" near our computers? No one will have a clue why it's there, but it can remind us that eyesight is a gift, and that none of us want to be like Mr. Magoo, who won't ever be faced with the test of pornography.

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Momo - 07 Sep 2009 12:14

Kedusha, I like your ideas. They're very creative!

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight

Posted by Kedusha - 07 Sep 2009 13:38

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Momo - 07 Sep 2009 13:41

[Kedusha wrote on 07 Sep 2009 13:38:](#)

Thank you, Momo. I like you!

Thanks.

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight

Posted by Kedusha - 06 Oct 2009 23:58

[On The Road wrote on 06 Oct 2009 21:36:](#)

mr magoo is now my official screensaver along with my daughter. this is great!

Great - finally, someone is taking my idea seriously! :D

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by the.guard - 07 Oct 2009 14:02

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Kedusha - 07 Oct 2009 14:06

[guardureyes wrote on 07 Oct 2009 14:02:](#)

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R. Guard,

I just e-mailed it to you.

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 07 Oct 2009 23:10

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Momo,

You're one of the best looking guys I know.

-Uri

Btw all those descriptions fit my neighbor's dog perfectly.

Dogs have those things naturally.

You gotta bring them out.

Love you man

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Kedusha - 14 Oct 2009 00:13

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Kedusha - 14 Oct 2009 04:02

[Kedusha wrote on 14 Oct 2009 00:13:](#)

My wife passed by the computer and said "THAT'S your desktop?!" :D ;D

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~~All~~ right, I finally made Mr. Magoo my desktop background!

Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Kedusha - 19 Oct 2009 04:32

All right, I took down Mr. Magoo, and put back up the picture of me, my wife, and two youngest children, which has been my desktop for the past 4-5 months.

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Ano Nymous - 26 Nov 2009 08:58

I made Mr. Magoo my desktop background. I always think about my eyesight (and what it would be like to live without it) during the brocha of modim. It's such an awesome gift, yet we rarely take the time to appreciate it.

And one more thing! I was reading the wiki article about Mr. Magoo.

"Quincy Magoo is a wealthy, short-statured retiree who gets into a series of sticky situations as a result of his **nearsightedness, or myopia, compounded by his stubborn refusal to admit the problem.**"

Could it get ANY more perfect than that!! ;D

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Kedusha - 26 Nov 2009 15:39

Great observation!

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Re: Appreciating the Gift of Eyesight
Posted by Kedusha - 12 Feb 2015 15:36

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In the evening after Maariv, I gave a ride home to a blind man who gets around with a walker (in other words, he is not only unable to see, but has trouble walking). After I dropped him off at his apartment building, I saw that he was having major difficulty finding the front entrance, so I got out of the car and led him in the right direction.

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For the past 15/20 minutes, I have been starin' at my screen in a kinda shock and perusin' some of Kedusha's old posts. I came to GYE when he was already several years' clean and several thousand posts. He was a man on a mission. He wrote short and to the point. He was a true advocate for shmiras einayim. From the first day back in 2009 when he installed a filter that didn't have a loophole. He was always postin' shiurim, links to articles, books, etc. that promoted kedushah. [L'havdil elef havdalos, I always wonder what would happen when I pass; would anyone even know? Would there be a eulogy here? I kinda hope not (unless they would delete all the compromisin' posts - which tally in the thousands).] He was a true gibbor and a stalwart of holiness.

Readers - please take some time and search out his old posts. I don't remember knowin' that he was sick. I probably picked a fight or two with him in my days and I have a sinkin' feelin' right now. Personally, I have a 'kedusha' oath (which I usually don't advocate for) thru the end of Yom Kippur; in his memory and zchus, I am extendin' it until the conclusion of Simchas Torah.

With tears flowin' - yehei zichro boruch!

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