

What do the eyes and the grave have in common?

Posted by anonymous\_14.1 - 09 Aug 2016 19:06

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Re: What do the eyes and the grave have in common?

Posted by Bigmoish - 10 Aug 2016 13:19

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Does this belong in the "what works for me" section?

Can you please tell us how you utilize this information to stop whatever it is that you struggle with?

If not, perhaps "Torah and chizuk" would be a better place.

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Re: What do the eyes and the grave have in common?

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 10 Aug 2016 15:02

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Can someone tell me what is "promo"?

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Re: What do the eyes and the grave have in common?

Posted by Markz - 10 Aug 2016 16:43

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Can someone tell me

A user that does not use the public forum as a platform of communication - He never responds to anyone

**Why should he be allowed to post?**

Apparently it aggravates others and they cremated him, so he also changed his username recently

(Im not discussing the details of his post. What actually is promo? a disease??)

**I believe - a user that repeatedly does not 'communicate'** (in more than a year of posting) **should not have login rights to continue posting**

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Re: What do the eyes and the grave have in common?  
Posted by Workingguy - 10 Aug 2016 17:45

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Oh anonymous, after getting so scared and stressed out reading your post I felt so low and worthless and bad that I went and looked at bad images.

Whoops, I didn't. In fact, I was about to but because I had heard such inspiring Torah which I had never heard before, I realized that is all I need to stop and now I am cured. I threw off my crutches and left the addiction center and walked by with no Shmiras Einayim issues.

Buddy, most of us here have tried to rely on Torah to make us stop and it has only been

irresponsible and caused more sin. You're supposed to go to a doctor when you are ill, and if you have an addiction you need help.

I suspect that you have addiction issues yourself, and that you're trying to convince yourself.

Also, I think what you're doing may be a biblical violation of not placing a stumbling block before the blind, which the Talmud says refers to giving bad or inappropriate advice to someone.

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Re: What do the eyes and the grave have in common?  
Posted by Watson - 10 Aug 2016 21:39

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Nah, just an internet troll

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Re: What do the eyes and the grave have in common?  
Posted by anonymous\_14.1 - 12 Aug 2016 10:56

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Good for you. You actually showed a little humanity and empathy. People would be much more receptive if the message is presented that way.

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