

Navigating the ocean of my life

Posted by amevakesh - 17 Apr 2024 10:21

For the past 267 days, there have been sunny skies, calm winds, the boat's been steady, with nary a thought to the pirates that lurk beyond the horizon.

However, clouds are gathering, waves are getting choppy, and worst of all, a cry from the barrelman in the crow nest, "Pirates ahead"!!! I've been warned.

As they get closer, thoughts are swirling through my mind. I hear their evil whisperings in my head. "You thought you were off our radar, not so fast." Will they succeed in overtaking the ship I've put so much effort in constructing?

They're faster, sneakier, and more cunning than I, and I know that once they come too close, I'm doomed. But, I have an itch that needs to be scratched, a void that has to be filled, and I'm having a difficult time doing so.

But one thing I've learned here at GYE. There's safety in numbers. So I'm sending out a call to my fellow mates, can anyone help me out in how to overcome these Bein Hazmanim pirates?

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life

Posted by amevakesh - 08 Nov 2024 05:26

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by Heeling - 08 Nov 2024 14:25

Stunning! Thanks for sharing.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by iwantlife - 08 Nov 2024 14:55

Thank you for sharing this beautiful vort! When I met HHM (also a few months ago), he told me this vort too. At the time, I told him about an interesting phenomenon I'd noticed which shtimmed very nicely with this. There's an eitzah that I saw in a sefer I have on ?????? ?????? called ??? ?????, which **sometimes** works for me. Remind yourself that the shiktzah you're stealing looks at, the body that you're lusting after, is a body made of ???????? ??? ?????? ???

???? ??? ?????? ?? ??????, and how ?????? that is to a yid. Kind of everyone's **favorite** "humanizing" vort here on GYE, but on steroids. Now, obviously this *doesn't* always work for me, but here's my point, while it does **sometimes** work when encountered a goyish girl in person, it 100% of the time does **NOT** work when looking at girls online. I think it may be because when we look at a picture of someone, there's no human there, just an image, free for us to use as we please, and, as you said, just see her through desire-tinted glasses.

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Posted by cande - 08 Nov 2024 15:47

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i thought this ??? from HHM you mentioned is ??? in the first ??? in rashi (**with a twist**), rashi has an additional few words to this medrish,

" ?? ?????? ?? ?????? ?? ?????? ???????? ???????? ???????? ?????? ?? ?" " ??????"

??????? - means = ???????? (see "????? ???????? "????????")

its not that avrom didnt look @ sara, nor does it mean she wore a berka,

he new water reflects and he woudnt of looked, or he wouldve seen a berka in the reflection.

waht rashi saying is, of course he new how sara looked and her beauty chazal say the mothers were beautiful to save from sin, and she had a special name because of her beauty (see ?????)

the ??? is,

he didnt recognize her because everything was ???????? he always saw her ???????? through her ????????, he never recognized her beauty as something separate of her soul essence, theres no 2 things "her and her beauty"

until he saw her reflection only her image just ????????, he said now i recognize that your beauty, can be seen by others as a thing for itself just ???????,

then there could be trouble.

tried to be clear

potentially true ???

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life

Posted by amevakesh - 10 Nov 2024 16:25

Not gonna lie. Been slipping in some of the ????? that I've set up for myself. Two of my weaknesses are sports and politics. The World Series and the elections didn't help things out. My recreational use of internet has gone way up, and the content of what I'm watching is slowly changing, not for the better. It hasn't descended in to any lust, and I don't think it will, but I don't want to take any chances. It has to stop now. So I'm making a ???? ????? on the forums that at least until Chanukah there will be no recreational use of internet (besides for GYE of course). This includes news, sports, politics. Hopefully, this will help me reestablish the fences that have held me strong until now.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by BenHashemBH - 10 Nov 2024 17:01

Yaasher Koach Brother and Hatzlacha!

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by amevakesh - 01 Dec 2024 22:45

Question for the Chashuve Oilam. We know, that ????? has the power to alter certain decrees. We also know that sometimes '?' has a plan for a person to struggle with something for the duration of his stay on this world (likely for his benefit), which no amount of ????? will change. When one has been Davening for something for a while to happen, at what point is he meant to accept it as part of '?'s plan and make peace with it. Davening repeatedly for something can be very very draining. I am aware that no ????? goes to waste, but if I come to accept a situation beyond my control as part of '?'s master plan of my life, it would bring a certain level of peace. But I can only do so if I give up hope that it will get better. Paradoxically, the hope itself is a source of frustration, because I find that as time goes on and I try yet another ???, and offer another ????? only to have my hopes dashed time and again (I know that '?' has my real best interests in mind, that's not the question), it chips away at my resolve and ability to accept it with joy as '?'s plan for my life. At which point, if any, does one say I've Davened enough, it's time to move on and deal with it as a fact of life, and make the best of the situation. Looking for clarity.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by Bennyh - 01 Dec 2024 23:23

Oy, mein friend. If you ever reach clarity on this question, you have mein number.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by redfaced - 02 Dec 2024 00:12

I would love an in on that phone call.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by 5678 - 02 Dec 2024 01:50

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This is all very beautiful, but what do you do when you feel like the dialogue is only flowing one way? Like you're not being heard, seen or understood? What then? What does it say about the relationship in question? Is there even a relationship at that point? Is it that we send our words Upstairs and every time it's just spin at the roulette on whether or not the message will be responded to?

And, to circle back to amevakesh's original question, when I'm in a dialogue with my wife, I know when to back off. At a certain point, I know that no matter how much I beg and plead, the answer is no. Because I can gauge her reactions. But with Hashem, how or when do we interpret the Reaction? What's the secret code to deciphering Hahem's Whispers back to us?

I would love to know the answer to this one. Because if I would get similar feedback from my wife, that relationship would be over.

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Our relationship with hashems is not husband and wife relationship, it's father and son, and I believe that from your you begged more than your wife

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I feared that this is what it all boils down to.

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