

[POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?

Posted by Ano Nymous - 27 Dec 2009 09:01

I have an interesting question to ask you guys. I'd like to qualify the question here because I have more space. How would you feel if someone in your community, school, yeshiva, workplace, etc. who you have a good (NOT negative) relationship with identified you based on your posts on this forum? I'm assuming two important things here: 1) you are comfortable and on good terms with this person in real life and 2) this person is a FELLOW STURRGLER [sic] who actively makes use of the forum and was not just a straggler reading the forum for some kind of sick thrill.

Would you:

- 1) Be mortified, and possibly deny that you were the person posting under said username,
- 2) Be happy to have someone similar to talk to about your issues in real life, and use this as an opportunity to get some real life support (partner up or something)
- 3) Be indifferent to the whole situation, and just acknowledge it and move on without any real reaction.

Please VOTE and POST an explanation for your choice. If you have any OTHER option that you feel should be included in the vote, please post it here and I will add it to the poll options. Thanks guys!! :D

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?

Posted by longbeach - 29 Aug 2011 13:33

It was always my understanding that in any 12 Step program participation is anonymous. I forget the "secret code word" but members of AA have a phrase, like "friends of Bill," or something along those lines, when they announce a meeting in a location that one might not normally frequent or associate with having such meetings. When they meet in the street, after seeing someone at a meeting, it is not discussed. Anonymity is the key to success.

If someone approached me, I think I would not acknowledge it verbally, but when my face turned beet red they would figure it out. Why is that a problem? There is a halachic issue of causing another embarrassment or discomfort about their past sins for which they are doing teshuvah. The other person has no right to make that approach publicly or privately if it will

cause discomfort to the "sinner." "We are in the same boat" does not necessarily reduce the embarrassment. Ask any Ba'l Teshuvah about times comments have benn made like, "Remember when we used to..." They can cause real discomfort.

If a member thinks he has identified someone, it would be MUCH more appropriate to contact them through GYE and communicate that way, discussing, perhaps, the possibility or willingness of the other party to be "outed," even in a one to one situation. It is up to the second party whether or not to participate.

Also, the second party might feel so threatened/embarrassed that they might not return to GYE, or, at least, would be much less involved and, as a result, probably less successful.

Just my thoughts.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by blackbigday - 09 Sep 2011 20:59

I WANT to meet one of you guys (esp. bardichev)! I want a hug and a real l'hiam!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by JackAbbey - 11 Sep 2011 11:24

here it comes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by bardichev - 11 Sep 2011 14:58

[black bigday wrote on 09 Sep 2011 20:59:](#)

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how do u know we never met??

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by JackAbbey - 11 Sep 2011 15:10

i allways thought i know who you are, but you never know.....

we have to make a hidden sign for the two of us.....

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by bardichev - 11 Sep 2011 15:14

yes i wear a black velvet yarmulka

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by JackAbbey - 11 Sep 2011 15:16

thats it! got it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Dov - 11 Sep 2011 20:52

...but he *also* wears black velvet **shoes**.

Little-known bardifact.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by JackAbbey - 11 Sep 2011 20:59

Dov! there is no need for that, i have seen his truck, his radiating smile, his supporting hand, his never-melting ice-cream

i dont need any more clues, i will recognise him immidietly

besides, i pitty him with velvet shoes, he needs to brush them constantly

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by bardichev - 11 Sep 2011 21:12

dov i need to correct you

i do not wear velvet shoes

zemmy steve noorah amongst others and others met me in real life

i do not wear black velevt shoes

i wear standat issue ecco shoes

<http://www.ecco.com/en/Ecco/Formal/Mens%20Collection/601054-01001?i=26>

so dov please when u see a guy with velvet shoes

do not say hi bards and give him a shot off woodford

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by JackAbbey - 11 Sep 2011 21:19

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by ben durdayah - 11 Sep 2011 21:23

Without "outing" the rebbe,

I think that we can be even more specific, and say that his non-velvet standard issue ecco shoes are black, as is his hat...

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by JackAbbey - 11 Sep 2011 21:26

oh oh, we are narrowing him down

please the rebbe is a tzadik nister

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by ben durdayah - 11 Sep 2011 22:06

Oh, and that bit about the hat is only when he's not wearing his trademark red baseball cap...

Did I mention that he has 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 nose, two hands, two feet, and a truck? Well, if I forgot to mention it, then let me just say that he has 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 nose, two hands, two feet, and a truck. There, now you'll find him...

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