

[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 STURGLER [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 Chazak Amenu - 18 Mar 2010 02:52

I don't remember what I voted but I think I would be happy and a little scared. I would be happy because I would be able to talk to someone trying to beat this addiction like me and I know if I need to talk to someone that person would be close by but I would be scared because as a 15 year old (alright I am rushing give me two weeks ;D) you need to be careful just like it says in the sign in thing you should not meet with anyone you meet with online this is a rule taught from a young age and it would actually be breaking it. So from that perspective I don't really know I think this anonymous thing has helped me more than anything GYE has had to offer I am clean for 21 days straight since beginning! but if I did meet someone I would probably talk with them very cautiously and maybe after a little while if I got to know them it could become something more.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by silentbattle - 18 Mar 2010 04:29

I think the original poster meant to ask, what if someone you already knew in real life, and trusted, turned out to be someone on the forum - would you want them knowing who you are?

And if I remember correctly, the original poster was actually asking this specifically because he wanted to know one person's thoughts in particular - anyone have a link to the post about what ended up happening there? Definitely worth a big smile!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Chazak Amenu - 18 Mar 2010 13:07

oh, did not realize that is what he meant, well he says it was with someone you have a good relationship with it seems like it would be a great opportunity to have someone you like and trust going through the same thing you are. someone is always there nearby who you can talk to or even just give a little pat on the back of encouragement. sounds great not that i think it will ever happen!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Chazak Amenu - 01 Apr 2010 17:58

looking back at this i am not really quite sure it would really depend on who it was. but everyone here sounds very nice on the forum so i am very split.

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

Posted by silentbattle - 02 Apr 2010 15:21

Someone pointed out to me a while ago that while people are very supportive on the forum, addicts can have unhealthy tendencies in various areas of their lives - and while I'm happy to accept and share chizuk here, I wouldn't necessarily want everyone here knowing everything about me.

I think they made a good point - while there are some people who know a lot about me, I got to know them bit by bit.

Like you said - depends who it is.

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

Posted by dovekbashem - 02 Apr 2010 15:51

I'm a little bit bothered by these responses.

Yes, we all have our problems. Yes, we are all struggling with certain taava's that we may have been more tahor without. But look at the avodah we go through on a daily basis! There is no nation, no religion in the world that demands this level of sacrifice, of wrestling with oneself to be a better eved hashem. And there are no greater Jews in the world than the ones on this site. This site is not about the failure of yiddin, it is about the ideal jew, the true eved hashem. Avraham Avinu cried when he brought Yitzchok to the Akeida and Yaakov struggled when he was forced to go down to Egypt. Avodas Hashem is about the struggle, the tears and, sometimes, even the pain. Every time I come on this site, even when I am most ashamed of myself, I can't help but thinking "ashreinu, ma tov chelkeinu." I am honored to know all of you in some way or another and we should all be honored to go through this struggle together.

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

Posted by silentbattle - 04 Apr 2010 15:11

Absolutely - This site is wonderful, and beautiful, and I love each and every person on it! Thank god, I've been really busy recently, but when I had a bit more time, I posted as much as I could on many threads, because I truly care about each person here, and I rejoiced at their growth and successes!

Furthermore, this site, this community, has helped me tremendously in so many ways.

However, that doesn't mean I would want to meet every person on it, nor does it mean that I would want every person on it knowing all my personal information. Furthermore, the anonymity of the site is part of what allows everyone to be non-judgmental and open.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Dov - 04 Apr 2010 16:05

Ditto, SB.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by silentbattle - 04 Apr 2010 22:50

Wow! Dov agrees with me! I must have learned something from my time here!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Dov - 07 Apr 2010 02:02

And what's so bad about overusing "furthermore"? And why reread your posts? Why bother? Furthermore, who cares if you overuse a word? They appreciate your honesty, your dedication to being helpful to posters here, and the sweet way you share what you have with them! Furthermore, ...oh, never mind.... ;D

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by silentbattle - 07 Apr 2010 02:43

I don't usually re-read posts, but if Reb Dov agrees with something I say, then you can bet I will!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 07 Apr 2010 22:45

More than anyone else, the individual I very much want to meet is RABBEINU GUARD SHLITA!
:D :D :D :D :D :D

Is there another mezakeh es harabim to found in the whole wide world on his level? ??? I should bend before him & kiss his shoes! I would want to bring my family to him for a brocha. Hashem is SURELY on his team! They are very close partners. (I would have to try to think up some explanation for my wife as to who this guy is....)

[Please, R' Guard, even before I am zoche to bask in your holy presence, please include us in your tefilos.]

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by silentbattle - 21 Apr 2010 18:12

You could probably sell the one you have - and hey, welcome to the forum! I hope to see you on the "introduce yourself" board!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Dov - 22 Apr 2010 03:10

To heck with the computer, let's just dump all our good-old lies and do whatever is needed to allow hashem to keep us sober today! It's good enough for me.

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