

The Battle of the Generation

Posted by radiantfox67 - 30 Aug 2024 01:05

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Edit: so yeah not talking about same book. mb

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Re: The Battle of the Generation

Posted by BenHashemBH - 30 Aug 2024 02:50

Shalom Brother,

Edit: It has been pointed out the this story is from a different book.

I think you need both things. A few inspirational stories provides hope and a glimpse of what can be accomplished. Like the before and after pics of people that lost weight . . . ish. I didn't think this is a focus of the book at all - most of it is mussar.

As a side point, I kind of disagree with the message from that story. It is the chosson who ought to be crying the tears of joy.

That being said, different things work for different people, so the book may not speak (read?) to everyone - even if it had site-wide haskomo.

Hatzlacha

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Re: The Battle of the Generation
Posted by yitzchokm - 30 Aug 2024 03:41

This story is in a book with a similar title The Battle of Our Generation which is unaffiliated with GYE. The book says shmirat habrit and not porn but I still don't see how it is fitting to say this in the yichud room.

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Re: The Battle of the Generation
Posted by chaimoigen - 30 Aug 2024 04:06

It's a different book.

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Re: The Battle of the Generation
Posted by thompson - 30 Aug 2024 14:02

[radiantfox67 wrote on 30 Aug 2024 01:05:](#)

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The story has an offensive odor, and I hope nobody takes it as inspiration and surprises his Kallah in this manner.

To be precise, I think the story stinks.

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Re: The Battle of the Generation
Posted by yitzchokm - 30 Aug 2024 14:33

The book is writing it as a true story. I could maybe see it playing out this way when the groom and bride were OTD and returned. I still wouldn't suggest even for such people to imitate the person in the story and I don't think it is appropriate. The book wasn't giving advice that we should do this. The only point the book was trying to bring out with this story is that being clean is very important for a healthy marriage which is true.

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Re: The Battle of the Generation
Posted by itsjustme - 21 Oct 2024 17:32

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