

Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by the.guard - 26 Dec 2016 17:20

Guys, we have a treasure on GYE, right in our own backyard and no one is using it!

Dov, who is sober in SA for almost 20 years, and who has the experience of speaking with thousands of struggling Yidden these past 20 years, is right here on GYE offering to speak with you for an entire hour everyday from 8am - 9am EST. (See more info on the call [here](#)).

You can discuss your deepest fears and secrets with Dov on the call, or send him your questions beforehand at wequithiding2@gmail.com.

Last week we had some nice calls, you can listen to recordings [here](#). But today, this Monday, there was NO ONE on the call! WHAT?? Do you guys realize what an incredible opportunity this is?? Dov is worth his weight in gold! In MNSHO, he is wiser, more experienced and better than any therapist, and GYE is offering this opportunity for free to y'all and no one is taking advantage of this?! I am shocked. I think we may as well just close down GYE. It seems no one

And don't talk to me about sleeping-in late on Chanukah. Tell that excuse to the Greeks.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by Shlomo24 - 26 Dec 2016 17:58

When I saw the announcement I was initially excited, but then I realized I'm probably not going to call. Reason being is that I'm in 12-step and I try to go to a meeting every morning. At that time I'm just coming out of a meeting and showering and getting dressed.

I was actually half-expecting this to happen. I think that GYE has people who are already in recovery, and they are already doing what they need to do. To add another commitment such as this, especially since it's in the morning, might not be so tantalizing. To those who don't have a recovery plan, a call with Dov might sound incredibly daunting. I know that when I first joined I

would have been too scared to join the call. I remember that I viewed certain GYE'rs as "untouchables" and I didn't have the courage to seek them out.

I don't know if this helps, but these are my thoughts/experiences.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?
Posted by mirror - 26 Dec 2016 18:05

Please read to the end before you judge this post.

I will be very honest (which Dov always says that we should do), Dov makes me nervous. Some things that he writes, I very much disagree with. Some sounds good, but some not so much. I get very uncomfortable reading some posts. But, here is the thing. I do not have long term sobriety. I am still working on it. What right do I have to spend my life acting out when there are options that I have not tried out yet. So he makes me nervous, I do not agree with everything. So what. He still might be the messenger that G-d is sending me. So far, I have chosen to ignore it because I do not agree with everything that he says, but perhaps it is time to rethink that decision.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?
Posted by Markz - 26 Dec 2016 18:06

I'm not a call guy - wasn't on last week, but I guess there are also guys that were considering if they want to get real and give Dov a real call so they join his private call, and they're not ready for that yet

I don't know if you read a recent Dov post that many are trying to stay in hiding on this forum, and each will come out in his time, like the flask of oil

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by Workingguy - 26 Dec 2016 18:30

Dov's a great guy with lots of experience but it doesn't mean that everyone takes to his style or that everyone is interested in working with him on a call. It may be because they're hiding, maybe because they don't understand him, or a million other reasons.

It doesn't mean that GYE doesn't serve a very important role even without Dov, and it doesn't mean that Dov doesn't influence and contribute to GYE in a huge way just because people don't join the call.

On a personal note, I find that time to be almost impossible as that's carpool time.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by stillgoing - 26 Dec 2016 18:47

WG, i'm curious what you'd say to mirrer's post above.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by Watson - 26 Dec 2016 18:58

Dov's a great guy. Period. He has been very helpful to me both on the phone and in his writing and I'm very grateful that he's on GYE.

I didn't call because I'm working at that time, but I often listen to his recordings from GYE on my way to work.

@mirror, can I suggest that you take whatever you disagree with, write them down as questions, and ask them to Dov on the call.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?
Posted by cordnoy - 26 Dec 2016 19:01

Was today a fluke?

Were there 15 guys last week and 0 today?

Perhaps it was due to Christmas holiday?

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?
Posted by Yyy - 26 Dec 2016 20:07

I like Dov and his quotes, it's just Impossible to call since I'm working at that hour.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?
Posted by cordnoy - 26 Dec 2016 20:26

I love Guard and I love Dov.

I am constantly correspondin' with them.

Dov has taught me many things and I am ever so grateful for that.

That bein' said, I am somewhat confused by the firestorm here.

There is a distinct possibility that if Dov would have his way, he'd close down GYE himself.

Now, perhaps not, because it may be a first step towards recovery, but I myself am not even sure if he considers it a first step, and I'd assume many think that he is "?? ?????" against it.

Let's play a game: Who said the followin'?

***GYE can bring addicts to the water, but it has none for them to drink.

***I do know way over 100 men in great recovery today (because they *left GYE* and moved on to good therapy. live meetings are be"H far safer than the GYE forum *will* ever and *can* ever be.

***Addicts are in the minority on GYE.

***Your interpretation of the RMB"M - especially regarding "Teshuvah gemura" which is the holy grail of most GYE guys - is way, way off base.

***Most people are here on GYE davka because they are not yet willing to do most of those things. And I have watched over a hundred GYE members change into program-attendees...but it is certainly not for most of them.

***And this is on a chizzuk email?? and in the actual GYE handbook (which I have never read)??

***GYE is not a recovery site, but mainly an educational and support site. GYE is mainly a religious site.

***For some people, being on GYE is exactly the *wrong* thing to do.

***This is why I have not gotten involved directly in the GYE policies, approach, or anything. I ahven't even read most of that material, cuz *for me* it's poison.

******I believe*** that there is a genuine ***risk*** of danger in GYE alone.

***GYE (and especially it's Chizzuk e-mails) isn't "the Program". It's a community service and support group.

***I still believe that the majority of guys on GYE - especially among those just looking at it - really just have a rather "mild" porn and masturbation problem.

***If you just hide behind a username here on GYE, you are still just playing around, it seems to me, and do not really mean what you are writing.

*** *im limad'toh Torah harbei, al tachzik tova l'atzmecha...ki **I'kach notzartoh!*** So many (good) people here on GYE *deny* that mishna - they *run* from it. They want 'chizzuk' - to 'make' the 90 day chart - a medal. We say "Mazel Tov!

Ad Kan - back to Cords: So, my point bein' especially Reb Guard, you can't have it both ways. Are people readin' this gonna flock to his calls? They are on GYE. Joinin' Dov (which might be a great thing for some or many) means gettin' off GYE. Bein' on GYE means that one is not

prepared or ready for Dov's recovery method. If you are advocatin' for Dov's call, you might wanna stand outside the meetin' places. If you are advocatin' for GYE, then Dov's call is not the place for you.

And to repeat: I am a big fan of Dov. He has tons to offer; addicts and non-addicts. Yes, I have said many times on this site and to him personally that i think "shorter is better," so be it, but I'm not chappin' here the screamin' and hollerin' that all the fakeusernames/virtuallanders/notwastin' spermfellows/frumhidin'masturbators/teshuvahgemurahnewbies should wake up and call Dov, for that is exactly what they will not do! That is why they are here.

I will end like I started: It is possible that Dov thinks that GYE should be used as a springboard for recovery, and the followin' post does sound like it, but I'm not sure, and certainly it should not be a destination by itself!

*** GYE is a precious place where we can start to reach out, and get sufficiently comfortable with each other until real friendships can be developed. It is a priceless tool for many who would never become willing to do it, without the stepping-stone-for-many that is GYE.

b'hatzlachah to all!

In whatever way you choose to recover.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 26 Dec 2016 20:54

Man, you really do say it as it is / how you see it full force! Wow.

I feel bad for guard reading that.

It's all there, but very hard hitting.

Your left-hand packs a huge punch!

I personally have called Dov several times and talked with him at length.

And I understand everything you wrote.

I still email him. But have avoided calling him for awhile.

I felt more frustrated and confused after the call each time!

And I also think he is a great guy who is trying to, and can help me immensely.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by Watson - 26 Dec 2016 21:05

I don't understand why people keep saying they don't understand him - the call is a Q&A. If you have Qs, ask them.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by unanumun - 26 Dec 2016 21:30

"GYE is offering this opportunity for free to y'all and no one is taking advantage of this?! I am shocked. I think we may as well just close down GYE. It seems no one is using the site anymore."

I feel like this is a slap in the face.

Yes, I don't think i would have gotten to my place without dov's pushing me and challenging me the first few days i was on the site, but since then (almost two years,) i have not had too much to do with him. Not on purpose - it just worked out that way.

I have been clean since I joined the site, and have grown in many many areas of my life, besides lust, and i continue to grow. I still am in regular contact with friends that i made through gye and read almost all the posts - I receive them all as emails.

If I and others like me are not a reason for GYE's existence as long as people aren't showing up

to a specific phone call, then perhaps go ahead and close it down.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 26 Dec 2016 21:35

Think of it like a shidduch.

Sometimes a person just doesn't understand the other person.

They try it out for a while, but just leave feeling confused or frustrated.

Can you imagine the shadchan telling the person, go out again,

and we'll make the date Questions & Answers where you can ask all your questions.

And we'll record it too, for anyone who wants to listen to your date later.

I don't think so.

Again, he has given me lots of his time. I've gained from it and I continue to email him.

But, everyone isn't a shidduch.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by cordnoy - 26 Dec 2016 21:41

[Watson wrote on 26 Dec 2016 21:05:](#)

I don't understand why people keep saying they don't understand him - the call is a Q&A. If you have Qs, ask them.

Please Skype me.

yourl contact info got lost on mine.

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