

filter.. or maybe not

Posted by jack123 - 08 Sep 2019 10:40

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Markz - 08 Sep 2019 18:10

[jack123 wrote on 08 Sep 2019 10:40:](#)

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Ok, you and I are in the same boat!

The block or filter for me was because I was trying to stop.

Until I discovered, that that's actually not primarily what a filter is for...

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 08 Sep 2019 19:17

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Markz - 08 Sep 2019 19:30

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Posted by sleepy - 08 Sep 2019 19:31

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 09 Sep 2019 03:04

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

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that's right, without going into technicalities its not a michshol for others.

thanks for being meorer.

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thanks, it helps to know that others feel the same. btw the rabbonim are talking preventively and for that a filter is necessary whereas here its 'leachar maaseh'...

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 09 Sep 2019 10:58

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And if your boat doesn't have a railing you might slip and end up in the water. But hey, you have a big boat. So just drain the ocean.

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by lionking - 09 Sep 2019 15:28

I tried draining the ocean of filth, but then I read a statistic, that each second, video sites get uploaded with enough content to view in a lifetime. I sure hope I have better things to do with my life.

I can identify with Jack well, as I have experienced the same thing. However I think Markz and GS expressed it well. I was viewing filters wrong. Filters aren't self driving cars, they are guardrails. If someone is hitting the guardrails too often, it's a sign he needs a refresher driving course.

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Dave M - 09 Sep 2019 15:37

Agree. The best filters are the one that you don't try to breach.

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by sleepy - 10 Sep 2019 01:26

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2. because now you have pas bisalo?

if number 2. is your answer , what will prevent you when you feel a need to make hamotzie?good point, but pas besalo is said by amoroim who weren't neck deep in this stuff so that was enough for them, no way that that is gonna help. the reasoning is that im forced to work on self control, which makes the first stretch terribly hard but gradually gets easier

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by stillgoing - 10 Sep 2019 22:40

[Dave M wrote on 09 Sep 2019 15:37:](#)

Agree. The best filters are the one that you don't try to breach.

Great post!!

thank you.

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