

New! GYE private online groups

Posted by ChaimMod - 14 Mar 2022 14:49

We're excited to announce the new

GYE private online groups

The highlight of these groups are the private groups feature - special private spaces where you can connect with other members similar to you (based on marital status, age, and type of struggle), who are actively working on reaching freedom.

It's our hope that this platform will help members work on recovery, get chizuk, share ideas, get feedback, and have meaningful discussions. Also, by keeping each group small, it will be easier for you to get to know the chevrah and find a support partner from someone in the group.

Here are some features and benefits of this new platform:

- A beautifully designed modern interface
- Password protected with *no public access*
- Each group will have dedicated moderators & mentors
- Private messaging and groups chats
- Creating a long-lasting, close-knit Chevra with individuals in the struggle like yourself
- Special "spaces" to discuss Flight to Freedom topics (each lesson has its own space)
- Separate groups for working the 12 steps & teens.

If you're interested in joining on of these online groups, please email me at chaim@guardyoureyes.org

with replies to the questions below:

Which group would you like to join?

- Singles 18-21

- Singles 22-26
- Married (all ages)
- 12-steps

Which behaviors do you struggle with?

- I don't struggle, I'm just curious
- Shmiras Einayim Only
- Masturbation (zera levatala) but not Pornography
- Pornography & Masturbation (and/or phone lines)
- More than just P&M
- Other _____

How long are you struggling?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 10+ years

At what age did you start struggling?

Looking forward to your replies chaim@guardyoureyes.org

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One of the benefits of the "No Strings Attached" group is that only people that know what they're getting into have access to it and it's hidden from the mainstream.

These new groups are an experiment with many great benefits that the current forum does not have. We need to keep on trying new and better things and not stay stuck (in recovery as well :-)).

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People

If you don't get Cord's points, you're really missing something.

Cord - I only log in here to see if you or Trouble have posted. You make me want to actually be a better Jew and he makes me laugh. Sometimes, you both do the other one :-)

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Regardin' your main point, I respect your opinion and honestly don't know if it's beneficial or not to the folk who post there, and whether it's detrimental or not to those who are here, but what I do know is the facts on the ground, and that is that there are many on that site that have been on GYE for a long time and some a short time, and they are postin' stuff there that they were not comfortable postin' here. Is it because it's more private/confidential? Is it because it's more cool for one reason or another? I don't know, but those are the facts. I have always been about lettin' folks speak their minds, even those (like me) whose minds need mechitzos surroundin' them, so if there is now a place where they can bant and rant, I'm all for it! Can they do it here in the B"B forum? They could, but many aren't.

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Do you mind elaborating? I'd be interested to hear why you say that

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Re: New! GYE private online groups
Posted by Vehkam - 15 Mar 2022 01:26

I definitely was able to talk about certain things on the closed forums that I would never post over here. I do wish that there would be a little bit more activity though.

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Throwing in my two cents for what it's worth, I agree very much with Avrohom. I'm definitely someone who leans towards "temimusdik talk" when it comes to my own life, that's just based on my personality type and how I'm comfortable expressing myself. Nonetheless in the year or so that I've been reading these forums I have gained tremendously from those who are very in touch with themselves and are able to/have the courage to express themselves in a real and straight up way. Maybe I haven't been around long enough to really grasp the dynamics of what's going on here, but I've found the recent posts suggesting that the GYE forum is coddled/fake/off the mark to be deflating and a bit disheartened. We as a community rely on the veterans of this site who have a high degree of self knowledge and true ability to express

themselves, it's a shame to see that go underground

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I don't think anyone is running away. You are mixing two things here, helping others, and helping ourselves. I am not recommending anyone to stop posting on the forums, that I think is something we owe to GYE to continue doing. What I think is fine is for guys like me to have a place to get help for ourselves. You can trust me that I need as much help as anyone here, but I have not posed about my struggles in who knows how long. Right or wrong I don't know, but that's the reality.

Why should a guy like @Trouble or @Vekam post about their struggles if the response they would get is someone asking them which filter they have? That doesn't mean they shouldn't post anymore.

This is not a social event, at least not for guys who are serious in their recovery. Cordnoy's group for example ranges from one end of the spectrum to the other. The one thing in common I think is that they are mostly guys who are serious about their recovery. They don't just spray hot pepper juice on their hands and take off their glasses when watching porn. They are guys who are working on their marriages, middos and every other aspect of their lives. These are guy who are actually trying to change themselves as people instead of hoping to stop "cold turkey" and everything will just "fall into place".

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Re: New! GYE private online groups
Posted by Shteeble - 15 Mar 2022 06:29

Can someone put me right side up please?

What is Cordnoy's group?

What are these new private online groups?

Are these two things one and the same?

Can someone please post some cliff notes on the subject?

I think I read all the public posts on these two threads, but I'm still confused. Maybe because I read everything backwards (as in most recent posts).

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