

Mixed Meetings

Posted by parev - 14 May 2024 21:35

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Someone not in SA was shocked that we attend mixed meetings

What would you respond?

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Re: Mixed Meetings

Posted by jewizard21 - 15 May 2024 01:44

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I don't go to meetings but I would say that having mixed meetings is part of seeing a woman as a person as opposed to an object. Hearing a person speak about their struggles makes it undeniable that they are a person. I'm sure there's more to it but again, I don't go to meetings.

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Re: Mixed Meetings

Posted by jackthejew - 15 May 2024 03:56

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I think Dov has addressed this somewhere. Just can't remember where. He has also addressed the difference between GYE and a true, open, and honest SA meeting

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Re: Mixed Meetings

Posted by parev - 16 May 2024 13:02

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Posted by Heeling - 16 May 2024 13:56

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It sounds like you have a direct question on someone, and a specific episode, not a general understanding question

I suggest you ask that person in question directly, not me.

[Best to ask them in private too, unless there is a reason to ask him in public, also maybe explain the purpose of the question; curiosity, constructive criticism, etc.]

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Posted by chaimoigen - 17 May 2024 06:10

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I appreciate the clarification. there's a lot of food for thought here. Thanks!

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also stam saying that 'mixed meetings' often just mean that there happen to be both genders in

the room, often they will sit apart from each other and interaction is no necessary at all. one can sit on the same side of the opposite gender and not even look at them.

also as a rule one is going to a meeting for recovery so there is a positive mindset - like ein hirhur chet bmikdosh, furthermore there is accountability with all those around, and also its a bit of a red line, one woman who is very promiscuous [Spoiler: I have never met her in a meeting....(sorry folks!)] said she NEVER EVER EVER will act out with a program member [and the one guy that tried to hit on her got burned VERY badly]

it's like a thing, if you wanna act out - by all means, but not here!

meetings are aware of the challenge and try to address it accordingly, each one to what it sees fit

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i don't know who you are referring to above, but if you are asking could it be that a sponsor would still recommend going to a conference when in the past he acted out there, obviously it depends, but the bottom line would be what's the best for recovery, and if the guy is going to clubs, and sa is just anther club then the conference wont get the catalyst of his acting out, rather just another opportunity, then it could be that the benefits outweigh the risks. There could be other reasons why his sponsor would feel it ok for him to go. Also they may have a trial and error system in place etc...

Remember SA is not a jewish program so the factor of Avira lishmo won't apply nor kares or skila over misa bidie shomayim etc...

[not to say of course, that if the sponsor and sponsee are frum and trying to live a spiritual life, bringing G-d into the picture and their religious denomination is a prerequisite to recovery. I was just mentioning from the general SA perspective]

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Unfortunately it's not dated at all, for hundreds of guys here today in 5784.

If you're bored, go to the user's page on the forum home, look how many new guys posted in the last 12 months, and tell me how many of them took it to the next level as you have...

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