

Hashem Yerachim - Why is this happening?

Posted by needsyrasshamayim - 23 Apr 2012 14:12

Coming home from work on Friday, my wife shows me that she wants to tell me something without the kids listening in. So, i shoed the kids out. My 16 year old son just tried (or did) grope a cleaning lady that was working by us in the house! I'm totally freaking out!

I confronted my son to ask what had actually happened. He admitted to me that he tried to grope her but she blocked him from doing it. I asked him if there were other things that he wanted to tell me. He buried his head from shame. He started looking into peoples windows AGAIN.

I had taken him for therapy for close to two years. So much for that. What am I supposed to do know?

I begged and pleaded to Hashem. Why is this happening? You know the difficulties I'm going through, why pass this on to our son? I took it so personally. My while Shabbos was ruined. I feel so down and depressed.

I'm not C"V questioning Hashems will, I just need DIRECTION!

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Re: Hashem Yerachim - Why is this happening?

Posted by Machshovo Tova - 23 Apr 2012 15:28

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I suggest that you keep begging and pleading to Hashem (He's the One that can/will ultimately help you and your son) - and try consulting Daas Torah (an experienced Rav, Rosh Yeshiva, Mechanech) for direction.

Hatzlacha rabbah

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Re: Hashem Yerachim - Why is this happening?
Posted by alexeliezer - 24 Apr 2012 01:45

Is it stating the obvious that your son sounds just like one of us addicts?

Maybe point him here

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Re: Hashem Yerachim - Why is this happening?
Posted by kidushashem - 24 Apr 2012 10:05

There are a lot of different angles to look at here, but here are my 2 cents, speaking as an addict who is not much older than your son.

Your son is 16 and you are not in control of him anymore. The one person you can control here is yourself. If you let this affect you emotionally, you will be unable to help your son. Your son needs your love, understanding and compassion. He needs you to be there for him, not as an enforcing presence, but as someone who he can trust and confide in.

You need to stop looking at this as *your* problem, because it isn't. This is a major problem that is for your son to deal with and you are there to help him in a non-controlling way.

Stop controlling, start loving.

A good dose of therapy might help you as well (and family therapy perhaps).

Wishing you happiness and success,

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Re: Hashem Yerachim - Why is this happening?

Posted by the.guard - 24 Apr 2012 17:08

A girl who read your post asked me to post this:

I don't know if it's my place to say this as a girl - that's why I'm sending this email to you and not to needsyrasshamayim.

He posted on the forum regarding his 16 year old son who was found groping the cleaning lady.

It could be I'm totally off the mark with what I'm saying - but I'm gonna add my two cents in anyway

As a girl who was molested by her brothers, I think that he should take this incident seriously. He has other children to protect that he C"V does not want them to be affected by this too.

There is nothing that can replace the unconditional love a parent has for a child, but loving him means doing the right thing. I see that he obviously realizes that it is a problem - because he posted about it, but once his son's actions became physical and not only gazing etc. he must do something proactive about it. True - he's a teenager and might not listen so fast - but you will be saving him and all your other children!

I'm begging him - please! take your son to a different therapist if this one isn't working out. You don't want to land up like my parents are - stuck between their children... Not every therapist is the right shaliach. Discuss this incident with the herapist. See what You can do to help your son. But don't ignore it before it gets too late... Don't just say he's an addict - he needs help!

You can find some good therapists on our website: www.guardyoureyes.com/therapists

I would particularly suggest Rabbi Simcha Feuerman and/or Brad Saltzman

Also, print out our handbook for him to read, and have him join our 12-Step phone conferences.

We just started a new cycle on the phone: www.guardyoureyes.com/component/zoo/item/big-book-study-group

Hatzlacha

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