

Letters to Yossi..

Posted by KiviYVY - 10 Apr 2013 20:48

I had a thought of setting up this site after listening to Rabbi Shafier's series on the Fight. Here's the link - letterstoyossi.wordpress.com/ and the clip from him is on that site.

This is what I wrote there:

Rabbi Benzion Shafier of TheShmuz.com expresses his wish to send a message to an innocent young man before reaching maturity describing the feeling of battling temptations (Shmiras Einayim and Bris, pornography, etc.) and other such challenges.

I invite you to write your letter to my son Yossi in the comments below (Dear Yossi...). I'll publish all those that I feel will be helpful to my son, and the greater public.

When I have a few letters written I'll begin publishing them in the comments, and eventually they'll be separate posts or pages on the site.

This is all anonymous so feel free to express your feelings openly. Thanks for sharing your struggles and I hope this proves to be an helpful exercise for all of you and we all gain from reading about each others experiences.

You can also post letters here on this thread and I'll take the liberty of posting them on that site. It's all anonymous.

Thanks,

Kivi

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Re: Letters to Yossi..

Posted by KiviYVY - 10 Apr 2013 23:06

We were zocheh to have Rabbi Shafier himself post on the site!

R' Ben Tzion Shafer

April 10, 2013 at 1:55 pm

I think this is an excellent idea and a tremendous concept. May Hashem grant you the success to get the message to every innocent bochur that they don't have to go through the gehinom and life wracking pain of fighting this fight. Ashrecha V' Tov L'ac. R' Ben Tzion Shafier

He also wrote this to me personally:

Kivi,

This is a great idea!!!!

Halevi that you should collect some powerful letters and get it into the hands of young fellows who haven't tasted these bitter waters yet.

Much hatzlacha,

R' Shafier

PS Please keep sending your feedback

Thanks,

R' Shafier

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Re: Letters to Yossi..

Posted by some_guy - 15 Apr 2013 20:26

Dear Yossi,

I know what you are going through. I am 17, which is probably a little older than you. I also became a baal teshuva when I was 15, so I have had a lot of exposure. I watched movies and TV without caring how the people acted or dressed. Even worse, I went on the computer almost every day. Let me tell you and anyone who cares, the grass isn't greener on the other side.

You see, when people have stress they do many different things. Some are positive and help end the problem (talking to someone, praying to G-d, confronting the problem) and some are negative (procrastinating, drinking, yelling). The main way to tell which is which is simple. Ask yourself, "Why do I want to do this". If the answer is, "It will help me deal with stress" than you should do it. If the answer is anything else, then you should do something else.

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