

Harry's Wife

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 30 Sep 2009 21:22

Yea,we all know her.

Sitting on the bus near you.

The guy next door's wife.

Your best friend's wife.

Bekitzur,everyone's wife but yours.

Hashem commands us:

Do not desire her!

Um,sorry?

I'd understand if You would tell me

"Don't have sex with her!"

But not to lust?

How can we be commanded something that is seemingly out of our control mostly?!

So I ask you the following:

Would you like to buy a nice porsche and drive cross-country?

Yea?

Nice.

Would you like to buy a nice spaceship and circle the moon a few times?

No?

Why not?

I'm sure it would be fun.

The answer is no.

Because it's not shayach.

It's not happening.

It's out of our reach.

The first bracha under the chupa is:

"Who forbade us the betrothed, and permitted the married (the one that you're married to)."

Why?

Because first we must understand that any other women **are not shayach**.

We must get that into our heads.

It is not happening.

It's like that spaceship.

This is the yesod of the Ibn Ezra.

When I spoke to my sex addiction therapist about this, he pointed out the following:

Think about any wife who would think of cheating on her husband.

Think of how difficult their relationship must be.

And you would go in there and destroy a family even more?

We do not want to enter this sugya, chevra.

Even "just looking"

Any wife who dresses provocatively we must feel bad for.

She's obviously not being shown enough love at home.

We must daven for them.

Not watch them as they walk.

See the other side of the story chevra.

Even pornstars.

What brought them to this place.

Oy!

I feel like crying :'(

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 16:46

KANESHER I WANT TO REPLY

BUT.. I DONT WANT TO GET INTO THE SHAKLA VITARYA

2 POINTS

NUMERO UNO

WAKE UP THERE IS NO NON-ADDICTWORLD WAKE UP

I AM IN EVERY COMMUNITY I AM IN MONROE MONSEY WILLYB BP FLATBUSH

TORONTO MONTREAL LAKEWOOD CROWNHEIGHTS

THERE IS NO NON-ADDICT WORLD SOORY ITS MY OPINION

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OUR IMAHOS WERE BEAUTIFUL ACCORDING TO ALL PSHATTTIM "INCLUDING" PASHUT
PSHAT

WE NEED TO DRILL THAT INTO OUR GIRLS NESHAMOS

YES NESHAMOS

LOOKING PRETTY IS A MITZVAH AND LOOKING UGLY IS AN AVEIRAH AND A CHILLUL
HASHEM

NOW THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH TZNIUS BIG PROBLEMMO

TAKE THE ADVICE FROM MR b

LETS CLEAN UP OUR HOUSE FIRST

USUALLY THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL BE AS RELEVANT AS A MILKBOX IN FRONT
OF BOCHNERS,SUPERSOL,POMEGRANETE,ROCKLAND KOSHER,NPGS,ETC..

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Re: Harry's Wife
Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 16:48

<http://www.guardureyes.com/GUE/Music/mus/Berdichev.mp3>

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by kanesher - 13 Oct 2009 16:49

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by habib613 - 13 Oct 2009 16:51

[kanesher wrote on 13 Oct 2009 16:33:](#)

Youch! Wow! Touched a few raw nerves - and that's really what it is. Let me explain -

We're all addicts. And that means we have a lot of raw emotions. But I think all of us - men and women - should be non-judgmental - heck, isn't that what GYE is all about (hmmm... an oxymoron - am I judging people about being judgmental?)?

Let's look at the non-addict world, dear friends.

Men - someone who was zocheh not to go through these nisayonos - remember, Ever Katan Yesh L'Adam - has a lower threshold of sensitivity; B"H I can see it myself in these early stages of recovery, and when I was in the throes in my addiction I was angry at every female who didn't look like an overweight wicked witch of the west. Then I realized a few things-

Regarding frum women who truly dressed to kill (beyond the line, according to everybody)-

Why wasn't I as mad at someone, who say, lied and stole and wore a frock. Why wasn't I as mad when the monsey meat scandal came out? Is that less hypocritical?

Two reasons -

A) I was the victim of it.

Tension turns into aggression.

But it didn't have much to with religious fervor. Just that I was on the receiving end of it. True, I have my own obligations, and for them I must answer for and not theirs - but still, we all agree that they made these nisayonos harder.

Also, as the girls pointed out, there is a real, real, female desire to be desired, end of story. Just as strong, and as overpowering as the male desire - just in a different way. Of course, girls have an obligation of modesty - and we also have an obligation. To say one nisayon is easier then the other is ridiculous. They express themselves differently.

And many, many girls struggle with where the line is; and the urge to look good is overpowering; there is no obligation to look frumpy. Some girls and communities dump fashion and makeup; but certainly none can demand girls do that - and I know I would have chance at recovery if my wife did. What is tzinius? The details are endless, and frankly, no sefer can cover it because of the ever changing nature of women's bodies, social fashions and male desire (Don't even get me started on Oz V'Hadar Levusha) .

That's why tzinius is an sense of self, and a sense of self-esteem and intrinsic desirability, and that is a constant nisayon to maintain from the latest fashions to that outfit that fit last week and anyways I'm going to lose those five pounds and nobody notices anyway and everything else I have is covered in baby spit...yada yada yada. It's oh so very real.

That's why you have a fine girl, who is a genuine Yareh Shamayim, who struggles with tzinius - **JUST LIKE US! JUST LIKE US!**

And we create it. The more we lust, the more we demand in shidduchim, the more girls feel the desperate pressure "to get noticed" that looks is the key to shadchanim and dates and the chuppah. And afterwards, as well. And add the peer pressure - it's a tremendous nisayon! Throw in an entire culture that worships the body - come on, are we being fair? Yes, it's still an

obligation - but definitely a difficult nisayon.

Often married girls dress far more proactively than their single friends - often because of failed marriage, and a desperate need to be noticed by their husband - for a woman that is the equivalent of a slow death (unfortunately, sometimes this happens to attractive girls because they overdid it before, got married without him seeing anything on the inside, and are now left with just the outside, and a relationship can run on just that - John Grey in *Mars & Venus on a Date* writes about this). And she will do whatever she can to get some feeling of his attention - to heck with other men - or even some validation from other men - see hubby! I am desirable! See!

And again, girls are not obligated to be frumpy because we have no self-control. And I mean us. A woman shouldn't wear something that will draw the male eye, but that means the normal male eye. Because we've given ourselves - we addicts - super sensitivity does not mean that women need to dress like potatoes. Adrabeh - many a marriage has hit a brickwall because of potatoism. Some have ended up here. And anti-potatoism is often part (NOT all) of the solution.

A Bas Yisrael is allowed to - and should - look dignified, attractive but not enticing - see R'Moshe Sternbuch's *Toras HaBayis* when he recommends that women wear sheitalach for this reason. Respectability. Not looking like you're wandering around in your pajamas.

But a toast to the tzanuos! A toast to those who leave that skirt on the rack, in their closet, - a toast to all those who bite their lips as the men look at her friend and not her. True, a genuine prutzah shares the onesh. Shouldn't a tznuah share the schar? Indeed, Rebbetzin Heller writes of Baalei Teshuvah who complained to her "that they lost their power" when they started dressing in accordance with the Torah (*Our Bodies, Our Souls* - a great read for the right perspective on all of this) - and she writes how healthy it is, and how she girls develop their "true power" which is so much deeper - and powerful (and not incidentally, the true glue of a marriage). For those who do - thank you, Bnos Yisrael.

And as far as those who don't - Rabbasoi, our obligation is our obligation, and I believe that collectively we've brought much of this upon ourselves, and after some time of self-control things get less attractive, and that many are trying to heal their own feelings of emptiness and lack - in or out of a marriage. May Hashem heal them all, and us as well.

The unwritten rule these days in Kiruv seminaries (krovim and recokim) is that teachers must be attractive. What a world, what a world...

pretty intense.

and really hits the bull's eye.

and i didn't want to go near the shidduchim topic, but now that you brought it up, it is a really really big reason a lot of girls dress up.

after all, if the shadchan and the neighbor and the delivery boy don't see how thin and pretty she is, how is the boy's mother ever going to know?

because *gasp* she would never let her son go out with someone who isn't gorgeous.

so girls dress up, and try to attract attention, because "you never know who is going to see you"

and anyone who dresses really tzanua becomes a wallflower because everyone is focusing on the other girl.

so it's kinda like an endless cycle

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 16:54

[kanesher wrote on 13 Oct 2009 16:49:](#)

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IT NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT WITH PRIDE!!!

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 13 Oct 2009 19:56

Reb B. - **Bam!**

RATM - **Bam!**

K'Nesher - **Bam!**

Bulls Eye is all I can add.

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by habib613 - 13 Oct 2009 20:00

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they try their hardest.

believe me they try.

but somehow, no matter what they do, they don't get through.

i really don't blame the teachers though

because i don't know any other way to teach it.

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by bardichev - 13 Oct 2009 20:05

I DO

BY EXAMPLE!

IF A TEACHER WEARS A PERFECT SHEITEL "EVERYSINGLE DAY"

COACH SHOES WITH A MATCHING POCKET BOOK

THE RIGHT MAKE UP

(A HINT OF HINT OF A HINT OF PERFUM)

SMART SUITS

BOY DOES SHE TEACH TZNIUSS

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 13 Oct 2009 20:11

Blame it on society!

We Men & Woman are fed garbage were ever we look.

What can I expect from my niece if her mother lets her listen to all the garbage music out there & to many very frum mothers & girls Men & Bucherim (even thou we hide it but unfortunately to many of us just do) find no problem listening to them.

So they become our role models & we do whatever we can to look like them in a Kosher version.

So why would the girls listen to the Rebbitsin?

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by habib613 - 13 Oct 2009 20:20

[bardichev wrote on 13 Oct 2009 20:05:](#)

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i get turned off by those teachers, with all their brand names and perfect shaitels.

i loved a teacher whose shaitel looked worn out, who wore frumpy-israeli-chassidish clothes, but cared so much about her students. i learned a lot about tznius from her. she didn't need to stand out at all. she was definantly a wallflower. but that didn't matter to her. and she is def a tzadeikes.

i really think the whole different strokes for different folks applies here.

edit- maybe the perfect shaitel teacher would have worked for me in 7th grade. but not now.

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by kutan - 13 Oct 2009 21:07

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Wow what a thread!

Here kutan resolved to stay of GYE so I can crawl out from under the stack of work that piled up over YT...

and then it was like, just a peek at what's doing...

and then a click on Harry's wife (now renamed Harry's daughter)

and there goes half an hour.

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But its good we got it all out.

My hats off to all of you.

For me, what works is what I've seen posted on the forum... all the perfume and glitzy clothes is just a mirage... its a big puffball of chometz. Ha!, not going to fall for it.

and when its moichen d'katnus, I just beg Hashem to please help me out, and enjoy the closeness to him.

And we do the best we can.

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 13 Oct 2009 21:35

The problem is that we are so caught up in superficiality that inner beauty does not get any appreciation bichlal.

And people want to feel admired and loved.

This superficiality has hit our community big time, I am sorry to say.

You can't teach Kol Kavod Bas Melech Penima-if you do not give any credit to the p'nim.

And I agree that society is much to blame for this.

But it is a cycle that we must break.

Love to all

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by Dov - 13 Oct 2009 21:54

Awsome discussion, thanks.

Coming from a guy like me, who could (theoretically) get turned on by mother theresa (except *maybe* now after she's been dead for a few years), it certainly isn't in the untznius of the dresser, rather it is in *me* that the only problem lies.

If I am an uncomfortable person, I'll find someone to lust after, cuz I'm an addict. On the other

hand, I can be mighty comfortable yet get distracted from real life if I pay attention to some intoxicating beauty that happens to be in my view. As far as I'm concerned, that distraction is just like the distraction from peace of mind and self respect I had last month when another driver passed me, opened his window and screamed "YOUR'E A B****!!!" three or four times from his Escalade. If I get p.o.'d bent out of shape and ram my car into his, it'd certainly not be *his* fault, it'd be *mine*. Lust, anger, insecurity, pride, all the same mishega'as! Just a distraction from my actual, real life.

The only answer I have for me, is to do whatever it takes to remain comfy inside with real life - **my** real life. And that means accepting things on His terms. Not at all a comfortable process, so i never do it until I have absolutely no choice! Ayyy! But then things get better and better. All it takes is a step or two....still a tall order for a *normal* person, let alone an addict! But that's the way it goes.

Does this make any sense at all to anyone?

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Re: Harry's Wife

Posted by Holy Yid - 14 Oct 2009 04:54

Dov does not need my blessing but I am with him 100% on this point. If we lust at a girl it is our doing not hers.

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