

## DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by HashemYeracheim - 15 Oct 2009 23:48

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Posted by the.guard - 16 Oct 2009 00:05

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS  
Posted by Efshar Letaken - 16 Oct 2009 00:40

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I think you should make a poll on this.

Count me in as respectfully disagreeing to just about everything you said.

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS  
Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 03:47

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Harry's levaya?

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 03:51

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HW (gosh, it makes me think of homework.... even after all these years!!! :D) , your point may be valid though... we may not be the right people to figure this one out... People tend to project their own problems onto others, who may not have that tendency at all.... :'(

kutan

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 16 Oct 2009 04:08

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Harry's Levaya would be a great Thread.

The conversation will be about "What Will They Say About Harry At His Levaya?"

That's a questions we all have to ask ourselves.

What do we want to be known as when we pass on?

No one will be talking about how many hours we put into a days work.

No one will be talking about how good looking we were.

No one will be talking about our materialistic doings or at least that's not what we would like people to be talking about.

Like Reb Dovid Orlovsky says in one of his speeches "even Vinny the mobster at his funeral you want hear people saying, Hey you know, Vinny, He was a great Killer, he killed so many people! And how! Fugedaboutit!

No! They will say, Vinny, He loved his mother! He would do anything for his mother! Lol

So L'Havdel we need to work on ourselves before we hit mid life crisis or at least when we hit mid life crisis realizing we lived an empty life, and get our act together not that they should have what to say when we pass on but we should have something to show for when we do.

Hachaim Lomus, V'Hamisim Lichyos.

So Harry's Levaya aint that bad idea, but don't forget his wife or at least his Son are still very much alive.

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by Holy Yid - 16 Oct 2009 04:33

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This is a point that really hits home. If someone would have told me when I was younger that I don't have to be ashamed to ask for help in this area I don't think I would be here now. If someone would have told me that all boys have raging hormones I might not be here now. If someone would have told me that many good boy fall many times in this area I might not be here now. If someone would have given me practical advice in this area years ago I might not be here now.

I could go on but I think I made my point. Please talk about this with your sons. The Chafizt Chaim was once talking with other Gedolim about pressing communal issues and one of the other Gedolim said that one can only focus on correcting others after they have reached perfection in that area. The Chafizt Chaim said that when someone need a drink you bring him clean water but when there is a fire even the dirtiest water is brought as fast as you can get it there. Today we have a fire in Klal Yisroel, he said, so anyone that can help should. My friends today we have a forest fire raging on every street corner, in every home, in every shul. There is now refugee from WiFi, even the the Bais Medresh. We need even the dirtiest water in the world, even the most infected. Please bring the message to who ever will give you the time of day.

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by HashemYeracheim - 16 Oct 2009 07:21

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I agree with what you are saying about the need to educate our children. I agree that it should be us. We are the parents. We have the responsibility and can be mechanech with ahava and (if we know our kids) with the right level of mussar too. However, when it comes to the question of what to say, what boundaries to put up etc, I don't think that we are the one's to make the suggestions.

Why not.

First - unless we are in the position whereby we are a recovered addict I think it is going to be hard for us to know where to set them. We might suggest too much or too little. It takes someone healthy to look at things in the round. Again, this is slightly dependant on minhag/community, but do we know how to be lenient? Do we know when to let kids make their own decisions. I think my point relates more to teenagers than little kids, but sometimes pushing a teenager too hard produces the wrong result. Chas vesholom - I am not suggesting give them a mag and let them come to their own conclusions (the old trick of give someone enough rope and they will hang themselves). But it is often a question of attitude and

presentation. Give some teenagers a directive "don't cross that line" is often a guarantee that they will.

As I say, the approach is very much a question of your community (for example are movies OK or not? If OK, what rating?). But still think that it needs someone **objective** to draw those lines.

Second - There is an inclination for self preservation in all of us. And when Yankele asks us "is that what you do totty?" what are you going to say. Better to say that "Reb....teaches us that x, y, z". Or zeidy told me when I was your age "a, b, c".

I agree that there is a certain merit in the poacher turned groundskeeper approach. I.e. there is probably a lot of collective knowledge on this board about what not to do. This is probably quite useful in knowing what protections to place. E.g. if you let your kids online - you can make experience based decisions about what sites, what fileters etc. But the general decision as to whether to go online or not shouldn't be ours. If all of Yankele's friend's have access but he doesn't, you can bet your bottom dollar that when he's round at shmulik's learning, he's also checking voisisneiz or Torah.org. So if the next time he's in the public library there is a pc, he might go on it and perhaps look at the NY Times. Next time worse, etc. My point is that perhaps his Roash Yeshiva would have told you to let him on the home PC whereas you are thinking "I need to protect my little tzadikel from becoming a grub yung like me".

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 16 Oct 2009 09:20

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Isn't it 1 Jew, 2 opinions?

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Posted by 7yipol - 16 Oct 2009 10:33

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Perhaps instead of comparing Sa to AA, or Na (narcotics Anon), we should replace those initials with OA (Overeaters Anon) , DA (Debtors Anon) etc. AA and NA are the 'black and white' of addictions. The rest, like ours, are gray.

Do you think that we would be writing pages and pages of our favourite cocktail recipes? True, no one discusses cocktail recipes in AA, but they *are* discussing recipes in OA; low fat, healthy etc.

Do you think we'd be complaining about supermarkets selling cut price liquor, AA may not, but Debtors anon would. And rightfully so.

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS  
Posted by the.guard - 16 Oct 2009 10:41

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The conversation will be about "What Will They Say About Harry At His Levaya?"

The only thing I want them to say at *my* levaya is, "hey look, he's moving!"

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS  
Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 14:58

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ya gotta live in bp to get it.

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by bardichev - 16 Oct 2009 15:00

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BOOOOORICH MICHAYE MAYSIM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SHE IS WHERE EVER YOU ARE

TRY ONE LITTLE "EITZAH"

I-IG-IGN-IGNO-IGGGGNORRRRE HER!!!

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 16 Oct 2009 15:06

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Hilarious as usual Reb Guard!

I don't want anyone to say anything at my Levaya if & when.

The point is what will they say in Beis Din She'll Malloh

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Re: DOWN WITH ALL THE HARRYS

Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 15:06

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