

in the news

Posted by Lamplighter - 22 Dec 2009 19:15

I don't if anyone has followed the news but it's now public knowledge that a prominent rav stepped down from his position in an organization due to a scandal involving his phone sex conversations with a woman he was guiding through geirus as he was also setting her up to be intimate with men. I am guilty of listening to the phone audio conversations on the internet and I am very much heartbroken and disgusted that such a thing could happen, that a rav who it seemed was trusted by gedolei-Yisrael, a rav who wielded such influence on others, could be struggling with arayos like this. But then I thought, how are we different. We each have our own struggles in these areas. The difference is our doesn't usually involve such a massive public chillul-Hashem. May it never come to that.

I was thinking that in shamayim there's a different kind of news report, announcing our daily victories.

If this entire posting is inappropriate/lashon hara then I apologize and please take it down.

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Re: in the news

Posted by bardichev - 22 Dec 2009 19:19

i can not take it down

it comes to reinforce what we all know

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Re: in the news

Posted by Lamplighter - 22 Dec 2009 19:22

Bardichev, should I take it down? Did I write lashon hara? Or is it a worthwhile observation for me to keep up?

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Re: in the news

Posted by the.guard - 22 Dec 2009 19:43

Don't take it down... KLAL YISRAEL NEEDS TO WAKE UP!!

You can find many such sad stories in the PDF file I just made called "The GYE Lighthouse" that you can [download here](#).

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Re: in the news

Posted by Kedusha - 22 Dec 2009 22:54

I don't recommend listening to audio clips of this nature, whether or not a rabbi is involved.

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Re: in the news

Posted by imtrying25 - 23 Dec 2009 00:20

I would like just to say *Dont jump to conclusions*. Audio tape today means absolutly nothing. Speak to rage im sure hell back me up on this. I happened to know alot of inside info and it seems more and more each day that this story IS NOT TRUE!!!!!! Now im not saying there arent lessons to learn from such a story **but we as erlicher yidden are mechuyav to be dan lekaf zechus**. And i dont think an audio tape can remove that chiyuv. So lets be careful about who we accuse and what we accuse them of.

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Re: in the news

Posted by stevec613 - 23 Dec 2009 00:23

The lesson her with the rov is an important one.

The lesson is that no one, absolutely no one, gets a free ride from the yetzer horah. Anyone who drops their gaurd is at risk. Eevn a prominent rov and talmid chochom is capable of the these types of averos. Its easy to say that he was a hypocrite and a fraud. The truth is that like all of us he was tested and failed.

We are the lucky ones. We did not have suffer a public embarrassment in order to wake us up.

I wish the Rov much of luck in his recovery. I wonder if there is any way to introduce him to GYE.

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Re: in the news

Posted by Lamplighter - 23 Dec 2009 00:52

What do you mean audio tape today means nothing? He refers to her as "darling" numerous times, itself extremely wrong and disturbing, and I won't go into other pratim in the tapes.

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Re: in the news

Posted by imtrying25 - 23 Dec 2009 00:55

Dude we live in the 21st century. I could be fabricated. I guarentee no court would ever accept such a tape as evidence. this is wild. Were smashin a dude whos been on a tape.

Re: in the news

Posted by imtrying25 - 23 Dec 2009 00:59

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YES AND IM GONNA SAY IT LOUD AND IM GONNA SAY IT CLEAR. WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE???? ISNT THIS GYE?? THE COMMUNITY OF ACCEPTANCE?? WE ARE SMASHING A RABBI WHO SOME SHIKSA, YEAH DONT FORGET SHES A DAMN SHIKSA ,PUTS OUT A TAPE OF HIM SAYING WHATEVER?? i COULD PUT OUT A TAPE OF ANYONE IN ABOUT 3 SECONDS. INNOCENT TILL PROVEN GUILTY. ITS THE AMERICAN WAY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY ITS THE TORAH WAY. SO AGAIN I SAY WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE??

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Re: in the news

Posted by Lamplighter - 23 Dec 2009 01:32

ooops, my bad, I must have forgotten she's just a shiksa and he's a rav, so he must not have done anything wrong. It must not be his voice. All the endearing names he called her and all the things he said he'd wanna do to her, yep, must have all been edited and fabricated. My bad. Of course, she's just a shiksa after all..... score one up for defending the rabbanim who prey on the innocent, whether it's women trying to convert or molesting teenage girls. I was once an NCSYer and was personally mesmerized by one Rabbi Baruch Lanner. That name ring a bell anyone? People like you reacting similarly to him FOR YEARS, defending him and not his victims. All the stories of the teen girls he touched... for years people in our community "judged him favorably", dismissed it, while he continued to destroy lives. Keep up the warm and fuzzy acceptance people! Especially in this case, because after all, she's just a shiksa.

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Re: in the news

Posted by imtrying25 - 23 Dec 2009 01:37

Chill lamplighter. Read my words. Im not saying that he didnt do anything wrong. What im saying is that we cant pounce on him till we know its true. Oj simpson didnt kill his wife and girlfriend. No he didnt. well if he didnt then this guy didnt do anything else either. My point is that a recording is absolutly no proof. im not sainy hes innocent im just saying we can give every jerk out there the benegit of the doubt but when it comes to a rabbi hmmmmmmmmmmmmmm then

he definitely did something wrong.

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Re: in the news

Posted by stevec613 - 23 Dec 2009 01:50

Whats even more troubling about the tape is that the discussions between the parties clearly reference other participants that are allegedly from.

We are the lucky ones. It seems like there are many out there struggling with many misconceptions that are oblivious to GYE.

Somehow we must continue to spread the word. We can change the world!!

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Re: in the news

Posted by Kedusha - 23 Dec 2009 01:52

[imtrying25 wrote on 23 Dec 2009 01:37:](#)

Oj simpson didnt kill his wife and girlfriend.

Why then, did he lose a civil trial, with the plaintiffs being awarded \$33,500,000?

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Re: in the news

Posted by Lamplighter - 23 Dec 2009 01:55

I was just put in my place, not only by you, but by the Chofetz-Chaim. Tonight is the sixth of Teves. Minutes ago I opened to the page for 6 Teves, in Sefer Shmiras Halashon, shaar beis, perek 7 to read the name of the perek being this:

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The timing of opening that up shortly after my last posting here shook me up slightly. Maybe I'm mistaken and should be judging favorably.

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