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Posted by Beitzah3 - 15 Aug 2022 21:21

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Yet, the other side is as follows: 1) I am really bad at awkward situations and tend to avoid it. Which isn't a reason I guess but rather just a factor why I haven't done it. 2) I'm worried about them being upset with me for sometimes lying to their faces about this issue. And while I would like them to know the "real me" that is struggling with this issue, I'm concerned they'll view me as all that and nothing else since it's so surprising.

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Re: Telling parents

Posted by Vehkam - 15 Aug 2022 22:49

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The advice that I was Given when I had a similar question was to take a piece of paper and make four sections the top two sections should be the pros of telling and the cons of telling them

the bottom sections should be the pros of not telling them and the cons of not telling them

Often times you will find that this method makes it abundantly clear what you really want to do.

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Re: Telling parents

Posted by Dave M - 16 Aug 2022 13:45

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If you have a good relationship with them and feel that by telling them it will help you and your sibling navigate these challenges, then I think you should talk to them. Many ppl are not blessed to have a good and open relationship with their parents and the fact that you are even considering telling them already speaks volume. Hazlacha!

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Re: Telling parents

Posted by ?????? - 18 Aug 2022 15:06

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Speaking from firsthand experience of telling my mom, it's best to initiate this conversation with your dad and have him speak to your mom about it privately. It's not that she was angry at me, the feeling I got was more so a sense of pain coming from a responsibility that she failed to live up to, but it was a little awkward.

In regards to your siblings, I would say that it's necessary to speak with your parents about this just based off this. You were obviously able to hide it from your parents and others, and I'm sure they would be able to do also. With unfiltered devices, I saw a study that stated that 96% of children on the internet come across adult content, so if they have unfiltered devices it's only a matter of time before they come across this no matter what type of environment they are in. So please do talk with your dad about this and try to do something about your sibling's devices through doing so.

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Re: Telling parents

Posted by Beitzah3 - 19 Aug 2022 02:18

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Re: Telling parents

Posted by Markz - 19 Aug 2022 02:31

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“What came first the Chicken or the Egg (beitza)”

It's a matter of debate:-)

What we know is that the Egg spoke first!

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Re: Telling parents

Posted by Dave M - 19 Aug 2022 13:08

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That's great! I'm so happy you have the type of relationship with your parent that you could open up to them about such sensitive topics.

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Re: Telling parents

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 22 Aug 2022 06:19

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So nu? Where are we at now my friend?

You have already bh spared yourself much pain and misery by being open with your parents.

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