

Hatzlacha in Full Time Learning

Posted by help613 - 03 Jan 2010 13:16

Hey Guys

Just something that has been on my mind for a long time already.

I have been in Beys medrash for about 4 years now and had absolutely no hazloche

in learning, i hardly know how to learn a blat gemore never minde toisfes by myself.

Is it possible that some ppl r just not made for learning and that i should leave yeshiva

and go home to work ?

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Posted by imtrying25 - 04 Jan 2010 16:27

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Posted by imtrying25 - 04 Jan 2010 16:29

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Re: 19 year old bochur. Is it only me? What is the way out ? How do i make teshuva ?
Posted by Kedusha - 04 Jan 2010 16:40

~~If anyones been reading my posts they would see that this was what i said from the beginning.~~

[imtrying25 wrote on 04 Jan 2010 16:39:](#)

[guardureyes wrote on 04 Jan 2010 16:36:](#)

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Great - Shalom al Yisrael!

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I'm not trying to prolong the discussion (I think there's a lot of common ground in any event), but I feel that it has more to do with GYE's mission than meets the eye (no pun intended). A person who thinks that anything less than full time learning is only b'dieved may feel like a Sheigitz if he needs to leave Kollel, as most people eventually do, or if he doesn't learn in Kollel to begin with. If he feels like a Sheigitz, guess what behavior he is more than likely to engage in?

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Re: 19 year old bochur. Is it only me? What is the way out ? How do i make teshuva ?
Posted by imtrying25 - 04 Jan 2010 16:53

I do want to say that i dont think this convo ever got personal. I definitely didnt take it that way and i hope others didnt as well. I was just trying to let people understand a little. Im not even sure i did that either. ;D :D :D :D :D :D :D :D :D :D :D :D

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Posted by Ano Nymous - 04 Jan 2010 16:55

I think one of the things that makes GYE so great is that heated conversations like these never get personal, the way I often see them get on other sites where users can interact. I also think we should stop hijacking this poor guy's thread, and instead make another one and move all these posts over there. ;D

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Re: Hatzlacha in Full Time Learning
Posted by Kollel Guy - 05 Jan 2010 13:02

The problem is not with the individuals who belong in a kollel lifestyle. It's the system which *demands* that everybody live that way. The system takes away from both those who belong there, and those who don't.

It causes the concept of "giving one's life for learning" to be non-existent. Nobody gives their life for learning, they just do what everyone does. There's no decision or thought in it, and it's that decision and thought which on one hand - makes the learning something special and meaningful, but on the other hand - would cause many to leave kollel.

This is the dilemma.

Your welcome to find a solution.

I'm sure the Gedolim as well as the rest of Klal Yisroel will be grateful to you for it.

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Posted by Kedusha - 05 Jan 2010 14:20

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It's interesting that most people think that they need to ask a Sheilah before leaving Kollel (I didn't), but very few ask a Sheilah if that's what they should be doing in the first place (I didn't either).

We got no support from family, and received a tiny stipend from the Kollel (which paid about half our rent) only after the first three years. My wife earned the Parnasa for five and a half years. She wasn't cut out for such a lifestyle, and it put a huge strain on our marriage. That's why I didn't ask a Sheilah about leaving Kollel - it only makes sense to ask if, #1 you have any doubt, and #2, you intend to follow what you're told, even if you disagree with it.

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Re: Hatzlacha in Full Time Learning
Posted by silentbattle - 05 Jan 2010 16:40

Personally, I'd ask before leaving - just like I'd discuss my choice of going to kollel with my Ha - well, #2 is true of asking a sheilah about anything, isn't it?
rebbe.

KG - I agree, but I know lots of people who are choosing to do it because they want to, and by the same token, if they had to, they'd leave. As kedusha mentioned, people with heads on their shoulders know that if it's not working out, you leave. My sister married a long-term learner, an incredible guy who's really committed - and that's what she wanted. Yet, if things got tough, and my sister was having trouble handling it, he'd go out and work. I'm sure it wouldn't be a split-second decision - they'd discuss it (like any other major lifestyle change). But that's what intelligent people do - they make decisions based on what's the best thing for *them* to do at *that* time.

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Re: Hatzlacha in Full Time Learning
Posted by Kedusha - 05 Jan 2010 16:44

[silentbattle wrote on 05 Jan 2010 16:40:](#)

Right, but so is #1. We only ask when we're in doubt.

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Re: Hatzlacha in Full Time Learning
Posted by silentbattle - 05 Jan 2010 16:47

True - but sometimes, even when we're sure about something, it's a good idea to ask - especially when it's a major decision like that, and we have so many things pulling us in different directions - "the family needs more money, but I also want luxuries, but what will the neighbors say, and is this really the right thing for me to do?" I could go on for paragraphs with all the different factors that pull at our minds at times like that - some of them valid, some not. And that makes thing very unclear.

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Does ANYONE ask if they should learn in Kollel to begin with? Hardly ever - because they "know" the answer.

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