Need real help Posted by wannabefree88 - 24 Jun 2024 11:25

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Re: Need real help Posted by BenHashemBH - 24 Jun 2024 12:41

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That must be very hard how it effects your image of your father and your relationship.

The first thing that I would keep in mind is that he has a yetzer hara just like the rest of us. Your Rabbeim could have the same YH and we just don't know. We must try not to judge anyone. He is your father, and I'm not implying that it should not matter to you CV. Of course it is a difficult thing to bear.

Perhaps if you are in a position to open up to your father about **your** struggle with p&m (not his) and ask for help (filter devices and maybe learn a shmiras einayim sefer together), he would understand well, and you might be mechazeik him? Maybe that's not a good idea, and the oilam here can weigh in, because I don't think you should be his help - only set yourself up by asking him for help that you might also motivate him to work on it (which he may or may not).

You are still going to know that it was something that he did. Him possibly changing will not automatically "fix" your image of him - that is something you will have to figure out either way. There is a lot of shame and guilt involved with this specific nisayon. Would it bother you as much if you discovered that he sometimes skips putting on tefillin? His personal battles are for him to fight. Try and see the rest of him with an ayin tov.

I hope others have more eitzov to offer. This is certainly not a simple thing for you to deal with.

Hatzlacha

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Re: Need real help Posted by upanddown - 24 Jun 2024 13:09

Wow this is a tricky one ...

As BenHashemBH says, everyone has a Yetzer Hara, it doesn't define him, he's just struggling... so definitely don't look down at him.

What I would do in this situation is not to openly talk to him about it, nor to take on myself HIS problems, but rather I would buy the book "The Battle of the Generation" (by Hillel S. - available on Amazon for \$9.30) and leave it lying around on the table.. He will most likely open it and read a little, it might get him started with his recovery... (if he asks who this book belongs to, you can be honest and say its yours and you find it a very interesting and inspiring book... you have nothing to be embarrassed of since you know full well that he's struggling with lust)

Alternatively you can leave a tab open on his phone with the GYE homepage (as if you forgot to close it...)

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Re: Need real help Posted by upanddown - 24 Jun 2024 13:14

And looking forward to hearing from you also about your personal journey!

No pressure... when you're ready...

Re: Need real help Posted by chosemyshem - 24 Jun 2024 13:29 wannabefree88 wrote on 24 Jun 2024 11:25:

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Didn't know I was gonna get my heart broken so early in the morning today.

I know that this is extremely painful. And it's a serious and delicate issue. Rabbi Twerski addressed a similar situation for GYE once. I suggest you read his response carefully: <u>HERE</u>

Practically, if you cannot speak to him or someone else, <u>HERE</u> is a link to a form that you can sign him up to receive an email from GYE. As you'll see there's an option to send one totally anonymously, and one that will send him a more personalized email. Send whatever you feel comfortable with.

Re: Need real help Posted by wannabefree88 - 24 Jun 2024 15:32

Thanks everyone,

Honestly I wont talk about my issues here bc I already did, just didnt want anyone to know

I cannot talk to him about that, he's an "old" dad, not so frum and I dont even think that he sees a pb it seeing that. It's just a distraction for him

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