

Proposal number two

Posted by eerie - 03 Jul 2024 17:46

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Talking to a bunch of the chevrah about what we can do to best help the people out there suffering, the following thought evolved.

There are many bachurim, or even yungerleit, who struggle, and they don't have regular access to internet. Maybe they struggle with masturbation, or phone lines, or other unhealthy behaviors. And they also need help.

) that have a

rebbe that they can talk to. Among the yungerleit it's even less common. They are uncomfortable, and understandably so. Then, there are many rebbeim that are doing a wonderful job at helping their talmidim. And there are talmidim that wish they had such a rebbe.

Another point

One of the most powerful things in this place is the fact that we all in the same boat, we all understand each other's struggles because we readily admit that we have been there ourselves. And together, we hold hands and soar. Now, how can we offer that to the people that for some reason or other cannot come here regularly?

There are those, probably precious few, (besides for Muttel's talmidim, that is) SO, there was a thought of some of the people here together creating an anonymous hotline. A place where people can call to speak to someone that has been in a similar place, a place where a person can get a mentor that really understands him, and can offer him real help. Of course there are many details to work out, like who are the mentors? How are relationships monitored and run a way that will only be helpful? And many more. We would probably have to set up an operating system where people are connected only to mentors not in their hometown, etc.

The hotline could also be a resource for rebbeim etc. looking for tips on how to help their talmidim

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And we can change that.

Again, please share your thoughts. ?????? ???? ???? ?

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by horizon - 03 Jul 2024 18:25

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kol hakavod reb eerie for taking this mitzvah upon yourself, and giving back to help as many yiddin as possible.

i'ts comforting to hear that story out of BMG, that less yiddin will have to endure the isolation and loneliness of this struggle.

a hotline sounds like a great idea, especially for guys who don't have internet access and are probably more accustomed to/comfortable with the use of hotlines.

hatzlacha pulling this off.

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Posted by iwannalivereal - 03 Jul 2024 18:45

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Posted by candé - 03 Jul 2024 19:08

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Fully agreed . Its gotta be people who not only went through the same thing, but are also open to talking about their own experiences A therapist /professional only knows how to listen not how to share

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Maskim to the above point... however not necessarily does the hotline have to be there to give people the entire eitzta to get out of this mess. I was envisioning that the biggest benefit are for guys that have no idea that there are other strugglers, and that have no idea that there's actually a way out of this mess. There are probably a decent number of guys on the site that can clarify that point pretty well. Once someone is open to the idea of breaking free with a real she'ifa and hope to get out they can possibly be led to other places... GYE, HHM, or others that can properly lead a guy step by step.

There is also the obvious may'la that can be had from talking on the phone with guys and making relationships with others that have struggled just for the chizzuk that provides.

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by amevakesh - 03 Jul 2024 19:56

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Wow!!! You keep churning 'em out. I'm seriously jealous of your Z'chusim. ??? ????? is lucky to have you, and we at GYE are luckiest of all to know you. Sign me up. Just a few points.

1) What if we printed and hung posters that said something to the effect of "Think you're the only one struggling? There are hundred like you that have been there, and they can share how they broke free." Make it clear that the hotline is being staffed by people that have been there. Maybe it'll take away some of the fear of calling.

2) Also, perhaps if we had a few numbers to call, from around the world, then someone from the East coast might be more comfortable calling someone from out of town. Someone from out of town might be more comfortable calling someone intown or out of country. It should be made clear on the poster that this recommended to protect your anonymity.

3) Maybe HHM should train a few people in how to deal with standard struggles, then we would have man power. Obviously, anything to complicated could always be referred back to HHM or someone else that's qualified.

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by frank.lee - 03 Jul 2024 20:07

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My therapist was great with sharing with me about his own struggles.

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Re: Proposal number two  
Posted by frank.lee - 03 Jul 2024 20:11

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Maybe we can use the infrastructure of the Kav Halacha. They have Rabanim across the world, some/many who are actually somewhat good with helping these people with some of these issues. Maybe GYE can train all their Rabanim with some of these tips, or they can make an extension which goes to people trained in this.

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Holy cow.

This is really something. You're like a one-man hotline and delegation. Ashrecha.

Though I hear that this is hard to duplicate outside of BMG.

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Totally wondering the same thing, why rip it down?

Wow, IWLR, thanks for sharing this incredible hishtadlus.

**FLOOD THE ZONE WITH MORE SIGNS!!!**

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