

Posted by eerie - 03 Jul 2024 17:46

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 Mutter'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

Now, before you go, I want to share something. I had discussed this idea with one of the special guys here on Erev Shabbos. And I wondered how such a thing would look. Just a few days later

I got to try out in real time, and it is currently working wonders. There is a wonderful person here who has been doing his own work of spreading awareness of what GYE has to offer. He's been doing so in BMG. And got over 20 calls from people wanting to know more. A few days ago a guy called, but this was someone who our tzaddik was uncomfortable speaking to. He asked me if I could call this yungerman back. Which I did. I got to know a really special yungerman, a real ben Torah, who's been struggling for years all alone. Has hardly heard about GYE, and had no idea what it's like. And he has no regular access to internet. He still has enough to struggle with, unfortunately. And I have had the zechus of guiding him, of showing him how he can get past all these behaviors. He's BH on fire and I daven he'll keep soaring. My friends, Hashem gave me taste of what it would be like to help people that don't know the culture here, that haven't read any threads, that don't know about the F2F program, and most importantly, that don't know there is a way out.

And we can change that.

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

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by eerie - 15 Jul 2024 21:52

[iwannalivereal wrote on 03 Jul 2024 20:24:](#)

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I'd like to share my story with you in the hope that others can gain from it...

As a young boy I was unfortunately exposed to the darkest tumah the internet has to offer. I spent many many years struggling, all the while trying to figure out how to break

free of the terribly strong grip the yetzer hara had on me. I struggled through my years in mesivta, beis medrash and then as a yungerman here in BMG. This struggle gave me no rest and was a huge weight on my shoulders throughout all those years. Bchasdei Hashem, a few months ago I was zoche to learn the proper way how to deal with this nisayon and I've broken out of this terrible cycle that had been going on for more than 15 years.

If my story sounds at all familiar, you should know that you are not alone. As is well known, there are unfortunately many special, wonderful people that struggle with these inyanim, including the 40 plus people that have reached out to me since I started hanging these signs....

You should also know that it is quite possible to break free. The same way I did, you can as well.

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Reb IWLR, perhaps, perhaps, ???? ????? this nusach will have a better chance of staying up. The part about the 40 people will not make any difference, ?????? your original signs didn't have that and they were ripped down. But perhaps, if the words 'bnei Torah' are left out, maybe it'll last another few minutes. It might be an exercise in futility, but ???? ???? ??? ?? ??? ?????!!!!

I plan on calling some Lakewood rabbanim and asking them to ok the sign, and I'll let you know which name you can put on the sign. I would hope the talmidei chachomim our yanker speaks to respect the rabbanim.

P.s. please email the guy that my blood pressure is still up in the sky. What chilul Hashem is he talking about, for cryin' out loud? I'd type more, except it's causing me to get angry again. Ay, anybody heard of the term 'useful idiots'? Well, the YH also has some

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by frank.lee - 15 Jul 2024 22:49

I was wondering, maybe to change this sentence: **As a young boy I was unfortunately exposed to the darkest tumah the internet has to offer.**

Not sure how to write it, but to remove the word "internet", you can gain two things. People maybe will rip it down less if it does not have this taboo word. And this way it can connect with the people who fall/act out without the internet, whether on phone lines, in person, print magazine etc.

Not sure how to make it more encompassing.

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by eerie - 16 Jul 2024 18:43

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Keep on trucking!

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by chaimoigen - 16 Jul 2024 21:52

I took a day or two to mull over the unbelievable conversations and accomplishments happening on this thread.

Yasher Koach R' Eerie for being the **fire**, the **heart** and the **blood pressure** behind this powerful conversation!! You are a gift to us and to Klal Yisroel.

Although I am late to the party, I would like to weigh in with some thoughts. And some take-away from this conversation, Halacha Limaasah. Hope yall don't mind a drop of length here.

Point 1.

My thinking is there doesn't have to be a **single** proposal or plan of action as a take away . **Everyone must and can make a difference in the way that he knows how.**

Seems like pretty much everyone agrees that we want to try to reach the many people out there struggling who think they are the only lonely terribly twisted frum guy.

We want them to discover (GYE) the power of a community and the help they can get.

Each of us has ways to reach out. Not everyone has the capability to do or even should do what IWLR is doing. Or man a hotline. Or speak to a prominent Rav or Adam Gadol. Or talk to his talmidim or Rabbeim. But look what just a few guys have already accomplished!

The main question, I think, is for each of us to ask ourselves is "WHAT CAN I DO". There is an answer that each one of us can learn.

Point 2.

Reaching the leaders. It has been surprising to many that some of the special people in Klal Yisroel's leadership, who are sought after by many in crisis, don't know what we do about how to help the many that (ought) to turn to them for help. Well, Chazal say ??? ??? ???? ?????? , and for better or worse, that's **us**.

So we need to share our experiences with them, so they can learn how better to help others. I think that's a goal in and of itself. Each of us may have someone we are close to, who could benefit from us going out of our comfort zone and sharing some of what we know. This is an independent proposal and a critical one.

Point 3.

Reaching the masses.

I think that the aforementioned leaders, (if they truly are such) will have opinions and ideas about how to reach people within their communities. A hotline might be the greatest method for one group, while targeted advertising for GYE might be a better method for a different group. Retraining Chosson Madrichim and Mashgichim might be a third Mehalach... Change takes different forms when it's awareness ...

Point 4.

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I personally think that this proposal and approach is more important and effective than pushing AI (which doesn't talk to me at all) and then think it's a lot more relatable in an advertisement...

If GYE puts the letter as an ad in various places no one will be able to engage in the time-

Looking for the breaking dawn,

i am-

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There is a big difference between approving a sign and endorsing it. Did Rabbi Felder specifically say that you can write on the signs that he was asked and he approved?

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by redfaced - 25 Jul 2024 12:31

An old man was walking along the beach one morning, after a wildly stormy night. As he was walking, he came across a young boy who was throwing starfish back into the sea one at a time. He asked the child, "my dear boy what are you doing"?

To which the child responded, "the sun is coming up and If these starfish don't get back into the ocean they will die. I MUST help them". The old man smiled, "My child, there are thousands and thousands of starfish strewn along the beach, you cant possibly make a difference, how many can you possibly save"? The child looked the old man in the eye, as he bent down and picked up another starfish. As he threw the starfish back into the sea, he said with a smile, "to THAT starfish I made a difference".

Moving on, Making progress.

I approached Rabbi Eliezer Gewirtzman this week and asked him how much he knows about guard your eyes. He responded very little. To which I said ?????? ????? that's nowhere near) I emailed him PY's Letter and IWLR's sign and we had a long conversation, which will Bez'h be continued. He is willing to get more educated about what can be done to help people who are struggling, AND he does know people who are struggling.

Make a difference in the world one starfish at a time!!

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Posted by iwannalivereal - 09 Aug 2024 04:12

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by yiftach - 09 Aug 2024 04:16

WOW! JUST WOW!

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Posted by parev - 09 Aug 2024 07:21

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What about The Mir?

We can't even BUY a copy here in EY!

I've printed out hundreds of pages on my home printer to give out to people who are calling me everyday , trying to get hold of a book....

Anyone able to help out please PM

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by iyh2023 - 12 Aug 2024 15:16

Did anybody else notice the GYE add in some papers this week?

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Posted by Captain - 12 Aug 2024 18:07

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Did you have the idea from listening to this episode, or is it hashgacha that he starts off (1:20-1:40) by quoting support groups "if I don't recognize that I have a problem, I'm never going to change it".

[Tisha B'av - How Could It Be??? \(Ep. 247\) | Rabbi Dovid Orlofsky's Official Website \(rabbiorlofsky.com\)](#)

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by 138eagle - 14 Aug 2024 20:56

GYE was on the back of the booklet from the Chafetz Chaim Heritage Foundation. Full page ad.

Great Coverage.

Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by proudyungerman - 27 Aug 2024 14:54

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Any updates on this?

I'd love to do it, but as a proudyungerman, money, ahem, isn't exactly so bountiful these days...

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Any update on this?

Hoping these ideas don't just die...

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