

Posted by eerie - 03 Jul 2024 17:46

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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Posted by eerie - 05 Jul 2024 16:03

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Posted by chosemyshem - 05 Jul 2024 16:57

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Great peeve please add that to the Grouchery.

(Dov has a great similar line about guys who are all of a sudden terrified of making a "chillul hashem" by going to an SA meeting. Where was the chillul hashem when you were)

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Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 05 Jul 2024 18:21

Rabbeinu Eerie Shlit"a,

I "hear" the peeve. Yet I can't help but mention that SO many of us are coming from a life replete with contradiction (at least that's the case here in Lita)...so I guess being hypocritical in this area is the lesser of 2 evils?

Oh, and kudos to IWLR, who is buildin' quite the résumé, which should go something' like this:

Mechaber of lamdishe kuntraisin,

fierce advocate for the klal,

relentless pursuer of truth,

beacon of light for the struggling masses,

loyal husband and father, etc. etc.

Additions, anyone?

Wishin' my dear brothers a Lichtigen & Grodnian Shabbos! ~ img

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by proudyungerman - 05 Jul 2024 20:14

All this wonderful back and forth with different ideas being discussed, debated, and refined has brought a few thoughts to mind. I would like to share one of them.

It is really wonderful to try to think big, to try to influence and to change a system that may indeed need some redirecting (far be it for me to decide anythin' close to that...). I think that the most powerful change can occur when **YOU** stand up to the plate.

That is what started a lot of these discussions, and I think it is what is going to affect the most change.

Yiftach spoke to a leading RY and Manhig, I sent a letter to my Rebbeim, Rabbeinu Eerie showed my letter and explained our connection to another, IWLR hung up signs in BMG.

YOU can take the initiative also! (You can even borrow one of the previously done ideas...)

I truly hope that these conversations bear fruit.

While we are waiting for the flowers to bud and the fruit to slowly ripen I would like to sound a clarion call of ?? ??' ???!

If you truly care about the ????? ??? ????? who are drowning as you once were, then change out of your pj's, and pick YOUR way and YOUR idea of what YOU can do to help your brethren.

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Posted by yiftach - 06 Jul 2024 21:33

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I second this thought.

Just want to add, that when we go into recovery mode, we want to make sure it's not another false hope. Imagine calling up a number just to find out it's another one of those things that by giving blank amount of \$ to a certain cause we'll be healed...

Also, many of us never made the **decision** to go into the world of P&M. One thing led to another, till... boom! we were sucked in. When we try getting out, it usually comes from a decision that we make. When we make a **decision**, we want it to be backed up and worthwhile.

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Posted by redfaced - 07 Jul 2024 23:22

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Posted by proudyungerman - 08 Jul 2024 19:20

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Who's next?

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Posted by iwannalivereal - 08 Jul 2024 23:10

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by Muttel - 09 Jul 2024 01:19

Change is coming!!

IWLR, amazing!

Muttel

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by eraygrand - 09 Jul 2024 02:45

WOW reading through this is truly inspiring! The eagerness to share the news and spread the wealth is amazing and uplifting.

I still fundamentally believe that this quote from earlier is the core item that needs to be overcome because it creates a sense of yish and loneliness that make it almost impossible to overcome on your own:

All thought they were the only guy in BMG struggling, all thought they were the worst resha'im and losers since Dor Hamabul, and all thought they'd never break out.

I would also suggest directing people to the halachah headline episode from 2/17/2023 which included an interview with the GYE founders and Dr. Zimmerman (author of From Boys to Men). The percentages quoted by them are mind blowing. Even w/o specific training just getting the message out in as many ways as possible that you are not alone and it is possible to overcome is worthwhile.

The other great source of chizzuk is the daily Vayimaen video.

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Re: Proposal number two
Posted by parev - 10 Jul 2024 09:57

A couple of signs went up in the Mir today...

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Re: Proposal number two

Posted by frank.lee - 10 Jul 2024 21:59

Wow, awesome! Can you share the text so we can potentially use it for our other places of gathering and study?

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