

Mixed gyms

Posted by aryehtahor - 27 Jan 2010 04:00

I wanted to get some people's opinion on a situation that is relevant in my life at the moment, and which I thought may be relevant to some other people here too.

As a few of you may know, I am currently in a secular university. I have an immediate need to lose weight, and have been struggling to do this for a while (for health reasons, not for attracting random girls). Specifically I have started to go to the gym here which is the only one I can get to. I take off my kippa and tzitzis when I go in because neither are particularly practical for working out and also for the following reason. The gym is full of women who are basically naked, some very attractive, and in compromising positions! AHHH! A yid shouldn't be there, and wearing a kippa there is perhaps a hillul Hashem. But I am pushing myself to go because I think I am in a situation where I can get healthy again.

Any thoughts?

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Re: Mixed gyms

Posted by Me3 - 28 Jan 2010 01:53

[aryehtahor wrote on 28 Jan 2010 01:47:](#)

It's almost like if I started a thread about whether or not unicorns exist, you would respond with a link to a GYE page called "Information about anonymously discussing whether unicorns exist".

What would be the point? (I can't believe I just did that)

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Posted by shemirateinayim - 28 Jan 2010 01:57

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Posted by BruceWayne - 28 Jan 2010 04:27

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Re: Mixed gyms

Posted by UTS - 28 Jan 2010 06:16

[kanesher wrote on 27 Jan 2010 14:34:](#)

Um...from a pure halachic standpoint, it probably is permissible if you don't have another gym available

if you're sure you won't come to hirhur

um...if you're not...then it's forbidden. I think that it's a really bad place for an addict.

I think you put that very well! I was about to write something very similar.

As a matter of fact there is a rov who has a taped answer on the internet where he did permit this under certain conditions. But, as I do not believe he would like to see an "addict" do this, and anyhow it was only under a few conditions, I will not give out the link to his answer here.

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Interesting. I saw a unicorn on a metal blazer button and was wondering if there would be a problem of avodas zoroh (Greek or other mythology) in wearing it. I still would rather run it by a rov of course, if I wanted to wear such a thing. But thanks for the m'm, I would mention it if I asked.

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Re: Mixed gyms

Posted by username24 - 28 Jan 2010 15:15

[shemirateinayim wrote on 27 Jan 2010 19:48:](#)

Hey GUARD can you send an email to the poster who says he's a posek.. Cmon there has to be someone on here who knows psak, and is willing to learn the sugyos on the topic. But for this one probably needs to know shas, there are too many variables, and it's very scattered throughout shas. Is there anyone with a connection to this site, that can do this?

Go on what's the question?

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Re: Mixed gyms

Posted by shemirateinayim - 28 Jan 2010 17:19

The problem with internet anonymity, is that you don't even know what people look like, let alone who they are. (Among other problems that are far greater!)

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Posted by aryehtahor - 28 Jan 2010 19:46

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Listen here porky, you shouldn't take anything people say here personally, many of them just aren't civilized. And besides it isn't like anyone told you to jump off a 100 story building or something.....

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Re: Mixed gyms

Posted by aryehtahor - 28 Jan 2010 19:57

Haha, actually I regret to inform everyone that I'm really a 85 pound anorexic shiksa posing as a

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Re: Mixed gyms

Posted by bardichev - 28 Jan 2010 20:28

fat Jewish guy.

i am sad to report to you

i really am just jeff the big rig driver

i live in a trailer park just outside

of bardstown ky

sorry for posing as a heimishe boro park guy

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Dude, 135? Goal? Maybe for a skinny high school kid. You gotta get some meat on them bones. More muscle mass will increase your metabolism rate, for one thing. I don't know how much weight you need to lose (and you don't need to say) but it sounds like a strength training regimen with 3 days of weights and 2-3 days of conditioning thrown in per week will do the trick. But it won't work if your diet stinks.

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Re: Mixed gyms

Posted by shemirateinayim - 28 Jan 2010 23:50

for the record RAGE, no-one intended for him to "jump off we just wanted him to shed the extra pounds in the stairwell, on his way up....

.....I think.

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search feature, DO I see the 'Dark Knight' raising his hand?

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Bruce you are crzy and great at the same time!!! How?? i aint got no freakin clue!! :D :D :D :D :D

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