

"Shattered Glass"

Posted by Kedusha - 24 Jul 2009 03:27

Is anyone reading the serial in Mishpacha's Family First Magazine, entitled "Shattered Glass?"

This week is chapter 3. So far, not all that much has happened, so I won't be giving too much away. However, I will suggest where I think the story is headed, and how it may relate to all of us.

The story is about a Kollel Yungerman named Betzalel, married to a happy-go-lucky woman named Huvi. However, Betzalel is being plagued by some emotional distress, and the reader has not yet been told why.

This week's chapter ends with Betzalel's brother-in-law offering him a cup of coffee at the end of a family party, and Huvi saying emphatically that Betzalel never drinks coffee. Betzalel is afraid that his brother-in-law will say something and, sure enough, he asks Betzalel why, if he doesn't drink coffee, does he spend so much time in Starbucks?

Does Starbucks provide Internet access? I suspect that our protagonist suffers from an Internet/pornography addiction. Any takers?

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by bardichev - 24 Jul 2009 03:35

ok I will be the hedyot kofetz birosch

mishpacaha magazine plays on "yennems tzooris"

thats all folks

btw family first?? kedusha tzaddik you might be oiver lo silbash for reading it ;D

my 2 cents

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by Kedusha - 24 Jul 2009 13:48

Cute, Bardichev.

Mishpacha does anticipate that men will read Family First Magazine, which is why they don't allow pictures of women.

I think that, if my hunch is correct (that the story is about Internet/pornography addiction), that it will prove educational for those ignorant about this problem.

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by TrYiNg - 26 Jul 2009 09:34

I was reading it, but couldn't figure out where it was headed. I think it may be that. There were some other stories/scripts on it lately, but it didn't portray the struggle good enough, hope this one 'ill be different.

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by kutan - 27 Jul 2009 16:58

We subscribed once to Mishpacha, and when it would come on Thursday the whole family would be like zoned out, each member scuttling off to the side with their favorite column. It got to the point where I could not imagine not following the serials.

But it wasn't healthy, and to boot we had to pay for it to (money is time...) so we decided to drop it and see if we could survive.

Guess what, we are happier for it!

One less 'addiction'.

Must say though that I miss the Jr. It was my favorite! But they say that they won't sell it alone. I loved the science and geography articles and the comic on the back

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by Kedusha - 27 Jul 2009 17:08

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Posted by kutan - 27 Jul 2009 19:59

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Kedusha,

I've wasted time on MORE than one novel, unfortunately. Very embarrassing, but it's a weakness. Especially science fiction. But bH lately I'm out of it (except for the 7 Harry Potter books. Ohh... was I a sitting duck for those.)

bH the series is over on those.

In the serials and frum novels you can actually learn a great deal of human interaction and middos in a sugar coated way, and I'm for them... I was just relating what worked for me.

Sorry for taking your thread off track!

Kutan

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by Kedusha - 03 Aug 2009 03:19

As I wrote last week, I'm convinced that I know where this story is headed. This week (chapter 4), our protagonist was in such emotional turmoil, that when his wife needed reassurance that everything was fine, he was not capable of giving it to her in even a slightly convincing manner.

I don't mean to make a big deal about this, but reading about Betzalel's turmoil makes me think twice before, c"v, heading back on that tumultuous path. If so, then spending 5-10 minutes per week reading this serial is time well spent.

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by bardichev - 03 Aug 2009 03:22

OK YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION

THERE IS AVERY CUTE JOKE ABOUT MISHPACHA FROM THE YARMER ROOOV

I'M SURE E.L. WILL BE GLAD TO SHARE

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by TrYiNg - 04 Aug 2009 07:22

E.L? Were waiting...

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by bardichev - 04 Aug 2009 14:27

its a tad off color

you need to know yiddish and NY hock

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by Kedusha - 04 Aug 2009 15:30

[bardichev wrote on 04 Aug 2009 14:27:](#)

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I think, then, that we should pass!

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by bardichev - 04 Aug 2009 15:49

thats why i didn't post

e.l. wont either

thanks

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 04 Aug 2009 18:26

Here's the punch line!

B"H Di Gantseh Mishpoche Iz Gezint! lol

If this is the one you are referring to then I think its not bad at all.

E.L.

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Re: "Shattered Glass"

Posted by bardichev - 04 Aug 2009 18:30

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amool hut men gennimen der YID

nuchdem de MISHPACHA

hanynt nemt men rayn KOL HA-OLAM KILO!!!

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