

Halacha shailah...

Posted by Kollel Guy - 08 Dec 2009 18:01

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Does anybody know if your allowed to wear cloths which got sz on them? I heard you just can't daven in them, can anyone give me a mekor for this?

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by Dov - 18 Dec 2009 00:56

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Kaneshner is right on, as far as I am concerned.

A frum yid, a lamdan, starts doing something that is really, really stupid. He does it once. He does it again. He regrets it each time and feels terrible about it. Slowly he makes this stupid mistake fifty times and it starts to get expanded into something even *more* stupid. When he thinks it over he realizes he is, in fact, acting like a total idiot. He therefore hides his behavior and *only* does it in the utmost secrecy and privacy. He continues acting like a jackass for ten years and finds out that he better not let his wife get wind of it, for it'd mess their marriage up a great deal. He is violating trust and undermining his own self respect by acting this immature and idiotic way, but finds he tries but cannot succeed at stopping. He figures he is just a moron. After all, he *is* doing the same *really* dumb stuff habitually. Think up something dumb. Anything. And he can't stop!

You'd agree that he's got some kind of serious mental problem, seriously, no?

Would you say this fellow has a problem dealt with in s'forim? Mishlei spends a lot of time telling us not to be jerks. Have you checked it out? It also talks a lot about alcoholism, womanizing, gambling, raging, and lusting. It doesn't matter if it's **in a sefer**. It can *stay* in the sefer and do no good at all. To me, the more relevant question may be why there is no group movement of *people* in Yiddishkeit to deal with these issues, not "is there a sefer that outlines something like a program" or not. (And BTW, there are plenty that outline a program like this one.)

Consider reading the silly story above again, but substitute the "stupid behavior" he was doing with compulsive porn surfing, masturbation, phone calls, or any other form of lust acting out behavior. After all, don't you agree that doing all or any of these things is, in fact, just plain stupid?

Yet we do them, anyway, don't we? Even though they are stupid and we are smart.

Or are we?

If you find you keep doing this stuff even though it's stupid, then what does being a nut have to do with yiddishkeit at all?

That is what *I'd* like to know.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by imtrying25 - 18 Dec 2009 01:01

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Wow Dov the truth hurts, the truth hurts. But i could use this hurt. Ill only gain off of it. Thanks again for all your amazing posts.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by Kollel Guy - 18 Dec 2009 01:08

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Point well taken R' Dov, I was asking out of curiosity, not for validation purposes.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by Dov - 18 Dec 2009 01:32

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I'll give you validation anyway.

Now find out what you need to **do**.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by the.guard - 20 Dec 2009 16:11

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by UTS - 23 Dec 2009 04:30

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I hope that this would be the place to post this question.

feeling better already, after my daily dose of dov...

Does anyone have anything to say about whether it is possible to transgress the sins of loшон horah, mevayesh borabim and other sins

of shmiras haloshon, prohibited speech, on a forumn, where the name of the individual is anonymous? Can you insult a pseudonym? The owner will usually feel bad though, regardless, as far as that goes.

I have a feeling that this is/could be a problem but do not have any clarity.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by Kollel Guy - 23 Dec 2009 05:44

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suspect that the writer would try to throw everybody off.

Maybe what you could do is change the story, and try to replace the case with similar actions that sort of have the same meaning.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by Dov - 23 Dec 2009 14:25

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You bring up great points!

The entire yesod of recovery appears to be admitting the truth about myself to myself. And it has to be safe to do that. That's exactly why we stick with other addicts.

The AAs found they couldn't do that well without also admitting it to others, as well. They also had to admit it to their G-d. (Just spend two minutes reading through the steps and 12 traditions.)

So, here is the problem for me:

If I **keep** the dirty truth about me a secret from my recovery people, I'll die - and take my family and others with me in some way.

If I divulge the truth about my behavior - holding nothing back and w/o regard to shame *at all* - then there is at least *some* hope for me.

If someone here is disgusted with my behavior or rants about what a chillul Hashem I did, etc., then it's just too damn bad, I guess. They don't understand recovery and all I can say is 'good luck' to them admitting the truth about their *own* crapola. They just don't know any better yet.

But I have no other options.

Do you?

Having acted like a lunatic is no excuse for doing more stupid stuff and endangering ourselves further. But where are you going to go but to other addicts in recovery? I have found that "normals" do not understand the insanity of addiction and can only be sympathetic, at best.

Hashem **will** help you get exactly what you need to stop acting out by providing you with whatever you are looking for that makes you need to act out, as long as you get out of His

way...luckily He needs very little space!

Hatzlocha, chaver!

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by UTS - 23 Dec 2009 20:27

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by kanesher - 23 Dec 2009 21:22

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In the realm of recovery land - let's say a 12 step group - Dov , as usual is right -

How can someone go to a therapist to speak about someone abusing if no the abusers isn't hurting anyone now? It's clear 100% in Halacha that speaking, when the speaking itself has purpose, is clearly called Toe'eles - because the speaking brings us closer to recovery, as Dov so eloquently described.

The Chafetz Chaim is meramez to this in a footnote in Klal 20, and suggest that "perhaps" speaking to another person to let loose a worry would go under the category of "Dagah Ish Yasichena" and hence permissible under toeles. I believe he is tentative about it because he doesn't want the heter abused - the same reason he is ambivalent about many other things. Chafetz Chaim was written to omed b'paretz.

Certainly a 12 step group, a therapy session, a sponsor - etc. - are all considered toeles.

Of course, silly arguments and lashon hara on the bottom of silly websites are certainly forbidden. The sites themselves rely on the heter of b'a'pey telasa, that the information they speak of is already disseminated- which is questionable, assuming the intention is not to embarrass the subject.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

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That's precisely why rabbonim want to assur all jewish news sites. Because it inevitably leads to pure lashon hara.

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Re: Halacha shailah...

Posted by UTS - 25 Dec 2009 16:11

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Interesting points were made. This of course is a shailoh that only a rov can answer. However, it is hard to find a rov who knows what goes on on the internet from first hand knowledge.

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Regardless of that, there is always someone to ask even though it may take some searching. (No, not with Google.>>>)

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