

Ezras Nashim

Posted by bardichev - 21 Jun 2009 16:22

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Welcome to the Ezras Nashim

Welcome to the Ezras Nashim .If we are going to have a complete Bais Medrash we NEED an Ezras Nashim

The point of this thread will BE"H be threefold

- A. To present Divrei Torah which will be relevant to women
- B. A place where the women can present their Torah Thoughts
- C. To encourage women both who are struggling or who are trying to help their spouses in their own struggles

It is my fervent hope that a Kiddush Shem Shamayim will come from this thread.

I will dedicate the first Dvar Torah on this thread to a real Tzaddekes on the forum 7yipol-tzadek(es) Vkom!! (7-UP!)

and to the women who stuck it out here as miribin TrYiNg habib 613 and to the many tzadkonios who are guests

One more introduction this Bals Medrash is set up to be a lively give and take in the true Bais Medrash format.I kindly request that debating and personal stories should be kept in the Women's Forum (This applies to the men too.)

bhatzlacha

humble and HAPPY

bardichev

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by 7yipol - 04 Aug 2009 21:06

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where is my feedback??

Forgive me R'Bardichev. YOu are 100% correct to wonder where we are after such an amazing post. I was going to reply at length tom, but now that you have asked, will not push it off another second.

I fully agree about those running the 'system' needing to check no only their mirrors, but those of their students too. Very different images would show up in both. A manhig needs to understand the needs of his dor in order to be efficient. I've spent much time arguing this very point with both teachers as well as students.

Whenever I think of beauty, I think of my new daughter-in-law be'h. She is one of the most beautiful girls I've seen. Her skin is not 100% clear, her lips are often chapped, and her hands look as if she's been working hard, because she has. None of her features stand out as anything special. None of you would be triggered by her ch'v.

But she is a tzadekes, plain and simple. At the vort, we were told by everyone that she is simply not from this dor in her Yiras Shamayim and ahavas Hashem. And the more I get to know her, the more I see how they underestimated. And that purity shines through from her pnimius, creating what I think is a real glow around her. She is externally beautiful ONLY BECAUSE OF HER PNIMIUS.

That inner beauty cant be hidden.

Makeup would simply hide her real chein.

I on the other hand, will need another 120 years to reach where my 21 year old daughter-in-law is already. I need the makeup and perfume. Ezra Hanavi (I thik it was Ezra) *commanded* the peddlers of his day to deliver perfumes and makeup to the wives of Bnei Yisrael, and as you said, it came down with the Mann too. These external tools are acceptable (I mean; a 'haskama' from Hashem Himself has to mean something!).

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by bardichev - 04 Aug 2009 21:16

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I humbly suggest a differrnt NEKUDAH

BALANCE

WOMEN WERE GIVEN ABINAH YISEIRAA FOR THIS REASON

MEN ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE (LIKE ME)

WOMEN WERE GIVEN EXTRA BINAH

TO BALANCE THE INTERNAL/EXTERNAL!!

MAZEL TOV! ON YOUR DAUGHTER IN LAW!!

MOST OF US WOULD LOVE TO COME TO THE CHASSUNAH!!

BALANCE BALANCE BALANCE

A WOMAN NEEDS TO GAUGE HER HUSBANDS NEEDS

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY HOLD HIM HAPPY AT HOME IS HER BINAH YISSEIRAH

YESSS WE ALL KNOW H\*\*-CHANIE ON THE STRRET IS COLD CHANIE AT HOME

BALANCE BALANCE LIKE THE MAN ON THE TIGHTROPE!!!

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PS I AM TRYING TO FIND YOU A PICTURE

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by yechidah - 04 Aug 2009 21:59

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and as Rav Pam ztl said the false outside is 0.The true inside is 1.

If a woman has the true inside(yiraas hashem),then the 1 becomes a 10 when the external beauty is added to it.but this is only if the yiras hashem is truly inside.If not,then it's all a 0.

the 0 of a typical hollywood actress.nothing there.empty.zero.

the yiddishe aishes chayil on the other hand is a 10 to her husband.nothing better.

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by TrYiNg - 05 Aug 2009 02:38

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[bardichev wrote on 04 Aug 2009 20:36:](#)

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did I offend you by questioning our BY system?

It was not my intent.

The teachers should look in the mirror and look at the GASS and see where is the disconnect.

I am not saying that ch'v anyone should lower their standards .No way.But a put together well dressed tznius teacher will get through the hearts of our youth.

Sorry, I wasn't on till now.

I think you are 1000% right.

(sorry 7up, either it's bec. in Israel now it's different, or you were a teenager a teensy bit too long ago. )

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by bardichev - 05 Aug 2009 02:57

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this topic is sooo important

if we truly knew how to find balance balance balance

we would not have as many problems

TrYiNg is 100000% right

something is wrong with the system ( I hate being negative)

Girls are told pashtus pnimius internalize etc..( without real explanation)

Then poof shidduchim it is anything but...

Teachers if you didn't find thid forum yet yes you are HOLY and out of touch

We can not change the way Hashem created the world

If someone is BaCheint why is she labled superficiand shallow

Does it not say in the mishnah ( I think mishnah is a Chaza"l)

Hanoy Vihakoach vihabanim naa-eh litzaddikim vi-naaeh liolam

vkullan niskaaymu biRebbi uBanav

yes we can drash it around

a woman of valor the Eishes Chayil

Heee Tishalal only her no one else yes that true

what ever happened to Yiddishe Chein??

I think Tu b"av is the perfect time to re-think

if what we are feeding our youth is Toras Imecha or not

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 05 Aug 2009 04:24

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bardichev,

Did I hear you say "Balance?"

Yup that's what it is!

E.L.

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by 7yipol - 05 Aug 2009 09:23

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I humbly suggest a differnt NEKUDAH

BALANCE

I humbly and happily am mevater my das to the Rebbe. You are right, that is the nekudah which can save the dor.

tRyInG, I dont see where we are dissagreeing. External looks have a very important place in life, as long as we dont OVER emphasize and make it the overall goal. The goyishe world has placed so much emphasis on the physical, that we have a generation of anorexics and low self esteem if not everyone wears a size 2. The physical is meant as a tool, not a goal in itself.

Unfortunately, I fully agree about the problem in the BY system. I do not want to go into detail as it is an open forum and ch'v we should cause a chilul Hashem via those who are not involved. As I said, a teacher must understand the dor s/he is leading.

Shidduchim hjave got way out of control in my opinion. The questions and priorities do not reflect well on us at all. A wake up / shake up is called for before we destroy a generation with our shtuss. Everything from plastic tableclothes, dress size and 1st grade report card must be tossed as far as we can throw them.

Its Tu' B'Av; lets utilize the koach hayom to daven that we should all attain clarity - and  
BALANCE.

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by 7yipol - 05 Aug 2009 13:03

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I posted this on my thread, but raelize it probably belongs here:

In gemorah Taanis it brings down that one of the reasons we celebrate Tu B'Av is because on  
this day Am Yisrael was allowed to bury the dead of Beitar.

According to some opinions, 4 million Yidden were murdered in Beitar. 4 million!

And for this, we are happy and celebrate the happiest day of the year ??? ??? ???

Rav Frand discussed this question on the Chafetz Chaim foundations Tisha B'Av video. His  
answer is so deep. (with a bissel of my own understanding in it)

After months lying out in the sun, with wild animals all around and no burial, Am Yisrael went to  
bury their dead with trepidation. They were sure they would find mutilated bodies attacked by  
hungry animals, decomposing an repugnant.

Their hearts were heavy as they approached. Here they were, beaten by the enemy, slaves,  
and broken in spirit. Millions of their brothers and sisters were murdered and the future looked  
even darker than the past. Hashem was angry and had abandoned them. They were all alone  
with no hope for tomorrow.

So what actually happened?

They reach the top of the hill overlooking Beitar. They slowly lower their eyes expecting the

worst. And what do they see? Millions of bodies, *but all of them intact* and none decomposed at all! All lying there as if asleep, patiently awaitng Jewish burial.

And the Am broke down in tears. TEARS OF JOY! Yes; Hashem was angry; and rightfully so. But He hadnt abandoned them. The proof was right before their eyes. True, they deserved to be punished severely, but degregation was not a part of it. Hashems love was clear through this nes. While waiting for His precious karbonos to be buried, He sat beside them Himself; guarding and protecting. And this sign, comforted them as nothing else could have.

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Posted by Pintele Yid - 05 Aug 2009 20:31

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TrYiNg,

Your vision is 20/20.

After too many years of Galus, many people are now asking the Shidduchim questions you are referring to. But from reading your posts, these might not be people who you would want to be Mishadech with anyway.

There is no way that the beauty mentioned by the Torah was only inner beauty or else Paro or Avimelech's guards wouldn't of noticed them and Avraham wouldn't have been worried about Sarah.

Also, when the Torah said that Leah was not beautiful, does that mean that she didn't have

I think the Torah mentioned the **physical** beauty of the Imahos because like any other positive

trait, it has to be put in the correct perspective, **that it was a gift from Hashem and not "self made"**. When looking at positive traits from that perspective, they are really a Nisayon in Emunah since believing that you had something to do with it is Kefira.

We can now appreciate why the Torah does talk about beauty, since it was a praise to those were described as "beautiful", because their beauty didn't get in the way of their Avodas Hashem. In other words, just like other Nisyonos, their beauty became another tool to climb higher.

It is poshut that everyone should use their G-d given talents to their fullest extent. So the million dollar question is how do you use physical beauty to be beautiful, while at the same time adhering to the guidelines of Kol Kvoda Bas Melech Penima/Tznius?

I hope the Heiliga Chevra can help here - maybe Guard has something written up about it.

My Pintele thought is that it is much easier to know what **not** to do than what you should do. The clothes you wear, how you wear it, the makeup, hair style etc.... all have to be Penima - low key. Then your outer and inner beauty will shine. I am in the business world and the most attractive women are those who dress very business like. Also the way you "walk" in the street is so important. Those who "strut" are not beautiful, they seem to me as people with self esteem issues and need a therapist.

How beautiful are the girls who walk in the street in a way that you hear their Pintele screaming "I don't want to be Machshil you"!

A side but very personal point, the others might not feel this way. When I"Y"H B'karov, you will greet your husband when he comes home from work/Yeshiva, **make sure that you look beautiful for him**. (In our twisted world, we find that women dress up for everyone except their husbands.) This has to be done with Sechel, but I am confident that you know what I mean.

I hope I answered a pintele of your questions.

Pintele Yid

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by bardichev - 05 Aug 2009 21:00

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by Ykv\_schwartz - 05 Aug 2009 21:04

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Beautiful and profound. Thanks for sharing!

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If her eyes were "Rakos" because she was crying to Hashem not to fall into the Goral of Eisav, then **you can't beat such beautiful eyes.**

One thing is for sure. The reason why Yackov was not interested in Leah was not because of her lack of physical beauty.

Anyone who thinks that this was the reason, is probably asking the wonderful Shiduch

Pintele Yid

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 05 Aug 2009 21:31

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Its so funny that this topic is being discussed becuase my first year as a frum bochur back in the day (3 years ago.ah,how time flies when youre an addict)i was extremely puzzled by the progression in the pasuk.it says "rachel was exceedingly beautiful and Leah had soft eyes and Yackov loved Leah".pretty hard to explain,yea?but when i posed the question at the shabbos meal,ppl were like what?it doesnt mean she was ugly she just had soft eyes!

whatever!

but seriously i never heard a good answer.i searched through many meforshim that shabbos and didnt really find anything.

I will share the vort though:

"False is grace,and futile is beauty,but fear of Hashem shall be praised."

The question is:is beauty is futile,then why does the Torah Hakedosha mention so many times the beauty of Sarah Imeinu and others?

The Gra answers the deepest answer.Beauty without Torah is like a ring on a pig.Not worth anything.But if there is godliness and holiness within,then the beauty is an expression of that holiness and it is praiseworthy.

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Re: Ezras Nashim

Posted by bardichev - 05 Aug 2009 21:35

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avade nisht

we have no hasagah in the heiliger avos hakdoshim see the ohr hachaim hakadosh in parshas vayechi for a hint of the kedusha of Yaakov Aveenu

what TrYiNg is TrYiNg to say and me in my unsophisticated NY style bluntness is saying

The mixed messages and the teachers and rabbeim who are out of touch with todays youth are doing a dis-service as holy and admirable their job is.

Like she said if the teacher appears in the eyes of the girls as a person they DO NOT WANT TO BE

how can they teach??

Go down to the lowest common denominator no way!! but balance binah yiseirahh!!

I had a wonderful rebbe who I would walk into his office every morning after shachriss

Every morning right after shachriss he called his wife to see how the morning went( the job had him in yeshivah) I would say Rebbe should I leave the room ? He would answer no,I want you to hear how to speak to your future wife!!!

Now thats a rebbe!! big hat big beard MAN was he good looking and put together!!

yes a role model!! not a model a role model!! a living example what a prince of Torah could and should be!!

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