

It's all in the name

Posted by eerie - 24 Nov 2022 19:25

Hi there all my anonymous friends!

I am on here for a while, most of the time just to sign in and update where I'm holding, but from time to time I do read around some posts on the forums, and I am really at a loss of words when I try to describe what I think about all of you. I'm simply awed into silence. You guys are all amazing, fighting the terrible urges, sometimes in such difficult circumstances, from complicated pasts, I stand humbled. I am so proud to at least be part of the same nation, even if I don't come close. Keep up the fight and may Hashem be with all of you and may you feel his closeness.

And now, Hi! I gave myself the name eerie because that's what I think about my situation. I am blissfully married to a really special person,(which, I learned from the posts on this site, is not to be taken for granted. It's something that so many of my dear friends here struggle with, their addictions creating issues in their marriage and the problems in their marriage further exacerbating their addictions) and we have a few wonderful kids. I really cannot imagine a better marriage, we respect each other, love each other, communicate beautifully, and my intimate life is wonderful. I believe my wife would say the same. I am a seriously respected member of my community, I am in a position of chinuch (and I think I do a pretty good job:)), so why oh why on earth am I here? What would the people think if they knew? Would I still have a wife? Would they let me talk to my kids? At that point would I even care about my job or my life's mission? I BH had a wonderful upbringing, loving and caring parents who are very proud of their "successful kli kodesh" son. What would they think if they knew? These thoughts were on my mind as I created my account and the feeling I had was "This is eerie. A mechanech. A talmid chacham. Sought after maggid shiur. This is totally eerie." So there you have it. It's all in the name.

A little about me. I think many of you would disagree but I don't think I'm addicted to P&M. I have normal urges like all healthy people. I have no smartphone (if you would only hear me speak about the downfalls), no computer at home. So where and when do/did I fall? I called a talk line by mistake, I was trying to reach a company. I was horrified. I hung up and told my wife about it. But, of course, my curiosity plus urge got me to call. This was probably 10+ years ago, called maybe 10 times total. Can't remember the last time I did that. Then my wife got a smartphone, and we blocked the browser entirely through parental controls, with each of us having half the code. Of course, when I was down I tried a few times and of course I figured out her half. Here and there I would go on really bad sites. Not long thereafter we got rid of that phone. That was also 10+ years ago/ But every once in a while I fall. I once found that one computer in the Yeshiva (!!!!) where I work had no filter. You read that right.. No filter, in the yeshiva computer! I would estimate that once in 2-3 months I went on really bad stuff there. One day I just realized that I need accountability, so I came to GYE. I know I have to answer to someone, I'm going to write it if I fall, and that helps me.

Now you might wonder, what am I writing this for? I am writing it first of all because I feel a kinship and I feel likes it's "therapeutic" to tell my story someplace. Because even the people that I really trust, I can't tell them any of this. I sometimes wish there was an anonymous phone line where I could call and tell a Rav what I struggle with, to get it out of my system. When I was

bachur I was really close to my rebbeim, and I shared with them even my deepest secrets and struggles, I would tell my Rebbe if I M'd. BH I didn't struggle with that much, but I did do it a few times in my bachurische years, and my rebbe knew/knows about it. Maybe I'm weird that I shared that with my rebbe, but that's me. If I felt an attraction to a bachur I told him, and he understood me, always helped me, never judged me. There's no question that having such a person in my life changed me in unimaginable ways. Alas, I don't think I'll ever have the nerve to go to anyone and discuss my normal struggles and mistakes at this point. What would a rav or even my rebbe, whom I am still very close to 20+ years later, think if a person in my position came and said "I struggle with this. Once in a while I can fall into watching P." I can't do that, so I'm saying it here. I'm a healthy person with normal urges and desires and it can happen that I fall sometimes. I try to avoid unfiltered machines, when I'm at my parents' house I don't touch their devices, I told them to never let my kids touch their things and I warn my children to stay away, not even to look at Grandma's phone. But I know that every once in a while I'll find a device, and my urges, desires and curiosity (yes, I am still curious as to what some tags on some sites are supposed to mean. Curiosity is powerful.) can get the better of me. I joined GYE so I have to give an accounting, and I even had a fall since I joined, which I reported. I have a life's story, like everyone else, and here I shared some. Maybe some more another time.

But another reason I write this is because I look at what other people have written here, and I realize how small I am. I, the guy who sits up front at dinners, the guy whom you may have even heard at a dinner or some other place, I look at you in awe. Because I am not torn to shreds like some of you are, I have a happy marriage, and so many of you are working so hard to just keep the pieces in place. You are brutally honest with yourselves, and in spite of being in places I have only read about, doing things out there....in spite of that you are here, trying mightily to get only closer to Hashem, to be good, to be clean. I also struggle, but nowhere nearly as much as most of the people here. And I wish I could shake your hand and tell you how proud I am of you. I am so proud, and I know that I can't imagine how proud Hashem is. Keep it up!!! In this world I'm at the head table at the dinner, but believe me, at the se'udas livyason you guys will be up there, I hope I'll at least be in the crowd!

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Posted by Shmuel - 27 Feb 2023 17:54

[Eerie wrote on 24 Feb 2023 19:59:](#)

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Great point. I can vouch that it's true because I actually started here in 2009 .. then took a break and came back in 2019 ... But the overall fact is that it's a good place that's really accomplishing great things!

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Posted by jackthejew - 27 Feb 2023 18:16

[sleepy wrote on 27 Feb 2023 05:29:](#)

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They most definitely can... I am just sharing my observations...

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Posted by doingtshuva - 27 Feb 2023 23:02

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Posted by doingtshuva - 28 Feb 2023 00:00

Thank you,

I have his number and email, I was in touch with him years ago.

To be honest, if I will read all of his long posts I might get very sleeepy.

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i think his name is naftulie but for short hes called tulie , like motty for mordechai

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Re: It's all in the name
Posted by Eerie - 01 Mar 2023 00:51

For anybody that remembers my gematria fiasco, today is the day. Go back and read that post. ?? ?? ?????, this heaven-sent place gave me the ??. To all my friends and brothers, KEEP TRUCKING!

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Posted by sleepy - 01 Mar 2023 03:15

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i didnt find all his posts very true, maybe it was his true OPINION but not necessarily the truth of reality.just my opinion.and on the point of too harsh for many,so whats the use of posting things that things people cant swallow, just to break spirits? like someone wrote the oldtimers were written for old members , could be we are just in different time spans so his posts dont speak to me. i mean its not like his posts are eternal truths or something. im sure he is a very choshuve person and kudos for his staying off porndrug ,may he have many more years ad meah vi'esrim. but as it is ,i need direction and i dont find my gps in his posts.

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Re: It's all in the name
Posted by Eerie - 01 Mar 2023 06:12

Hi there all my holy friends and brothers! Today was day 190, I don't think I've been clean this long in 12 years. Today was an extremely stressful and painful day. I did have a fleeting thought for one second that maybe I should try to find something to watch, but I have made a firm and conscious decision some days ago to never ever go back there, that I don't want it. And my decision is for real. It's just not an option. Hashem please help me for tomorrow too. And the day after. I know I can't do this without Your constant help. I can't do anything without Your help. I beg You please, stand by me and hold me tight so I never fall. Hold me strong so I may live my life the way You want me to, and accomplish all you want me to. There are many good-hearted people, who help me, help others. But I know. Hashem, at the end of the day this is between me and You. Only You can really help. Please give me the clarity to always understand what it is that You want me to do, and how I get there. And please Hashem, help me to never, ever become complacent, I really don't want to ever fall again! This way of living is much happier, healthier, and of course so much holier. Hashem, I choose You. Please choose me, too.

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Re: It's all in the name
Posted by taherlibeinu - 01 Mar 2023 09:52

190 days.. really incredbile!! keep going and don't ever stop! what a beautiful tefilla, There is no doubt in my mind Hashem is listening and cheering you and all of us on!. iyH we should all see incredible Siyaata Dishmaya..

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