

The Real Me

Posted by proudyungerman - 03 Jan 2024 04:12

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Even after all the work I have done thus far, to take this step is painful. (Although I know it will also bring relief and much good advice! Yes I am looking forward to it!)

My story - the full story:

(I hope this isn't too long. Even though it probably is. Sorry, it's gotta come out somewhere.)

I was a very temimusdika kid who had no clue what went on between husband and wife. (I remember learning about the parsha of sotah and having to ask my mother what a sotah was...)

In 8th grade a friend of mine introduced me to the wonderful world of the paid phone lines. At the time I didn't really understand what was going on.

Later on towards the end of ninth grade I discovered the experience of being ????? ??? ??????. I was taken aback and didn't fall again until succos bein hazmanim. From that point on it was downhill and quick. I spent the next 6 years with tremendous struggles in this inyan. At some point I realized what it was that my friend was showing me back in 8th grade and I included that in my struggle (just the opening messages - I never dreamed of actually talking to a random lady.) All the while I was learning in a prestigious yeshiva and doing very well there. I remember opening up to a very close friend and to a Rebbi of mine about the struggles with ??? ??????. They were both ???? me, however, nothing seemed to work. Even when I tried to throw myself into my learning it always ended in a fall. I think the longest I went in yeshiva was about a month. At some point in third year beis medrash I realized that the struggles and temptations had lessened in a serious way. I still don't know why, but that's the way it was for a while. After I got married and BH that seemed to be the end of it. Phew! Fast forward 6 years...living in a small out of town community...in Kollel...learning and involved communally...I find myself looking at inappropriate pictures and reading inappropriate articles online. This was a first for me. Help! (Yes, the Kollel didn't have the proper filters, otherwise I wouldn't have been able to access them. At home I didn't have my own computer, we have had techloq for years, and I don't know the password to my wife's computer.) I was pretty confused as to what was going on. I had no idea why I was doing this besides for...it's enjoyable. I decided that as I am trying to fix the filter situation in the Kollel I was going to get myself a computer with a filter to use while I am at the Kollel. As I was trying to convince my wife to agree to me having a computer it ended up coming out. Now my wife knows. I reached out to a Rebbi of mine. He gave me some advice which was basically helpful. For a little while. Fast forward one year. A few months ago I was feeling really tempted and then...I did it. I ended up calling one of these phone lines and talking to some ladies. This went on for a few short weeks until I realized that this will destroy my life if I don't get help and FAST! I reached out to some of my Rebbeim who in turn directed me to a therapist. I have been working with him for a few months and have seen some real improvement. I know that my case is pretty mild but I came here to get some chizuk from my Holy brothers, some guidance and mussar from some mentors, and some advice from anyone who has good ideas.

Looking forward to hearing from y'all!

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Re: The Real Me

Posted by hopefulswan89 - 12 Sep 2024 21:11

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[proudyungerman wrote on 12 Sep 2024 13:28:](#)

[hopefulswan89 wrote on 12 Sep 2024 06:45:](#)

[proudyungerman wrote on 12 Sep 2024 04:04:](#)

Last year I spent waaay too much time checking YWN. (You know when you just refreshed the page again, for the fifteenth time in 5 minutes? As if the world is actually going to collapse...) There were a bunch of reasons for this ridiculous habit. Either way, in the summer I didn't have access to YWN for around two and a half weeks. (Yes, this was around the same time my phone broke. No it wasn't connected. For real.)

I noticed an amazing thing. For some strange reason, the world hadn't waited around for proudyungerman. It kept sporting, politicking, olympicing, and everything else that the world does without my expert analyses and predictions of what should or shouldn't happen.

It hit me hard. I don't have to know everything going on all the time. Then, one day as I was thinking about it, I realized that I am much calmer and relaxed. I realized that I can enjoy not knowing what's going on all the time.

I decided that for Elul I am only going to check YWN once a day. So far so good, and I haven't missed any earth shattering news yet.

Instead, I find that I have more time and yishuv hadaas for learning and for my family.

Exercising my newfound self control is actually enjoyable!

Thank y'all for helping me be here today!

Matzav is preferred over YWN

Please excuse me, but before you continue posting your terse comments and criticisms on people's forum why don't you just tell us about yourself? You jumped on just two weeks ago and adjusted your counter to 515 days and haven't updated it since.

Why are you here? Who are you? What are you trying to accomplish here?

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Re: The Real Me

Posted by chosemyshem - 12 Sep 2024 21:16

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[quote="hopefulswan89" post=421380 date=1726175519 catid=19]

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Posted by hopefulswan89 - 12 Sep 2024 21:24

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[quote="chosemyshe" post=421382 date=1726175776 catid=19]

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[chosemyschem wrote on 12 Sep 2024 15:22:](#)

[proudyungerman wrote on 12 Sep 2024 13:31:](#)

Honestly, I don't care much for the forums and comments anyway. The same way my comments, analyses, and predictions are meaningless, so are the random anonymous people on these forums...

Whoa mega hate on gye??

Look at this guy, breaks his phone so he doesn't have to answer our calls, bashes the forums, called us random anonymous people. To quote our future illustrious leader, "You think you just fell out of a coconut tree?"

Spoken by a guy full of himself

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Re: The Real Me

Posted by thompson - 12 Sep 2024 21:35

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[quote="hopefulswan89" post=421383 date=1726176265 catid=19]

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Posted by 138eagle - 12 Sep 2024 21:51

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Hear Hear!



Let's hear from you about what makes you tick.....

And I second Shem's evaluation of R' PY.

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Posted by eerie - 12 Sep 2024 23:28

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You're not my wife either, so let me take the opportunity to say that you are sounding like a real nice fella.

If you're gonna call someone a proud boor, myself and YKW would be an excellent target, But I believe that if you were to put it up for a vote, right now its the attitude that you have that comes off a slightly boorish, Not PY's..

Lets dial it down half a notch or maybe just a quarter, and make nice. All PY was saying is that he doesn't appreciate comments or criticism from some anony fellow. Feel free to make yourself more known to us so that you can criticize as much as you would like

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Posted by jubilantbison50 - 13 Sep 2024 00:32

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A condescending hostile response is uncalled for and neither is the shomrim response by the wolf pack to Protect the pride of an injured member.

There are more than 12k members who read the threads. Only a few are regular contributors. The comments allow for input even for those that don't want to "introduce themselves".

Now I'm prepared for a second attack by the wolf pack just for defending myself.

Who do I call, shmira?

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Re: The Real Me

Posted by proudyungerman - 13 Sep 2024 00:59

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Please pause ten seconds for station identification...

Today I had a close call, first one in a long time.

I was sitting in front of a computer (when I shouldn't have been) and it was open to something interesting.

As I was about to click on something that was the beginning of a slippery slope, I caught myself...

In that split second I told myself "Mr. proudyungerman, what in the world do you think you are doin'?!?!?" and then I ran for the hills baby! Right back into the BM, where I belong!

**Warning: Spoiler!**

Thank you Hashem and thank y'all for having my back in this fight for true Kedusha!!!

Back to the popcorn!

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Posted by youknowwho - 13 Sep 2024 01:15

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Fifty Shades Of Pinny?

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Its just strange that the ones who we know nothing about are the ones that are antagonistic. No wolf pack, Maybe PY responded to you in a way that he sjouldnt have ( Maybe not also) but you kinda upped the ante just a bit.

Lets all just play nice?

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Re: The Real Me

Posted by BenHashemBH - 13 Sep 2024 02:02

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We are shmira