

Rebbi suffering

Posted by merryzebra74 - 07 May 2024 07:13

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I'm new to this forum but not new to the nisyonos discussed. I'm struggling with much of what is being discussed here, but with the added factor of being a relatively well respected maggid shiur in a mesivta. There are days that I go to Yeshiva feeling miserable about myself and the "faker" that I feel like. A recurring thought is "How in the world do you think you can come and say a shiur for choshuve bochrin after seeing and doing what you've done". At times I feel like It would be more appropriate for me to be a ba'al habos (no offense to Balebatim, just that I feel that someone who is being madrich bochurim has to have a certain standard of Kedusha v'tahara). Yet I do have a Koach in saying a shiur and dealing with bochurim. I wanted to know if there are others in my matzav. Looking for chizuk...

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Re: Rebbi suffering

Posted by happyid1 - 16 Jun 2024 23:39

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Re: Rebbi suffering

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 17 Jun 2024 03:33

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Opening lines of communication is 90% of the yeshua. How many bochurim are walking around with extremely high levels of yi'ush, depression, anxiety, and hopelessness **unnecessarily?!**

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Re: Rebbi suffering

Posted by eraygrand - 17 Jun 2024 13:51

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I could not agree more!

I'm jealous, truly ????? ?????, of the rebbeim who have come here to fight this battle and then can turn around and help our precious bachurim get past this at the earliest stage. As much praise as HHM deserves for the time and effort that he puts in here, I'm confident that nothing would make him happier than to have less people that have the need to come here in the first place.

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Re: Rabbi suffering

Posted by Muttel - 27 Jun 2024 13:18

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We can do this!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Re: Rabbi suffering  
Posted by eraygrand - 27 Jun 2024 13:48

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Tzaddik! As I said above, truly jealous!

I believe that a handful of rebbeim doing this relatively simple thing of just opening the door has more power and impact than all of the asfos and speeches. Can you imagine the compounded zechusim that you would have for heading this off early for the bachurim? How many more marriages will get off on a better footing so that this impacts future generations as well!

In speaking with my sons, it seems like at least in some yeshivos this is being spoken about more directly with an opening to discuss in private. However my sense is that for the most part this is at the BM level and not so much in mesivta.

Muttel and all other rebbeim - I would suggest a step further. Let your menahel know that someone approached you in complete privacy about this. You can say that based on research this problem is widespread and one of the biggest tools to fight this is to provide bachurim an opportunity to speak with someone in private with no negative consequences. You can volunteer to be a resource.

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Re: Rabbi suffering  
Posted by m111 - 27 Jun 2024 14:22

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I assume that it affects almost everyone in some way or another. I heard beshem a maggid shiur in a certain mainstream Yeshiva (without strict phone rules,= no taking out phones in the yeshiva building) that 70% of the bochorim there are watching porn.

I found that giving an open shmooze to the bochorim about inyanie kedusha opens them up to

come over to us afterward and speak about it comfortably.

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Re: Rabbi suffering

Posted by richtig - 27 Jun 2024 15:53

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I remember reading a story about a rosh yeshiva who wanted to be mechazek inyanei kedusha. He convened all the rebbeim and talmidim in the beis medrash, asking them to raise their hands if they struggled in this area. Unsurprisingly, no one raised their hand. So the rosh yeshiva asked again "if you struggle in kedusha, raise your hand", and this time the rosh yeshiva himself raised his hand, and so did everyone else...

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Re: Rabbi suffering

Posted by Muttel - 27 Jun 2024 15:54

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Wow, that's powerful.....

Thank you for sharing.

Muttel

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Re: Rabbi suffering

Posted by eraygrand - 27 Jun 2024 21:11

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Under the GYE library, the book From Boys to Men has a link for a free copy for Rabbonim and Mechanchim..

If anyone wants to hear statistics there is a halacha headlines from 2/17/2023 which includes an interview with the founders of GYE and with Shlomie Zimmerman, the suturing of From Boys to Men.

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