

I Want to Help Others

Posted by gye365s - 09 May 2024 20:38

Shalom GYE.

I've been unsure about this (I created this account 5 months ago and only posting now). Having nisyonos as a bochur didn't bother me as much. After marriage I tried to change many times and it would be a repeating pattern of falling a few times, then being ok for a few months. From one Yom Kippur to the next I'd start off aiming for a clean year and score my success based on falling x times - hopefully less than the prior year. My children are BH growing older and that was part of my motivation to clean up shop and finally push that final bit to stay completely clean. With help from Hashem I made a lot of monumental changes to my life. That was about 17 months ago and I've stayed true to my commitments. While my struggle was (is?) something that I went through alone, there are folks here that are also struggling and brave enough to try and get help / support. The yetzer hara doesn't retire, and I need to remain strong to maintain what I've accomplished. I also want to help others if I can, to share thoughts and encouragement. My hope is to give, and through giving also receive chizzuk. My Hashem help us all to continue to grow and to recognize and appreciate the koach of every fighting moment, no matter how small.

All the best!

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 30 Oct 2024 16:15

[rebakiva wrote on 30 Oct 2024 16:06:](#)

[BenHashemBH wrote on 30 Oct 2024 13:20:](#)

Something interesting happened yesterday.

I was driving home from work for the first time since before Sukkos and almost didn't notice, but

the casino billboard is chaged. Where there had been a months-long nisayon, now there is a pair of dice.

Interesting ~~coincidence~~ hashgacha, the timing of this.

Sometimes we search desperately for signs from Hashem and other times they smack us square in the face.

Message received!

Not sure where this billboard your talking about is, but I sure hope it's not the one I pass every day on my commute to work,.

I Sincerely love the one I pass, because it's a 0.5 mile radius that I just look at my break's and let hashem steer the car and break it in time not to crash. (Dangerous, no? Nah not when hashem is the driver, honestly he's the driver even when I do look).

So I wouldn't want to give that up.

I also hope it's not the one I pass too,

Warning: Spoiler!

You have a shtikel Palti. I thought about that angle, but I passed this test BH and Hashem decided it's over and I happily accept that. There are plenty of other opportunities to work on myself.

Kol Tov

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 03 Dec 2024 15:15

My Brothers, I need to ask for your help.

I no longer want to treat this problem as if it's a thin strand - rather, it is a mountain and I need to climb it (see Gemara Sukkah 52a).

This particular mountain is called Amazon.

Like the actual Amazon, it has abundant resources, but also some deadly inhabitants.

I'm done rationalizing.

As a practical function I buy a lot of things on Amazon. While if need be I will have to simply stop, it would be ideal if I can find an acceptable way to continue to have its convenience without the drawbacks (ads and "random" pictures of things I'm not looking for).

If I knew of a good option, I would go for it. Not knowing the options will no longer be an excuse. I'm setting my will to figure this out, because I know that that is the right thing to do.

Wizmage does not seem to be available for phones. My current filter is on or off, there is no partial use option.

Are there any filter setups that would allow use of Amazon on a phone while blocking images of people - or blocking all images?

Thank you for helping me help myself.

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by redfaced - 03 Dec 2024 16:34

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Techloq has an image filter that works pretty well on 99.99% of websites. I use it on Amazon with nothing coming through.

I believe it can work the same on a phone

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Re: I Want to Help Others
Posted by stopsurvivingstartliving - 03 Dec 2024 18:00

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Re: I Want to Help Others
Posted by BenHashemBH - 04 Dec 2024 02:58

[stopsurvivingstartliving wrote on 03 Dec 2024 18:00:](#)

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Thank you!

I have MB Smart and it seems I'll need to upgrade to Pro to have access to that feature. BezH.

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 05 Dec 2024 01:25

OK.

Done and done!

Just upgraded and the new filter (through the Kiwi browser) is painting over Amazon images that have people in them. Yofee Tofee.

It does also now have painted youtube - so next I need to get rid of that.

Thank you chaverim!

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 06 Dec 2024 17:07

I love reading through a thread and seeing the other people who are viewing it along the way. It's like finding other people's bookmarks and knowing that we are all sharing these experiences together.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 20 Dec 2024 20:09

A unique opportunity to

Meet one of the greats.

Erev Shabbos can be

Very busy but

Alas, I could not

Keep myself from the

Elusive hug of my fellow,

Special friend and

Holy Brother

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by Muttel - 22 Dec 2024 10:17

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 22 Dec 2024 12:54

[Muttel wrote on 22 Dec 2024 10:17:](#)

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Re: I Want to Help Others
Posted by Muttel - 22 Dec 2024 15:28

Ahhh, what a Tzaddik you got to meet!!

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Re: I Want to Help Others
Posted by stopsurvivingstartliving - 23 Dec 2024 00:31

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by amevakesh - 23 Dec 2024 18:47

It was a special privilege to meet such a Chashuve Ben Hashem, who is always looking to help others with a rare blend of compassion and understanding. Ideas were exchanged, ideals discussed, we both walked away filled with a sense of purpose, elevated by the uplifting experience of connecting with another brother from Family GYE! The hug(s) was great and warmed my heart!

Love,

Amevakesh

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