## **GYE - Guard Your Eyes**

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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 jollylemur95 - 02 Jan 2025 20:28	
You never fail to inspire me!	
Thank you for posting	
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Re: I Want to Help Others Posted by BenHashemBH - 15 Jan 2025 15:01	
Connecting with people helps me grow	

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Growing helps me to be able to give.

Giving makes me feel more connected.

Somehow my scattered and directionless life has found this positive cycle, and I think it started with being *koveah ittim l'Torah*. Voluntarily learning Torah impacts you as a person. As one develops, it becomes increasingly meaningful to actualize that development in a positive way. Why improve things that you aren't really going to use?

I think an important *nekuda* is that growth and potential without actualization leads to stagnant decline.

Of course another important *nekuda* is the power or connecting.

These aren't *chiddushim*, pretty sure I learned much of this from Rav Dessler, but it hits different when you see it applied in your own life.

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 06 Mar 2025 21:38

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Reading a GYE article about lust in marriage and one line really hit hard:

"I can't have true union with my wife while lust is active because she as a person really doesn't matter; **she's even in the way**."

It is <u>me</u> who puts my own wife in between what I desire and our potential to connect. I'm taking. My excuses for not being able to give are more of my taking. And my giving even has taking in it.

Applying this thoughtfully bares a harsh truth. More so in my past, but still so in my present. I need to stay aware of this.

https://guardyoureyes.com/articles/questions-and-answers/item/lust-in-
marriage?category_id=36&start=1
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Re: I Want to Help Others Posted by moshekapoya26 - 06 Mar 2025 21:54
Thank you for your posts.
Have not been on here in a while. Learnt allot from these posts and gave me tremendous chizuk.
Thank you!
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Re: I Want to Help Others Posted by BenHashemBH - 16 Mar 2025 13:57
We are supposed to gain something on Purim and take it with us.
So here goes:
I am greatness!
We all are. Kol tov Brothers

Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by BenHashemBH - 23 Mar 2025 23:01

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1000 posts on the GYE forums gives me pause to contemplate the past 10 months. I kinda wish the number didn't mean too much to me. One the other hand, it does mean a lot. My posts don't define who I am, but they are a part of me and my deliberate life choice to be assertive, to try and live meaningfully with purpose. They hit and they miss and they flow on by. I'm getting more than I give. I don't know what has or may happen with what I share, but I do know that being a part of this holy place and connecting with its holy neshamos has brought me closer to what I strive to be - a BenHashem BezH.

Thank you for living with me.			
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Re: I Want to Help Others
Posted by levnishbar - 15 Apr 2025 03:35

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Hi. I am an older Mechanech and have had occasional falls -- maybe monthly -- over the last few years. On Erev Pesach I restarted Covenant eyes, got 3 allies and joined GYE. I am really looking forward to discussing my different challenges and tests with a mentor and hope I can straighten myself out completely. I recall the feelings of kedusha I used to have, which I miss. I think that what I did on Erev Pesach was a big stride in the right direction, but I need to keep going with Hashem's help, until I can find my way back to kedusha.

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Re: I Want to Help Others

Posted by vehkam - 15 Apr 2025 13:48

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Welcome. You are on the path to kedusha. Please stick around and get to know the oilam. The growth that you can attain from fighting this yetzer hara is likely much more than you can imagine. It is not just to get back to where you were - you have the opportunity to get to a place much higher. Embrace the opportunity.

Re: I Want to Help Others Posted by m111 - Today 18:03

