HARRYS SON Posted by bardichev - 15 Oct 2009 18:45

PART 1

HI MY NAME IS YANKI.

I AM IN THE EIGHT GRADE OF TALMUD TORAH CHUCHMAH-UMUSSAR

I LOVE SCHOOL AND I HAVE A DECENT REBBI

HERE IS THE ISSUE.

MY TATTY IS REALLY INTERSTING

HE IS VERY BUSY WITH HIS NEW BLACKBERRY HE HAS A REAL COOL LAPTOP(I KNOW THE PASSWORD SHHH) HE NEVER LETS ME WATCH ANY VIDEOS BUT.. I THINK HE DOES IN THE SUMMER WHEN IM IN CAMP WHATEVER..

ON SHABBOS, HE DAVENS WITH A BRENN BUT SOMETIMES I AM NOT SURE WHAT HE WANTS FROM ME.

NOW HERE IS THE REAL FUNNY THING MOMMY IS THE BEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

LOVES ME TO PIECES BUT.. BUT.. SHE AND TATTY ARE MAMESH AH PEERIM SHPEEL

I HAVE TO TELL YOU A SECRET I AM EMBARRASSED TO WALK WITH THEM ON THE STREET

SEE TATTY LOOKS ALL HOLY BIG BEKESHE AND NICE BEARD MOMMY GETS ALL THE STARES OMG!!

SHE DRESSES A LITTLE FUNNY WHATEVER BUT SHE REALLY IS SO FRUM AND EHRLICH SHE REALLY IS

TATTY TELLS ME ALL DAY KEDUSHA SHMEDUSHA KISHKA HEY I TUNE HIM OUT.

HE SCREAMS DON'T TOUCH MY BLACK BERRY !!

MOMMY JUST SHUTS UP AND ROLLS HER EYES

LATER HE LEAVES TO SHUL (SO HE SAYS)

MOMMY SAYS TATTY HAD A HARD DAY

I THINK SHE CRIES A LOT (ITS JUST AN ASSUMPTION)

CAN SOME ONE HELP ME I HAVE SO MANY MIXED MESSAGES

I CAN'T WAIT TO BE BIG AND I WILL DO WHATEVER I WANT

YANKI

(MY TATTY STILL CALLS ME YANKELE, MOMMY SAYS HEY YANK SHE IS TOO COOL)

Re: HARRYS SON Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 03:42

Uri wrote on 15 Oct 2009 21:55:

guardureyes wrote on 15 Oct 2009 20:58:

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Guard, you are brilliant.

This is amazing!

I love it!

I was discussing this tonight with a friend.

He asked me why I'm not learning in the mir (as was my plan)

I told him:because full-time yeshiva is not my job right now.

He was really like what??!!

The generation after the holocaust did all it could to preserve authentic judiasm. There were threats on all sides. Every new derech was chucked immediately and every bochur possible was sent to yeshiva.

We need to understand that the future of Torah is not as threatened as it was 60 years ago, and we can head back to a nice balanced medium.

Having said that, I think that sincerity is the answer.

Kids know sincerity more than adults do.

What comes from the heart, enters the heart.

We don't need to call anyone pigs.

That comes from a place of fear.

Just express the gadlus of kedusha in the most heart-felt way that you can, and you will be fine.

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And I've found that telling them "Goyim suck!" usually doesn't cut it.

Or it just makes them negative people.

I sit with them with a beer, and sunflower seeds, and talk about the gadlus of Hashem.

And Baruch Hashem, they are doing well, thank G-d, tfoo tfoo, knock on wood.

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Re: HARRYS SON Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 03:45

7Up wrote on 15 Oct 2009 22:26:

yechida wrote on 15 Oct 2009 19:27:

well, I've been doing this communication indirectly,

I'm walking with my son to shul on Shabbos,

some male+female action taking place across the street.

I know my son senses this or perhaps saw already

I tell him "eyes to the floor, eyes to the floor, look at that interesting cement down there, this is what Hashem wants us to do, pigs oinking across the street and we stare at the cement and our nice Shabbos shoes, step 1-2-3-4, step 1-2-3-4, isn't walking amazing? "

but so far no deep conversations on the matter

but it's coming up soon

I'm afraid

I think that telling a child to admire the cement is like telling him "dont think pink elephants". He is going to realize somethings up quicker than you can count the first crack. And you can bet your last buck he's going to take a *double* look to see whats got Tatty / Abba ? Daddy so nervous.

I agree that tolerance is the answer.

When my sons (and daughters) notice what shouldnt be seen, my reaction is "nebach. She has such a special neshama and doesnt even know it. How lucky you are to be learning in cheder / Beis Yaakov so you know better." This is the same basic idea I use for chilul Shabbos. I tell my kids scream "Shabbos, shabbos, shabbos!" -QUIETLY, INSIDE YOUR HEART. Because nebach, they dont know the beauty of shabbos. They dont know the beauty of tznius. All of us must scream silently to ourselves so we dont get used to it and take chillul shabbos / pritzus as a given fact and something to 'come to terms with'. Yes, it *should* hurt me, deep inside. Not only is another Yid doing an aveira, but my Tatte in Shamayim is hurting too.

Chutz la'aretz is no different. Even a goya has a neshama and laws of basic decency. I may not cry for her personally, but *will* cry for the influence she is having on me.

7up!

Simply brilliant.

or maybe,

Brilliantly simple.

either way, thank you!

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Re: HARRYS SON Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 03:59

OK chevra.

Here is a tip.

Be ma'aver sedra with your 12 yr old (13 yr old, 37 yr old... your choice) son.

Make it a project.

The chimish, in case anyone has not noticed, is open about these things.

The Torah is the best way to communicate these ideas.

Aside from the kedusha of the medium, it is a neutral place, without any guilt or anger or whatever that we may feel when we discuss the modern world's phenomena.

And the discussion comes up casually, not 'planned'. Its not 'heavy'.

Of course, exactly WHAT to say is still up for grabs. One will need to try feel out the kid.

GOOD LUCK.

to us all.

kutan

Re: HARRYS SON Posted by TrYiNg - 16 Oct 2009 07:18

guardureyes wrote on 15 Oct 2009 20:58:

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I know it doesn't need my haskama , but couldn't resist. Simply Brilliant.

Re: HARRYS SON Posted by Rage AT Machine - 16 Oct 2009 12:35

7Up wrote on 15 Oct 2009 22:59:

Rage, where the heck do you get these pictures :o :o :o

this kid took a beating in the mosh pit at a punk rock show...

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Not sure where this came from, but I was dancing around the room when I read it. Kind of blew :D

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Re: HARRYS SON Posted by yechidah - 16 Oct 2009 14:05

Guard

this post of yours is absolutely priceless

in my mind all along

and you put it in words beautifully

me off my chair. Read two times, I'm a little slower at reading, but goal is a minimum of 7!

Re: HARRYS SON Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 14:17

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Could someone PLEASE summerize it for kutan?

Or

stick in pictures and animations?

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Re: HARRYS SON Posted by yechidah - 16 Oct 2009 14:46

summary

to put it not so nicely

alot of architectural flaws in the current yeshiva system

its going to crumble

alot of it has

BUILDING THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WITH THAT LONG SKINNY ANTENNAE AS THE FOUNDATION TAKING UP THE FIRST TEN STORIES

AND EXPECTING THE HEAVY CONCRETE OF THE MAIN FLOORS TO BE SECURE AND FIRM WITH SUCH A FOUNDATION

this is not loshan horah

the purpose to to fix what is wrong

we have to figure out what can be done

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Re: HARRYS SON Posted by bardichev - 16 Oct 2009 14:52

PART 3

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OK I GOTTA GO

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Re: HARRYS SON Posted by Efshar Letaken - 16 Oct 2009 15:37

Morai, V'Raboisai!

I don't know if you realize the genus in Reb B.s post but this is a book in the making or at least a weekly article in a big Jewish media Outlet/Mag.on Modern Day Chinuch, Sholom Bais, Y'know what? Let's just called it Modern Day Frum Jewish Life!

What it looks like & what it should look like still to come.

Only u got a sneak peek over here.

RATM

If you think SK is good wait until Reb B. Is done in his own unique way. L'Havdel bein Tomei L'Tohor.

Re: HARRYS SON Posted by kutan - 16 Oct 2009 21:02

I think the idea with harry's son, is that some (many?) of us fell into this in part because we did not have the right hadracha at the right time.

And since we care and are responsible for the chinuch of our kids, its on our minds....

how can we relay to them the right attitude in a safe way.

kutan

HOIY YID wrote, on a different thread:

This is a point that really hits home. If someone would have told me when I was younger that I don't have to be ashamed to ask for help in this area I don't think I would be here now. If someone would have told me that all boys have raging hormones I might not be here now. If someone would have told me that many good boy fall many times in this area I might not be here now. If here now. If someone would have given me practical advice in this area years ago I might not be here now.

I could go on but I think I made my point. Please talk about this with your sons. The Chafizt Chaim was once talking with other Gedolim about pressing communal issues and one of the other Gedolim said that one can only focus on correcting others after they have reached perfection in that area. The Chafaizt Chaim said that when someone need a drink you bring him clean water but when there is a fire even the dirtiest water is brought as fast as you can get it there. Today we have a fire in Klal Yisroel, he said, so anyone that can help should. My friends today we have a forest fire raging on every street corner, in every home, in every shul. There is no refugee from WiFi, even the the Bais Medresh. We need even the dirtiest water in the world, even the most infected. Please bring the message to who ever will give you the time of day.

Holy Yid, your advice is GOOD.

If discussing specifics is not in the works (what do I say, when, etc) do let him know that its normal and proper and perhaps even necessary to look for guidance from someone he can relate to.

thanks.

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For I know Yankees totty very very well, for "totty" was me!!! And if not for the Grace and kindness of Hashem I would still be "Yankee's totty"!!!!!

Wishing all a Gut Shabbos

A very sober, humble and thankful

Noorah

Re: HARRYS SON Posted by bardichev - 18 Oct 2009 19:38

PART 4

OK ALL OF YOU BIG PEOPLE

I HAVE TO CONTINUE MY STORY

SHABBOS IN MY HOUSE IS USUALLY A BIG SHOW

SOMETIMES COMEDY SOMETIMES DRAMA SOMETIMES HORROR

BUT ALWAYS ENTERTAINING

(THERE IS A POINT TO ALL THIS YOU WILL SOON SEE)

MOMMY IS ALWAYS READY FOR SHABBOS ON TIME

SHE GETS DRESSED FOR SHABBOS OMG!PLUS

I CAN'T WAIT FOR SHABBOS JUST TOO SE WHAT COSTUME SHE CAN CONCOCT

NOW THERE IS A FAMILIAR "SHPEEL" IN MY HOUSE

MY MOTHER IS TOTALLY PREDICTABLE, I CAN GUESS EXACTLY WHAT SHE IS DOING

LIKE IF SHE WILL GO OUT TO VISIT MY BABBY SHE WILL WEAR THIS OLD ROBE

IF SHE IS SATYING HOME ITS REALLY NICE ROBE

IF SHE IS GOING TO A SIMCHA LIKE TO EAT IN A HALL IT'S HORRIBLE

SHE DRESSES LIKE I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT WORDS MAYBE CAUSE I LOVE HER TOO MUCH

SO HERE IS MY TAKE ON IT (IT'S A GUESS HEY I'M ONLY 12)

TATTY LOVES (COULD BE DEMANDS BUT THAT'S NOT MY BUSINESS) THAT MOMMY DRESSES WAY TOO COOL. I KNOW IT BECAUSE I ALWAYS WATCH TO SEE IF HE APPROVES.

HE DOESN'T SAY WORDS JUST LIKE SHAKES HIS HEAD (OR GRUNTS REALLY FUNNY, NOT) SHE RUSHES OFF TO HER ROOM AND WALLA!! NEW COSTUME!!

DON'T GET ME WRONG SHE LOVES CLOTHES SHE GOES SHOPPING ALL DAY SHE HAS TONS OF MAGAZINES ABOUT FASHION

TATTY CAUGHT ME READING THEM BOY DID I GET IT. OUCH IT STILL HURTS. SO I KEEP CLEAR OF HER READING MATERIAL.

ANY HOW I DON'T LOOK DOWN UPON HER HOW SHE DRESSES BECAUSE I KNOW SHE IS THE BEST BEST BEST IN THE WORLD

OKAY SO WHAT HAPPENED THIS SHABBOS?

I CAUSED TROUBLE ,I BROKE A FEW RULES ,I WAS CAUGHT USING MOMMYS LAPTOP(SHE LET ME BUT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO TELL TATTY SO I TOOK THE HEAT ,ME AND MOMMY HAVE THIS DEAL YUP SHE IS COOL). I WAS ALSO CAUGHT WITH A BOOK I TOOK OUT OF THE LIBRARY (REBBI DOES NOT LET) BUT WHAT BROKE THE CAMELS BACK WAS MY COMMENTS..

I USUALLY KEEP MY THOUGHTS TO MYSELF BUT I DECIDED TO TEST THE WATERS AND BE A BIT "CHUTZPADIK"

HERE GOES BLOW FOR BLOW

TATTY: YANKELEH

ME: IGNORING

TATTY: YAN-KEH-LEH

ME: TAH ? WHERE YOU CALLING ME

TATTY: WHEN I SAY YOUR NAME I MEAN I AM TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION

(ME: I THINK I AM IN TROUBLE)

TATTY: "TATTY NEEDS TO TALK TO YOU" (WHEN HE GOES 3RD PERSON I AM DONE DONE DONE)

ME: TALK ABOUT WHAT?

TATTY: DON'T BE FRESH

ME: (FAKE CRYING) WHAT DID I SAY?

TATTY: NOW YOU ARE COVERING UP AH AHA

ME: TATTY I WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO YOU BUT…

TATTY: BUT WHAT?

ME: YOU GET SOO MAD AT ME SO FAST

TATTY: I NEVER GET MAD

I HAVE A WAY OF BEING "MASBIR" THINGS I AM NOT A KAASAN WHAT A CHUTZPAH YOU CALL YOUR FATHER A KAASAN VEE HUTT MEN DUUS GEHERT WAIT TILL I TELL YOUR REBBI ABOUT THIS .. CALL YOUR OWN FATHER A NAME AN INSULT! MY OWN SON! FORGET IT I HAVE NOTHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU

YOU HAVE BAD MIDDOS.. YOU ARE UNGRATEFUL!! YOU ARE AS STUPID AS YOUR M M M

HE STOPPED MIDSENTENCE AND LOCKED HIMSELF IN HIS ROOM

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