[POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Ano Nymous - 27 Dec 2009 09:01

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Would you:

1) Be mortified, and possibly deny that you were the person posting under said username,

2) Be happy to have someone similar to talk to about your issues in real life, and use this as an opportunity to get some real life support (partner up or something)

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Please VOTE and POST an explanation for your choice. If you have any OTHER option that you feel should be included in the vote, please post it here and I will add it to the poll options. Thanks guys!! :D

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by eslaasos - 08 Feb 2016 22:29

Mesayin wrote on Unknown**:**

markz wrote on Unknown**:**

[POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?

Most guys I will be very very exited to meet in person!!!

For one or two guys I'll have to make a quick getaway, as they want my head - and I don't blame them

You mean they want your headlight.

I think the person meeting me would be shocked, being that I walk around with the entire chasidisher shmoineh b'gudim and I'm on GYE.

Mesayin, I kind of assumed you had the shmoiner begudim and would be very happy to know you in real life.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Yesodi - 10 Feb 2016 22:29

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I'd probably be **mortified**.

However, I am curious: why are you assuming those two conditions? For people that would be mortified if these two conditions applied, I'd imagine that they'd be even ***more*** mortified if one or both of these conditions did ***not*** apply!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by shmulyz18 - 23 Mar 2016 20:08

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There was a time when I was embarrassed about my P & M plus SSA. Now I realize that these are tests everyday to test my strength. I choose to pass these tests.

If I met someone like

1. Markz
2. Cordnoy
3. The. Guard.

I would no longer be embarrassed.

Shmuly

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Sasha 2 - 23 Mar 2016 20:15

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I think it depends on who it would be but I would be horrified!!

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by thanks613 - 27 Mar 2016 18:21

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I wouldnt know what to do & I just hope it doesn't happen

I obviously value my anonymity on the forum, especially since it's public..

But if a friend of mine recognized me and called me out on it, I would be both embarrassed and relieved to be revealed to them - carrying the secret is ~~tough sometimes~~ really tough, always. My attitude wasn't always this way, but now I feel that if someone else has a similar struggle, then I am not really embarrassed to be straight with them about my own challenges. Well, most of my challenges anyways...

Being recognized by other people, like an old family friend for example, would be really awkward, but probably much more awkward for them than for me. Basically, if you're OK with it, then I'm OK with it, and that's a motto I'll try to live by.

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I confess, my name is not really thanks613

Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by getthere - 14 Aug 2017 13:17

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I used to think about this alot, that is why i sometimes dont write clearly. But about 3 month ago i met someone via GYE from my community, and it feels very good to be able to discuss with

someone 'normal' like me these subjects, unfortunately since then i have not been so active on the forum because i was speaking to people directly. Trying to get more active again.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Markz - 29 Jan 2020 04:13

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Dov wrote on 12 May 2010 00:42**:**

Well, let's come right out with it then: Is anyone here dating my daughter, or not!?

Which one?

You have Dassy, Esti, Orah, Susan...

How do I know all their names?

Their father authored the unabridged version of the Megilla.

Oh and back to the topic - how would I react?

Perfectly cool - ask the gye friends I've met in person :-)

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 30 Jan 2020 04:27

It has already happened to me and I actually found it helpful.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by N8 - 30 Jan 2020 04:54

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Markz - 31 Jan 2020 02:05

N8 wrote on 30 Jan 2020 04:54**:**

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Where did you see that?

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?

Posted by Realestatemogul - 31 Jan 2020 03:44

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Here's a question - did Hashem make us wanna be more secretive about this challenge and that's why the world doesn't talk about it as much as let's say bitul torah? OR is it our own fault that we keep it so hidden...?

Because I would LOVE if this was something everyone openly dealt with, but I don't necessarily know if it would be the healthy way.

That being said my vote is #2

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by N8 - 31 Jan 2020 05:00

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When you sign uo for the partner program they recommenced that you create an anonymous gmail account and keep yourself anonymous in general. My username is pretty easy to figure out but it still anonymous.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 31 Jan 2020 12:34

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regrets for doing so. There is a mutual understanding that it is in both of our interests to be confidential.

It is long overdue to be open about this plague. Statistics show that majority of teenagers and married yidden are struggling. The past hanhaga of not speaking about it is comparable to burying our heads deep in the sand, causing serious kedusha problems, anxiety/depression challenges - some to dangerous even suicidal levels, and shalom bayis disasters to develop. Recently however, Boruch Hashem, and probably thanks in great part to GYE, people are more open about this. Rebbeim in yeshivas are speaking more about it, and bochurim are seizing the opportunity to cry out for help. Unfortunately there is still a sizeable majority suffering needlessly in silence..…… Similarly, many husbands are more open with their wives about the struggles they have at work, on the street, and online. Due to high school/seminary mechanchos and kallah teachers mentioning the issue, husband's are not embarrassed to ask their wives to keep the filter passcode. There may still be a long way to go, but there is a path beginning.

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HHM - Beautifully said. You truly are one of the heroes on GYE.

MarkZ - this is a great thread, thanks for bumping up.

My vote is #2 as well

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I agree with everythin' except the statistics part.

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