

[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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I have an interesting question to ask you guys. I'd like to qualify the question here because I have more space. How would you feel if someone in your community, school, yeshiva, workplace, etc. who you have a good (NOT negative) relationship with identified you based on your posts on this forum? I'm assuming two important things here: 1) you are comfortable and on good terms with this person in real life and 2) this person is a FELLOW STURRGLER [sic] who actively makes use of the forum and was not just a straggler reading the forum for some kind of sick thrill.

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)
- 3) Be indifferent to the whole situation, and just acknowledge it and move on without any real reaction.

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 silentbattle - 28 Dec 2009 14:16

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Wow...me, mechavein to R' Yeruchum? The truth is, I was thinking about a piece from R' Dessler (both from Kelm, right?), where he talks about the idea of emes and sheker. It's a dangerous line he draws, and we have to be careful when we use it. But basically, I think he defines emes as furthering hashem's will, and sheker as the opposite of that - and that's why Yaackov Avinu is called Ish Emes, which on a superficial level, doesn't seem to fit with his dealing with Esev, Yitzchok, and the brachos.

So, when to apply this is difficult, but if it seems that there might be a chillul hashem, then it's worth asking someone wiser than ourselves.

As far as shidduchim, and what to say, I guess I'm lucky - I have a rebbe who understands me and my situation, knows pretty much everything about it - plus, he's in touch with my therapist. So I can ask him what to say, how much, and how.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by shemirateinayim - 28 Dec 2009 15:53

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thanks guard. i read it as one of the responses to a thread i started on shidduchim for addicts.

to tell you the truth, if the girl has unrestricted access, i can't believe that she never did anything wrong. I know they desire real love and meaningful relationships. but c'mon they never wondered about 'human anatomy'? they never wanted to test HOW easy it is for 'other people' to see this? they never checked the history on the family computer? plus who says they had NO y'h to 'further their education' in zera levatalah? (Tos yevamos 14b, the only reason women can check them selves frequently is because they are not EASILY 'mitchameim' but the issur is still there according to some rishonim (I only allowed myself to learn the sigya partly halacha lema'aseh.. it has all the birth control shaylos, and the R Akiva Eiger that poskim aren't choshesh for.)

if she has a laptop, I want to know what she does on it, before finalizing anything. If i'm capable of "loving not lusting" I want someone likewise. I don't want messed up kids, with destroyed neshamos! i want kedusha vetahara, and that's why i don't want to see any porn! i know messed up bachurim, and Chas veshalom, it would kill me to have kids like that!

but I will will speak to my rebbe at lenght before revealing it, how to do it, and how to explain it. Under the circumstances, I have a good reputation for being parush me'Arayos (shmiras einayim), so that will definitely help weigh things out.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by habib613 - 28 Dec 2009 15:58

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

Posted by the.guard - 28 Dec 2009 16:03

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Many girls/women are curious, take a peek and are GROSSED out.

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

Posted by habib613 - 28 Dec 2009 16:04

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yeah, that's pretty much what happens.

\*sigh\*

am i allowed to be jelous?

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

Posted by Kedusha - 28 Dec 2009 16:07

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Boruch Hashem, my wife has never been interested in this garbage (she knows nothing about deleting history files).

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by Kollel Guy - 28 Dec 2009 16:52

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You start appreciating the jewish nation when you see what the nashim are like. That's where you can really see the beauty of klal yisroel. The percentage of non-jewish women who do have a taavoh for it altogether is WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAYYY higher.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by Dov - 28 Dec 2009 18:03

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I wish you a nice day.

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

Posted by ark321 - 28 Dec 2009 18:14

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Seeing that Option #2 is leading says alot about the type of people that belong to GYE.

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Posted by Kollel Guy - 28 Dec 2009 18:18

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R' Dov, those subtle messages...

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by Ano Nymous - 28 Dec 2009 18:54

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I'm very confused. First I get an email saying that a post was reported in this thread (but it appears to have been deleted, so I don't know what it said), then Dov says he can't read it. Is there something triggering here?

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by the.guard - 28 Dec 2009 19:18

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There was something triggering... First Kedusha edited it, and then I decided to delete it all  
- and in  
general it was a triggering post. Sorry to the one who wrote it! :-[

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by aaron4 - 28 Dec 2009 19:26

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Hence my vote.

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You hit the nail as squarely on the head as a nail could be hit on the head :D

I could not have written that any better, and that is why I made this poll; I want to see whether other people agree with this view. Apparently, many do not, and I think it's unfortunate because the loneliness which is exacerbated by the other view (that we are all pervs, most people are not like us, and we should be ashamed to share this with anyone) is fertile breeding ground for lust (and other self-destructive behaviors).

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