

[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 Ano Nymous - 28 Dec 2009 22:28

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Ok, it appears that probably many people who've posted in this thread missed a KEY element of the question I asked here, so I will quote from my original post which some may have missed:

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If the person is a FELLOW and SINCERE struggler (who is also not a total jackass), I don't see why he would go around saying "tsk tsk did you hear about Rage." Am I missing something here, or did you misunderstand my original question?

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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 22:35

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[Rage ATM wrote on 28 Dec 2009 22:34:](#)

anon, you expect me to read every word? what am i a lawyer?

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Re: [poll]  
Posted by loi-misyaeish - 28 Dec 2009 23:34

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Things are going mad here. Let's straighten things up! We all agree that we're not going to put a label on our back saying "sex-addict". Since it's a very sensitive issue, one has to be careful how one acts and how people will respond to it. But we also have to face life. At least where i came from, wherever you'd look you'd see pritzus. Up,down, right, left in front and behind. It's really terrible. Ok, so i have a double dose of this taaivoh. Not everybody would look at it normally, because not everyone has that double dose. So therefore i'm not going to broadcast my problem to the world. But on a lively forum, where we all respect each other, i'd be more than happy to have someone to relate to. That's why i just went to the kumzitz of it25. Like someone wrote before, if someone would really care to read through the whole thread, and piece up the puzzle, he's not going to do it, just for fun and detective work(mind you someone who knows me could figure out who i am from all the things i wrote). The only thing i'm worried about it is that i would known as spending quite some time on the internet. My r"y wouldn't be too happy to know about that. But otherwise a resounding (for everybody on the forum to hear)

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~~You're nuts. And I love that.~~

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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 23:59

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guard has a leaky faucet, half the regulars already know my real name..

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by silentbattle - 29 Dec 2009 00:22

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C'mon Rage, there are almost 30 votes on this one! Unless people are setting up dummy accounts just to vote twice, but somehow, I doubt that!

My feelings are somewhat torn on that last issue, though. As far as the public knowing, us being leaders, etc.

I think that our role is important within this community. And yet, we're not normal. We've strayed, we're sick - and while we want everyone else with this sickness to know where hospital is, we also want to be careful not to make it too mainstream, too acceptable. Does that make sense?

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by Kolliel Guy - 29 Dec 2009 05:15

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If not for the advertising campaign that this thread had, I don't think it would have more than 12.

People don't notice the polls most of the times.

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

Posted by habaletaher - 29 Dec 2009 05:33

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[shemirateinayim wrote on 27 Dec 2009 21:55:](#)

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the question is whether to confide in this to any of them. I'm not a fraud, so i can't help them without admitting my involvement too. plus, how else can i know all the tricks of the trade. But on the other hand I'm not interested in them blabbing to the world that I'm cool cuz i watch p#\$ . That's not why i want them to relate to me! So i'm in a dilemma about it. the only thing i did about it was mentioning, in a neutral way, that i can help them break addcitions... and if they want their addictions, i can help them not want it.

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Allow me to help you with your dilemma. PLEASE DON'T REVEAL TO THESE BOYS THAT YOU ARE A P\*\*N ADDICT. You can say that you have struggled with it in the distant past, but ultimately if they think that you are an adult p\*\*n addict their respect for you will probably plummet. I was an at-risk youth one time, and I remember that one of the biggest turn-offs was these people who would try to help me by being cool like me, using the occasional curse word, etc... Not only that, but as a teen, I wasn't too addicted to p\*\*n, I was addicted to real girls! and to me p\*\*n addicts were losers. (I would have had so little respect for myself if as a teen I could have envisioned myself sitting fifteen years later glued to my screen at 3AM trolling for shmutz!)

Teens are looking for role models, not people who are just like them. So while I encourage you to stay involved with these youngsters, you don't need to and I believe shouldn't tell them about your own current struggles. The fact that you struggled with it a while back should explain your proficiency in it, and you can say that you have learned about it from other kids etc....

I don't mean to come across as strong or anything, but I know the scoop, I was there...

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by Kollel Guy - 29 Dec 2009 05:46

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Well the "Don't tell them about all your own struggles in detail" idea. I was never labeled as a kid at risk.

I remember the feeling of "Get a life" when I would see an adult trying to be cool and use the 'lingo'.

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by NOYA - 31 Dec 2009 19:24

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I would not really care. I've gotten over the shame of this disease by talking about it with a lot of rabbis, and I talked about it with some friends too to try helping them. So a few people know about me already anyway, and I wouldn't mind a fellow addict gaining that recognition.

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

Posted by shemirateinayim - 31 Dec 2009 19:46

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

Posted by silentbattle - 31 Dec 2009 22:48

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I know that you will find a way - because clearly, you're a person that cares not only about your own growth, but also about helping others. And so I know you'll find a way to do that in the best way possible.

As an aside, what we're saying is NOT that you should try to appear perfect. I greatly respected the fact that one of my high school rabbeim would mention, in a general way, that all the mussar is for himself, as well, and that no one is perfect. But if they ask you about your specific struggles, you can explain that it's irrelevant - your struggles are yours, and theirs are theirs. You each need to grow from where you are.

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

Posted by habaletaheer - 10 Jan 2010 08:28

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The way is relatively simple; every time your about to confide in a teenager some tidbit about your life, stop and say is this going to make the teen look up to me or look down at me?

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by shemirateinayim - 25 Jan 2010 07:16

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yknow what???? I realy don't care so much anyomre. I wouldn't mind meeting the frequent posters of this site. Not that I can actualy do that anytime soon, But I would very much like to just sit face-to-face and be awed by their pressence. I am at a loss of words to try explaining why....

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Re: [POLL] How would you react to being recognized here by someone in real life?  
Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 25 Jan 2010 14:36

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[shemirateinayim wrote on 25 Jan 2010 07:16:](#)

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Why is that....????

-Yiddle

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