

Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by the.guard - 26 Dec 2016 17:20

Guys, we have a treasure on GYE, right in our own backyard and no one is using it!

Dov, who is sober in SA for almost 20 years, and who has the experience of speaking with thousands of struggling Yidden these past 20 years, is right here on GYE offering to speak with you for an entire hour everyday from 8am - 9am EST. (See more info on the call [here](#)).

You can discuss your deepest fears and secrets with Dov on the call, or send him your questions beforehand at wequithiding2@gmail.com.

Last week we had some nice calls, you can listen to recordings [here](#). But today, this Monday, there was NO ONE on the call! WHAT?? Do you guys realize what an incredible opportunity this is?? Dov is worth his weight in gold! In MNSHO, he is wiser, more experienced and better than any therapist, and GYE is offering this opportunity for free to y'all and no one is taking advantage of this?! I am shocked. I think we may as well just close down GYE. It seems no one

And don't talk to me about sleeping-in late on Chanukah. Tell that excuse to the Greeks.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by mirror - 27 Dec 2016 16:31

This may sound funny, but I have learnt a lot from this thread. I used to think that it was only me, and if I could not accept everything that worked for other people then I was not serious about recovery. I now see that there are a lot of people like me. Recovery is a unique process and, like medication I will not get better by taking your medicine, and you might get bad side effects from taking my medicine. Each person has to find the prescription that will work for them.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by unanumun - 27 Dec 2016 17:05

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[unanumun wrote on 26 Dec 2016 21:30:](#)

"GYE is offering this opportunity for free to y'all and no one is taking advantage of this?! I am shocked. I think we may as well just close down GYE. It seems no one is using the site anymore."

I feel like this is a slap in the face.

Yes, I don't think i would have gotten to my place without dov's pushing me and challenging me the first few days i was on the site, but since then (almost two years,) i have not had too much to do with him. Not on purpose - it just worked out that way.

I have been clean since I joined the site, and have grown in many many areas of my life, besides lust, and i continue to grow. I still am in regular contact with friends that i made through gye and read almost all the posts - I receive them all as emails.

If I and others like me are not a reason for GYE's existence as long as people aren't showing up to a specific phone call, then perhaps go ahead and close it down.

Unanumun, please forgive me. You are right, I shouldn't have used such language. I was just a little shocked when Dov called me today that no one called in.

You are a wonderful GYE success story, and we all salute you. The whole GYE would have been worth it for you alone! Halevai more of our members should be like you. Keep up the good work!

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Posted by Markz - 27 Dec 2016 17:53

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Posted by stillgoing - 27 Dec 2016 18:13

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It's true. The forum is not an end all, but neither is opening up, or 12 steps. They are all simply a means to get to the real end all which is sobriety and a happy productive life. Should we knock meetings because they are not the end all? There are many means to get to the end and like mirrer wrote above, each person had their own path to get there.

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Posted by cordnoy - 27 Dec 2016 19:11

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Your post is extremely confusing and it also ignores many of dov's statements as to what he thinks GYE is, and "valuable" is not an adjective that he readily uses in reference to GYE.

Additionally, if this (that it's a way to open up and go further), why the Hell should GYE shut down? That makes no sense.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by gibbor120 - 27 Dec 2016 20:02

Wow! What clearly started out as a shocking way to get some more people to call in has really snowballed.

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Posted by stillgoing - 27 Dec 2016 20:28

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Posted by cordnoy - 27 Dec 2016 20:51

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I do! Sometimes. But I usually wear a sweater.

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 27 Dec 2016 21:40

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Who the hell doesn't post in their pajamas! Some people post in the nu.... Oops

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by serenity - 28 Dec 2016 00:17

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?

Posted by Kedusha - 28 Dec 2016 01:43

Relax everyone. Unfortunately, GYE still has plenty of work to do, so, be'H, it's not going away anytime soon.

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Re: Maybe we should just close down GYE?
Posted by serenity - 28 Dec 2016 02:51

This is a great topic and some may say it is long over due. I've wrestled with these issues and have resolved them somewhat in my mind in some limited way. Dov as I understand him speaks about his experience, the way he experiences things and what works for him. He says things as he sees it through it through the perspective of his experience. I have heard Dov say something like "you can't get sober without the 12 steps". Then a second later after someone would object, he would say something like "I never said that, that goes against everything I believe about the 12 steps, if I believed that I couldn't stay sober." So not only didn't he say what you thought he said, it's total opposite of what he believes. Some of what I'm saying here may be what some people are complaining about. I'm not saying it as a complaint. To the extent the fault, if any, lies with Dov I'm sure he works to fix it to the extent he can. However, for me in my experience of what works for me, I have to look at what on my part is contributing to my misunderstanding. I'm not saying you have to do that. You can say screw Dov, if you want. I can't say that because I want what he has and for me to get what he has I have to understand his insights. I recently got into a disagreement with Dov over something he said. He went way above and beyond to try and explain to me what he meant but I wasn't getting it. What I did get is that he wasn't saying what I thought he was saying and he was talking about something totally on a different level than I was hearing. It's like I tell you the car is red and then tell you I'm not saying the car is red and then spend 2 hours explaining to you what I am saying but never explain how I can say the car is red and then say I'm not saying the car is red. Dov often goes way deep and offers insights that are profound. I once spoke to Dov for an expended periods of time because I needed advice of a vital nature. After I spoke to him I spent time digesting what he was saying and then called him back to get more clarity. I was dealing with a difficult issue and I couldn't afford any ambiguity. Turned out that mistook one of the things he said, but I learned what he meant to say because I talked it out with him.

Another thing is that for Dov and from his experience, which i relate to very much, the program of SA is a matter of life and death. It is the ikkur and not the tofel. So if something here is in his experience damaging in that view how could not say that. Is he not obligated to tell someone like himself that something is not good for them based on his experience.

Many people look at sobriety as an end. SA looks at sobriety as a mere beginning. It's a means to an end. If I don't lay a proper foundation I may not have a chance to ever get to that end. Truth is when I say "end" that's probably not very accurate. It's about constant growth as a

human being. Most people here have, I believe, what is for them a much better method of constant growth and that's Torah and Mitsvos. They feel, rightfully so, that the aveira of shichva zeira livatalah etc is shtering that growth and getting in their way of reaching shlamus. For me that very avodah is detrimental to my recovery. And that isn't kefirah or whatever, it is the fact of my life. My problem was never merely doing an aveira, it was much deeper than that.

Hatzlacha chevra

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