

bardichev's battle

Posted by bardichev - 19 Apr 2009 19:51

Hello to everyone here. I am truly humbled to be here. It is the most wonderful thing.

I can not believe that today is my 31st day without any assur internet whatsoever. Without any bittul zeman internet. I can't believe it myself I am so happy.

Just four weeks ago I couldn't sit in front of my computer without peeking just for a few minuets at all the filth that the Y"H brought my way.

Just four weeks ago I was the lowest person in the world living the biggest lie. Just four weeks ago I was crying under my desk and I really wanted to change. Indeed in the past I made strong kabbalos I gave myself all kinds of mussar I applied all kinds of advice but I never was able to ever go 2 weeks clean.

I B"H found a lifeline GUE I realized 3 things a. there is a way to recover

B. that I am an addict an addiction will need recovery not that I'm just crazy or SHVACH . C. there is other people in the same boat that are honestly working on changing their lives.

At that point I didn't feel that I deserved to be on the forum let alone on the WOH. So I kept my own journal for two full weeks .It was so hard to change but all the chizuk from reading all the posts on GUE pushed me along.

I still can't believe that I am clean for a month .I am not trying to delude myself to say I arrived I REALLY need all the encouragement to reach my short term goal of 90 days. I am really taking it one day at a time. I am davening for siyatta dishmaya.

I realize that the battle of the Y"H is a full time job. My shemiras ainiyim is on a very good level B"H. I am scared that I will fall so I am really setting small goals.

I came to this realization that I couldn't stop my self until I admitted that I was an addict not that this was just a bad habit this is my addiction. Once I knew I was an addict I was able to accept advice from all the people on the forum because until one doesn't ADMIT he cant be helped because its not for him.

I started to realize that the power of TEFILLA is so great.

I had a wonderful insight in the tefilla we say "VCHOF ES YITZREINU LHSHTABED LACH" we daven that Hashem should force Y"H to be subjugated to HIM. All my life I davened that "my" Y"H should be controlled by "me" .NO NO NO I have learned from the first of the twelve steps we are begging Hashem to force the Y"H to be under HIS control.(I am saying this as a chizuk not trying to delve into deep questions that deal with Emunah).

May all our friends here be the source of inspiration that we all become truly the HEILIGE NESHAMOS WE WERE GIVEN AT BIRTH.

Please give me the chizuk (and mussar too) to reach my goal.

May Hashem bentch each and every one of us.

Humbled and happy

bardichev

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by the.guard - 21 Jul 2009 19:49

I tell my kids I'm doing Kiruv... It's not easy for them that I am so involved in it and not enough with them... I can see what you mean. But what can I do? "Set aside time for them each day", you'll say. Well, I try to eat supper with them. I learn with my son, hmm... Everyone, please Daven for me that the "kiruv" I do shouldn't cause "resentment" in my wife or children.

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 21 Jul 2009 20:08

Rabeinu Guard,

I think the Kiruv on line is not what they are talking about as long as you are spending some quality time with your family as well.

I think what they are referring to is bring into your home People that can have a very negative effect on your own children, as well as effecting ourselves when we (Men) think we can be Mekarev Girls to & they end up being Mekarev us more then we do them.

Correct me if I'm wrong.

E.L.

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by bardichev - 21 Jul 2009 20:16

RIGHT ON EFSHAR

REMEBER THERE ARE TONS OF PEOPLE DOING IT THE CORRECT WAY

MY PERSPECTIVE IS MINE

ONLY

PARTING SHOT:IF YOU ARE IN KIRUV YOU NEED A MOEREH DERCH!!!

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by bardichev - 21 Jul 2009 20:26

VSECHEZENA EYNEY NU BISHIVCHA KITZION BRACHAMIM!!!

WOODFORD CAN WAIT 9 DAYS

HUMBLE (and happy)

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by 7yipol - 21 Jul 2009 20:54

Guard,

As everyone here has said, bringing kiruv into the home is very different than what you are doing.

I think you need to be doing a cheshbon hanefesh. Did you start GYE, and continue running it for personal reasons? I don't mean because perhaps you can relate to the fight and wanted to share. That's fine. What about for an ego boost? For kavod? For financial gain (!)? etc. If you answer yes to the above, it's time to start davening very hard!

NOW

Okay, another try, now that the comp gobbled up my first response >
ask yourself these questions. Am I doing this because I want to help others? Because I know I have the ability? Because I feel this is my tefillah?

I find it impossible to even contemplate the idea that Hashem would 'punish' us for doing His ratzon lishem shamayim. Not only would He not make us suffer for it ruchniously (ie children), but I can't believe He wouldn't be *easing* the way instead.

Daven for Siyata Dishmaya of course, and then "Let go and let G-d"!!!!!!

As for the rest of us - we ALL have a RESPONSIBILITY to be davening for Guard and his family.

HASHEM SHOULD SHOWER THEM WITH ONLY BRACHOS AND CLEAR CHESED ALWAYS.

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by Kedusha - 21 Jul 2009 21:38

[7Up wrote on 21 Jul 2009 20:54:](#)

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Believe me, R. Guard is not doing this for financial gain!

R. Guard, the dilemma is that you are engaged in tremendously important Avodas Haklal, but need to balance that with the needs of your family. I have an idea, and I say it only in half-jest: some of us on this forum seem to have a lot of time on our hands. How about this? If anyone has a fall, c"v, they need to devote the amount of time spent on the fall or 2 hours, whichever is longer, helping out GYE. It's like a sentence to perform community service.

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by Efshar Letaken - 21 Jul 2009 22:07

Kedusha,

I think your on to something.

E.L.

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by Noorah BAmram - 22 Jul 2009 03:25

Lol lol!!!!

The Guard doing this for financial gain??

I bet the guard is probably dipping into his own pocket to keep GYE going without even counting the zillions of man hours of love that he obviously puts into GYE.

Most importantly, there is no shadow of doubt in my mind, that the success of this site is an attestation to the purity of the Guards intention.

The sucess of GYE can also be contributed to the promises the Almighty made thru His prophets Malachi "behold I shall send Eliyahu Hanavi before...." And the prophesy of "behold days are coming.... there will be a great hunger" and the countless other promises that there will be a ground swell of Tshuva

Guard is at the vanguard!! Why you ask?

because "mgalgin zchus al ydey zakai"

And what a zakai the Guard surely is!!!!

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by bardichev - 22 Jul 2009 03:32

WOW HOW DID MY LITTLE RANT ABOUT KIRUV BECOME A DISCUSSION ON THE
HEILIGER GUARD?!

RABBOISSAI PLEASE LETS START A CHIZZUK THREAD FOR THE HEILIGER GUARD

LETS BOMBARD IT WITH OVERFLOWING COMPLIMENTS

LETS DO IT QUICK

BEFORE HE SHUTS IT DOWN

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by 7yipol - 22 Jul 2009 07:34

Woah! Slow done guys!

My post was not meant to ruffle any feathers!

I know that Guard is zakai and a tzaddik, and *you* know he is, and we *all* know that he is doing this leshem shamayim.

But Im not sure that was what he needed to hear when he posted his personal concerns. My guess is he was thinking of Bardichev; saying to himself "Tzaddik shmadik"; who me, no way?!"

The issue of financial gain was brought in specifically in order to show how ridiculous it is. Just as ridiculous as the idea of going through all the headaches running such a site must be just for ego or kavod!

Cheshbon hanefesh is not a 'dirty' word, nor is it a gnei. It's somethnig we should all be doing daily. How else can we keep on the straight path without weaving left or right? Via cheshbon hanefesh, we understand who we are, what direction we are facing and map out how to reach our goal. But it is more than that. We think of it as a means to discover our shortcomings. We forget that by understanding where we are today *compared to where we were yesterday*, cheshbon hanefesh is the greatest encouragement tool at our disposal.

And THAT was what I wanted Guard to realize. Just how yashar he really is.

I ask mechilla from my Rebbe, Guard, as well as anyone else who may have misunderstood my words and been hurt for the sake of Guard. That was the furthest thing from my mind. How could I have meant negative? I OWE HIM MY NESHAMA?!

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by the.guard - 22 Jul 2009 12:12

Hey everyone, I'm speechless at all the love. I love you all BACK!

I don't know about Tzadik and zakai... I'm just a regular guy, if you'd know me you'd see... There are too many things to even count that I still need to work seriously on... But I don't **think** that

I'm doing this for Kavod or financial gain. However, I do **enjoy** helping people where Hashem has given me this opportunity. My wife and kids **know** that I enjoy it, so they can still feel some resentment sometimes, if I spend **too much** time doing what they perceive "I enjoy", and not spend enough time with them...

But I think 7Up said it good. If my motives are pure, Hashem will help that it shouldn't do harm. Let's just hope they are! Who can know the deepest reasons/motives in their own subconscious minds? Hashem knows us far better than we know ourselves :D

Of-course I need to do my part as well, in making time for "family first". Another consolation is - that regardless of my own motives, the people on this site truly mean Lishaim Shamayim. And **that** can surely be a zechus for the Hatzlacha of my children's chinuch (and marriage too) hopefully.

Thanks everyone!

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by Noorah BAmram - 22 Jul 2009 12:13

Holy 7 up,

. No feathers ruffled!!

IMHO The problem with cheshbon Hanefesh can be that the bal duver gets invloved in sticking in his 2 cents and distortiting the "books" of the nefesh. Which may render the "numbers" to reflect a bias towards what the YH wants us to believe! His agenda!!!

That is why, asei lchoh rav is crucial. Lhavdil in the 12 steps we must confess to another human being.

My 2 cents

Noorah

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Posted by Noorah BAmram - 22 Jul 2009 12:50

I don't know about Tzadik and zakai... I'm just a regular guy, if you'd know me you'd see

This reminds of the story in the Gemorah where one of the sages when "up" to heaven and came back. Upon return his father asked him "what did you see there?" He replied "I saw a topsy turvy world! The ones on top were on bottom and the ones on bottom were on top!" Replied the father "you saw a clear world"!

When we get to see the clarity of the World to Come. We may find out that some of the people who sit in the "back of the Bais medrash" the ones we thought were just "regular" in this world, we come to find out that in the great Bais Medrash in Heaven theses people are sitting "oiven

Aham u get my driftGuard?

Noorah

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Re: bardichev's battle

Posted by 7yipol - 22 Jul 2009 18:34

Reb Noorah,

I'm glad we see eye to eye again. Your opinion is important to me.

I fully agree with you about aseï lecho rav. Everyone needs an objective person above him in order to keep perspective.

I still hold that a nightly cheshbon hanefesh can be a very helpful tool. A quick review of my day helps me see where I was weak, what I need to work on and where I excelled. Did I lose patience with my children without reason? Did I smile at the neighbor or ignore her? Did I resist yelling at the child who spilled the milk accidentally? When I finish, I have realistic goals for tomorrow, based on my strengths and weaknesses today.

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There is a good chance we will be in for some surprises!! Wink Wink

The only one who may be surprised is Guard himself!

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