

Cut backs on posting by Admin

Posted by the.guard - 27 Jan 2009 11:16

I have a bit of a painful announcement to make (at least for me it's painful):

From now on, unless there are changes in my financial situation, I will not be able to spend as much time as I have been spending on the forum (unless there are emergencies). Unfortunately, this probably won't leave me much time to give Chizuk to everyone like before and I will need to answer only the most urgent posts. However, if I see that I have accomplished enough work for the day, I may allow myself more time. (If anyone sees an urgent post that I missed, such as a newbie calling out for help or a question that needs serious thought, or anything that sounds urgent -please send me an e-mail). I will continue to try and answer anyone that contacts me by e-mail to eyes.guard@gmail.com

Before you judge me, please read the posts below:

Boruch Posted:

I have become totally addicted to these forums in the past 7 days. Unlike addiction to pornography to which abstinence is the only right answer -- fortunately with addiction to these forums, moderation is the right answer. So whereas I could never and would never schedule chas vesholom an hour of pornography a day (especially since I am very capable of stopping entirely) I intend with Hashem's help to deliberately schedule from tomorrow on between 21:30 and 22:30 UTC/GMT daily for posting on these forums.

A reply to Boruch:

"Snax" once posted:

"I have a new addiction. The GUE forum! There is so much chizzuk on the boards. I get the chizzuk from your and all comments posted there. I have seen major improvement since I joined the forum and hope to join the hotline this coming week. Together we are stronger and will be able to overcome our Yetzer Hora. I think guardureyes has a great zechus as people can share their thoughts anonymously. Even people that want to give chizzuk and cannot do it openly, can give out all they have on the forum."

To tell you the truth Baruch, there's nothing wrong with "addiction" per say. I believe that many of our Gedolim were, le'havdil, literally addicted to learning Torah. It was their life-line, their breath, and it was also their "high", in a sense. Halevai we could learn such addictions! The forum here is a good thing. And if it isn't taking away from your Torah learning, davening, family time or job responsibilities, I would tell you that there is nothing wrong with becoming addicted to it. Every post here is a smack in the yetzer Hara's face. I assume though, that it probably does take away from other priorities in your life and that is why you have decided moderation. If that is the case, you are doing the right step.

Your post made me realize that I too have become too addicted to the forum. I know how important it is for me to give everyone Chizuk here, but it really is taking it's toll. My work is suffering a lot, and as a result my finances are suffering. Even my family is suffering. I have less time for my children and my wife often claims that I'm not emotionally available to her. On the other hand, how can I stop rallying the troops, offering advice and updating the charts? So many people are holding on by their finger nails... So I think i will need to take Boruch's example. Moderation is the only answer. I hope everyone on the forum will be able to forgive me.

B"H the forum has grown in leaps and bounds in the past few weeks alone. That is also one of the reasons it is becoming overwhelming for me. But on the good side, there are now so many people who are offering so much great Chizuk. The forum is begining to breath on its own and support itself. ***Ish Es Rei'eihu Ya'azoru, Ule'achiv Yomar Chazak!*** So maybe it is indeed time for me to let go a little and start making limits for myself as well.

While we are on the subject, let me just mention a few of our great Chizuk posters on this forum, to show them how much Hakaros Hatov we all have for them: **Elya, Battleworn, Mevakesh, "Me" (not me :-), Jack ... I will need you guys even more now**, since I will have to be cutting back a bit.

And everybody, PLEASE, keep posting your daily logs, struggles and Chizuk. We need you ALL. Together, we are a powerful force against the Yetzer Hara!

I am impressed, Boruch, by your ability to take a decision and translate it into Ma'aseh. In these type of things, it's not enough to "want", we have to "DO". That being said, let me define my cut-backs right now on this post. I will bl'n spend no more than a half an hour on the forum in the morning and a half an hour in the evening. (Don't forget, the Chizuk e-mails still need to go out

each day and personal e-mails that we get still need to be answered as much as possible. Not to mention updating the "Wall of Honor" chart and the website with new stories, tips, Q&A, etc...)

I ask everyone's forgiveness for this step. Maybe one day we'll have some big sponsors supporting the GUE network that will allow me to spend full time on it. I truly would like to. Not just for the sake of the forum, but there is SO much that needs to be done. We need to network with Frum organizations and find creative ways of spreading the word to all Yidden that there is hope and there is help. Also, a whole new more modern website is now under development (at www.guardYourEyes.org). It will IY"H be a dynamic, blog style website, with RSS feeds and all the modern gadgets. But I just have no time to develop it now.. And I would like very much to write up e-books (PDF files for download) with all the info people need when starting out on the the journey. Not to mention, publishing **a real book** on the subject one day. There's just SO much that needs to be done in this area.

Speaking of which. If anyone knows of any "well-off" Tzadikim that understand the grave and pressing need for this work in today's world and could be potential sponsors to our network, **please**, either let me know, or speak to them for us. GUE today is like diamonds scattered in the sand. It has HUGE potential for helping thousands of Yidden in this most vital area (Yesod - the FOUNDATION of Yiddishkeit). If people knew what a Zechus they could have in supporting this work, in helping us spread the word and expand our activities, if they would know how much Teshuva is happening (and would happen ten-fold through their donations), if they would know how much closer we all here are bringing Moshiach, people would be snatching up the opportunity like diamonds... Unfortunately though, **Shechnita Be'afra**. Maybe one day Hashem will allow me to dedicate my entire life to this worthy cause. I should only be found worthy for this great honor.

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Re: Cut backs on posting by Admin
Posted by Someone - 28 Jan 2009 18:30

I will add my thanks to all the others that are here already!!! I cannot fully express my thank-

I have maybe a simple advice (I am sure you have thought of it, but Ill say it anyway), in-stead of trying to manage the whole site on your own, why don't you ask others to help you? The administrative sides I mean; like updating the wall or things like that! I of course do not know where or how the servers are hosted, but with all the modern-day technology, it shouldn't be a

problem I believe.

I apologize in case you already have a team of technicians working on it and this is an outdated

If I can help in ANY way, let me know!

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Re: Cut backs on posting by Admin
Posted by the.guard - 28 Jan 2009 19:21

My plan is one day when we have some sponsors, to hire a programmer to develop a "Wall of Honor" chart that users can sign up to, put in their own information, such as their own starting date, username, etc... and then each few days they could log in using their password and update their own charts. Also, one day we'll have a section where users can post they are looking for partners / sponsors and put in their details and be able to find matches themselves... But this is all done manually now. It's truly my honor to do it - don't get me wrong. But as the site will grow G-d willing, it will become more and more necessary to automate these things :D

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Re: Cut backs on posting by Admin
Posted by me - 28 Jan 2009 20:10

Ben,

As I stated above, This type of decision does not concern speaking to one's Rebbeim. the Rebbeim can only give an answer to someone, based upon the persons question, and based upon the information the questioner provides.. And I will say that no one knows us better than ourselves.....other than Hashem of course.

No, this is for the Holy yid to work together with his Eizer K'negdo, and to ask Hashem to help, and thereby plow the menuval over. In fact just the opposite. The menuval is trying to cool things off, so instead let's move in quicker. This will make him think next time.

And to be yotzei the advice of one the Rebbeim who said to give "10% like masser". I worked it out. Rav Guard will 'maybe' **not answer 10%** of the replies that do NOT needs answers.

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Re: Cut backs on posting by Admin
Posted by Binyomin5766 - 28 Jan 2009 20:31

Hi Me,

I see where I was unclear, so allow me to clarify. Not every time that I speak to my rav am I asking for a decision on what specific action I should take. Sometimes, more often then not actually, I am seeking advice and input from someone who knows me and who understand hashkofa better than I do, who can help me work my way through the issues I am facing. So there is consulting your rav and there is consulting your rav. Sorry for being ambiguous.

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Re: Cut backs on posting by Admin
Posted by Mevakesh Hashem - 28 Jan 2009 20:32

Don't worry my dear brothers and sisters, GUARD will always be there for each and every one of us when needed. Hashem will bless him with the answer to all his worries and strains, and he will once again be back to his good old self!

If I can be of service to anyone at any time, please do not hesitate to give me a holler!

And don't forget, that HASHEM, the true GUARDian of Israel, is always there for us!

Chazak V'Ematz!

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Re: Cut backs on posting by Admin
Posted by me - 28 Jan 2009 20:43

It sounds like the great Mevakesh is getting ready to give a large donation. ;D

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Re: Cut backs on posting by Admin
Posted by Mevakesh Hashem - 28 Jan 2009 20:52

Indeed, I am ready and willing to donate as much time as the Ribono Shel Olam allows me to inhelping my dear brothers and sisters who are struggling with their wicked Yetzer Haras!

Chazak V'Ematz!

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