

New GYE Whatsapp Support Group
Posted by the.guard - 28 Apr 2021 09:44

Wouldn't it be great to have a Whatsapp group where you could reach out for help 24 hours a day, or post chizuk - just like on the GYE forums and chat rooms?

We just launched a GYE Whatsapp group where you can:

- Connect with others and get out of isolation,
- Have some accountability with your fellow members
- Reach out for help in a "weak moment" and get instant chizuk
- Share inspiring memes, short video clips and articles.
- Give chizuk to others

We hope to have be"h a few moderators as well, who can help with chizuk and support.

DISCLAIMER: Whatsapp is less anonymous than the GYE forum and chat-rooms. People can see your phone number, and often your name and picture can come up as well. **To help protect everyone, we will only allow verified GYE members to join.**

If you're ready to take your recovery up a notch and join, send an email to gyewhatsapp@gmail.com with the word "Join" in the subject with your phone number (with the country code) and **your GYE username** in the body of the email.

[See here](#) for terms and conditions.

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Posted by Grant400 - 28 Apr 2021 14:16

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Posted by Zedj - 28 Apr 2021 15:10

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I actually did not know that with a business account nobody can see the number. But what a status accomplishes is that you can mute it so nobody can see that you are following it. On the other hand a group shows up in conversations.

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ffmpeg is a free open source command line utility which can be programmed to do this easily. Handbrake is a GUI program which you can also split video files based on a criteria. There is also a bunch of programs which can do this as well.

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Do you have google drive and do those links work?

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Posted by Grant400 - 28 Apr 2021 19:58

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Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 29 Apr 2021 01:24

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I think I know what the issue is.

Android tries to open supported links using the apps that are registered to handle those links.

Due to the fact that the email newsletter gets sent out using a mass mailer. The link gets formatted with a tracking link that reroutes to Google Drive.

For example (from todays broadcast) instead of:

drive.google.com/file/d/1oVvrj-3OwfTwuGnZmv25tXxtFLvbFeNZ/view

the link is:

r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001o7N0HhANjfJilEWA_ku8DtjAwyA4fhytRCwf3VjynC2QJpSCKjk0IEldz6_ytmAVZLLW8l_tYTGL0oRMjmGgu9SuPoa7kF7TI4zfwgwkjD4a4QnDisnli8Hkejc6B0bKJvzCmza5e6dMzPe3rsOptK9WJ00ZQnrAyF0LrKPMHJ2_oa97qz-K2tHIGsy41kTfJ033_Oc6cJ0ewvolHi5w_fsTQGwxDZf4Rmu3IPHArUA=&c=CbKSzIPkTrbiytEb8bYP8B2ikeoOrU2vdL0Z-4Oefx7GoCubD9d-NvA==&ch=16mjxiToe5_h9Zhx1vMMwsKVtYMHPH7DIgSdBXsGdp_FLSp8h9waCg==

Either GYE can edit that and put in the full google drive link, or you can use an app called bURLy: apkpure.com/burly-browser-chooser/com.shadowburst.burly

Which can process the redirect for you.

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The first step is getting the site podcast friendly, so that iTunes or other Podcasting software can access it.

Here is a tutorial explaining the process: itconnect.uw.edu/learn/workshops/online-tutorials/web-publishing/podcastingvodcasting-distributing-your-audio-and-video-files-via-the-web-part-i/

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