

Men and Women's forums are now seperate

Posted by the.guard - 10 Jan 2010 14:51

Due to some serious breaches in Tzniyus that I am not at liberty to divulge, and after consultation with experts, it has been decided that the men and women's forums on GYE will now be completely separate. Men will not be allowed access to the women's forum, and women will not be allowed access to the men's forum.

We would also like to re-iterate that posting e-mail addresses and telephone numbers is forbidden on the forum. Instead, PM's should be used (between each gender separately).

We apologize for the inconvenience - and just so that no one should get wrong ideas, let me state that it has nothing to do with our dear women members, 7Up, Habib, Trying, Letakein and theOne.

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Posted by 7yipol - 13 Jan 2010 16:43

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The girls and I will be watching your side closely.

Please keep it going for our sakes!

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Posted by silentbattle - 13 Jan 2010 16:45

7up, I know you're busy...but anytime you have a chance, your presence on my thread would be welcome and appreciated...

And your help in the past (and from all the girls, too)...my appreciation is beyond words.

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7Up,

You never overstepped any boundaries. As for making anyone uncomfortable, there's nothing to apologize for - you were interacting well within the rules of the forum, like most other forum members.

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Kedusha...an interesting point. Makes us look at things in a different way...

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Re: Men and Women's forums are now seperate
Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 13 Jan 2010 19:02

[Rage ATM wrote on 13 Jan 2010 18:44:](#)

i guess i should do this before we close this thread out:

yearning, i apologize for offending you in my posts yesterday...i honestly did not intent to offend you...i hve a problem communicating sometimes....youve done some pretty amazing things towards your recovery, and as kanesher pointed out, youve done more towards your recovery than i can find the guts to do...i wish you the best of luck in all that you do...i hope you do find that bat yisrael you couldnt see before...keep up the amazing work...keep my friends habib, trying, letakain and 7up entertained and inspired there on your side of the iron curtain...peace out...

Thats a step in the right direction if I have ever seen one. Youre a Tzadik RATM! Keep it up.

-Yiddle

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Kedusha, while you are right, this would have happened eventually, it is still a bitter pill to swallow for another reason:

Years ago, I was involved in an outreach org that was trying to interest assimilated college kids to come to an exciting Torah lecturer. They wanted to make a humorous flyer advertising the topic, like any good advert for a lecture posted on that campus. The head rabbi of the org said NO. you don't water-down torah. The truth of torah will sell itself. advertise in a way that will peak their interest but not make fun of the Torah or frumkeit. Example are those famous illustrations of an assimilated family around the seder table, or men in shul. They may be funny, even true to life, but they are NOT l'kovod Torah and Yiddishkeit, and that takes away from the chashivus in the eyes of everyone.

So, yeah, halachic guidelines need to be followed, and Tnius has to be adhered to, and the more that is accomplished, the more this heilige site and forum will attract the yeshivishe and chassisihe crowd who need it to join.

But what about the "fruma" of the Conservative, the USY'ers and the Modern Orthodox NCSY'ers out there. Will they get turned on or off by the separation? before, i thought this was a nice happy medium - and could help give access to our less affiliated brothers and sisters, who might be mekarev by these hip yet frum conversations between both genders. And more close to home, what brought all us yeshiva and sem and bais yaakov grads here in the first place,

was our internet addiction and worse that made us feel "less" than frum. Are there any of us, men or women, who would NOT have joined if the forum was as separated as it is becoming? were we not slightly intrigued by the other side's problem?

just a few thoughts.

I think moving forward, just like we were thinking about ways to have something fitting younger, teenage addicts, we also should think of methods to make this accessible to all Jews, while not weakening the kedusha of this site for B'nei Torah. The biggest difficulty is getting people who are not used to tzniyus in speech and thought to obey the rules and avoid triggering comments. but then again, it's good to expect more of people, because they for the most part valiantly rise to the occasion. As long as they feel respected, feel they have a voice.

Viva La Revolution!!

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yeah... we also thought of that idea way back when we couldn't read your forum at all.

but just so you know, whenever i see a newbie specialgroup, i'm planning on making her a welcome thread... so if bruce decides to do that, he's gonna find a "welcome brucetta" thread... replete with confetti and all that stuff... jk.

don't break R' Guard's trust. or else he might start screening the women to be sure they're really women. and THAT would really destroy any chance of new members.

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By the way Habib, I would just lie it to be known that the decision by Guard to seperate rhe forums is backed by me. I am just playing devil's advocate and thinking about the future of GYE.

That is my sole intent here. I just don't think woman are going to sign up. I think in general woman are more hesitant and conservative to do things in general, atleast more than men. Maybe that's why there are so many more males that are addicts and in GYE than females to begin with. I hope this works for the female side, I just dont think it will.

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