

Apology - and Request Please

Posted by the.guard - 15 Jan 2010 13:26

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I want to apologize to everyone for my lack of posting on the forum recently. As GYE grows, so do my responsibilities. I am busier than ever and rarely get to read personal threads on the forum any more. Please send me "**HU**" ("**Heads Up**") alerts, together with a link, whenever you feel there is something I should respond to - or deal with - on the forum. Also, please send me [by e-mail](#) any ACE's (**A**nother **C**hizuk **E**-mail), which are inspiring pieces that people write on the forum that you feel might be worthy of being in a Chizuk e-mail.

The 5 announcements in Chizuk e-mail #683 are just an example of the many things I am busy with currently. And there are many more, such as speaking to important people about our work, advertising, web-development, etc... and of course the two daily chizuk e-mails, rain or shine. I am also trying so hard to update the handbook and release a newer version, but I can't even find a half-hour to work on it... (Hashem, please help me keep this all up and prioritize my time correctly!)

I have tens of e-mails and PMs that I haven't even gotten a chance to respond to recently. It hurts me, but one day when we have more funding we will hire others to work with us and I won't be so overwhelmed. Again, I sincerely apologize for my recent lack of participation on the forum.

If anyone knows of any contacts that you might be able to make for us with wealthy philanthropists who would understand the vital importance of what we're doing - to help us grow and expand our work for the almost "insatiable" demand that is coming in, your zechus would be immeasurable. I can't do this all alone. There's nothing like GYE in Klal Yisrael today, and the need is unfortunately HUGE. I dream of opening a center and hiring many people to work along with me in web-development, PR, Advertising, Publishing handbooks, books and pamphlets, hot-line networks 24 hours a day, more phone conferences, etc. etc. and etc.

G-d willing.

But we need your help. PLEASE. If any relatives of yours, or friends, are well-off and understand the value of this work, we can send you by e-mail a presentation to print out and show them, and we'd also be happy to talk to them in person on the phone. Help us make

Thank you, precious Yidden, and Good Shabbos.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 17 Jan 2010 17:43

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[guardureyes wrote on 17 Jan 2010 17:39:](#)

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Take it easy, Yiddle. Everything will be fine. We'll make sure to consult with you before doing

Ya I am sorry Guard for coming off too strong there. I dont know why I STILL feel I should have to control everything. If there's one thing I should learn from my addiction is that our needs to control everything in life is what truly brings us to our restlessness, irritability, and discontent.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by shemirateinayim - 26 Jan 2010 05:26

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I know everyone is having fun here, with the fiscal forcast and all, but I realy do think that GUARD will be a drivin gfrove in the next few years. You see, all it takes is one gevir to bankroll him, and together with the creativity and inginuity of the members here, GYE will have it's pamflets in every yeshiva, and a handbook on every mussar shelf. True they will have to be re-written to adress all the different stages of addiciton, and all the different sorts, but we can worry about that later.

This is the nissayon of our dor, our dor is a VAAD LEZNUS!!!! and GUARD is leading the rebelion against the entire entertainment industry. Hey mybe somone can launch a class-action lawsuit against the entertainment industry, and make them fund this site as a cure.

Seriosly speaking now, can someone with a good filter, search for any from of gov. funding? There is always plenty of free money available for charitable causes, and probably for this also. We are a corporation, and soon will BH be a non-profit one.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by the.guard - 26 Jan 2010 14:11

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Thanks, SA.

As soon as we are non-profit, I will look into applying for a government grant in the U.S. be"h... I have discussed this in the past with Phillip Rosenthal...

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by UTS - 28 Jan 2010 06:34

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[guardureyes wrote on 16 Jan 2010 18:28:](#)

We need to raise at least 2 million dollars for the dreams that I have.

Is this the real number?

Let's see....

OK.

BTW, now that we/you have official haskomos to show people, it should be easier be"H. No? I hope so.

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Well, 2 million is just a rough estimate

Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by UTS - 28 Jan 2010 06:37

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Guard, you have such a warm sense of humor. :) It's so heartwarming. I'm serious.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by Steve - 28 Jan 2010 21:42  
any major changes, ok?

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Yiddle, I feel sorry for the non-addicts, they'll miss out on so much...

We should budget for an active committe to turn peolpe into addicts just so they can join our group and get help. Maybe couple it with the fundraising dept by targeting children of millionaires. (Of course Tatty will fund his own son's therapy. Otherwise the whole Olam might hear how much his kid resents him.)

Reb G., you've got my offer to help sitting in your in tray, probably burried under all those unread circulars.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by kutan - 04 Feb 2010 15:05

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There SHOULD be a web site for non addicts.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by the.guard - 04 Feb 2010 15:54

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Well, I've sent out over 330 Shmiras Ainayim Chizuk e-mails, and not one of them mentions

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Posted by me - 04 Feb 2010 16:12

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"Addiction"... The material in that can be used for starters

I have alot of experience with these things. Haskomos are great...but not tooooo many people really care about them anymore. Not that we would throw them out c"v. They do legitimize. BUT as far as getting big \$\$\$\$ , we need to get a list of many of the large frum g'virim, and then.....we need to watch them closely. See which one's look like they haven't slept in a few days. Which one's are really nervous, and on edge. (just get a look at their eyes, and if we can see that they are red, blood shot, and bulging... :o even a little...we found a good candidate. These are the one's that we need to find, and make sure we email them, (we can do undercover (my specialty) get their private email addresses, send to their office, and where, and what ever, and through this we we lead them to GYE. As time goes on, we advt how money can't buy everything etc. etc, and then we explain BUT, if one usese their \$ to support GYE, and thereby help others rectify this terrible chet, then of course the rich person WILL be able to buy his way to heaven....so to speak.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
Posted by Kedusha - 04 Feb 2010 16:29

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[me wrote on 04 Feb 2010 16:12:](#)

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Posted by me - 04 Feb 2010 17:16

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I personally managed to get for myself some VERY large world reknown haskamos for a different pupose. I am only commenting on how much the people pay attention to them. Just my own experiences.

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It depends what it's for... A Haskama to help a person marry off his children - even from the gadol hador, get's little attention. A Haskama that addresses a subject everyone's been

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Posted by Kedusha - 04 Feb 2010 18:30

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[me wrote on 04 Feb 2010 17:16:](#)

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I'm with Guard. This particular Haskama is hard to ignore, based on who wrote it, the nature of the subject matter, and the strong language used.

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Re: Apology - and Request Please  
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One hundred percent! The Gadol who gives the Haskoma on the **matzav in Kalal Yisroel** is the most important thing because HE PERSONALLY gives his own personal account on how many Yidden are coming to him with tradgic stories. This is the most important point....."rather than having people brush the subject under the rug".

AS far a GYE which is an oasis for these people, and their families, it's kind of like asking for a Haskama for an irgun that gives out tzdakah to poor families for Shabbos. Do they really need an askama to give out free chessed? **I do agree** that the Haskama such a R. Twerski being an expert with addictions is the most important concerning this aspect, i.e. that the direction of GYE is fit for this type of addiction.

I guess in the end.... I agree with everything! :D

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