in the lion's den Posted by Yoish - 24 Dec 2009 01:39

dear friends, this is Yoish again. I wrote just a few hours ago about a new topic--I figured out how to start it properly now!! I thank you for your assistance in that. Here's the deal:

I'm 21 years old and in yeshiva. Ever since my puberty I've struggled with same sex attraction----I'm attracted to guys and not girls. I didn't choose to be this way--it just is what it is. Being in an all male enviroment makes it extremely difficult for me to stay clean from fantasy and masturbation. I live in thw dorm (it's an out of town yeshiva) and good looking guys are around me 24-7 I've been stumbling greatly in this very tough situation, and I'm really up the creek right now. I feel hipocritical in that I ask hashem every morning not to put me in the hands of nisayon----and I'M putting myself in one by being in yeshiva. I seriously began thinking about getting clean and staying sober a couple of weeks ago, but that's been near impossible being that I'm in "the lion's den" of attractive young men whom I can't get away from. I've seeked help and advice from a few proffesionals regarding this matter---but nothing "concrete" has come out of it. I've considered many times to leave yeshiva and go to a more mixed enviroment, but I don't know if such will help. I'm therefore asking you guys who know quite a bit, to say the least about addiction and sobriey etc. etc. what you think about this. Thank You, Yoish. L'chaim-To Life!!

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Re: in the lion's den Posted by silentbattle - 03 Jan 2010 21:28

Superman, yeesh...now you're making me cry, too!

I couldn't agree with you more. Absolutely true.

Re: in the lion's den Posted by imtrying25 - 03 Jan 2010 21:31

Beautiful post clark. Very sad but lots of heart and soul. Thank you.