

Fetishes

Posted by looking for help - 22 Jun 2022 14:55

Hi Chevra,

I was wondering if anybody can you relate to this, and how you treat such a case. Since I'm a young boy I have had a terrible fetish to look at feet (from the knee down) as if it was a s*x object. It gets me aroused more than anything else (and I mean 'anything'), I can go miles and miles, search for hours and hours, stand at the window etc. only to get a glimpse of a foot, especially if dressed (hosed) and worn in nice shoes. Men and women, no difference. I don't want to elaborate on this too much, not to trigger other people, but how do you deal with such a thing, I get aroused even in Beis Hamedrosh seeing other people dingeling/playing with their shoes. Never mind going on the streets passing women dressed in fine hosiery and nice shoes. Did anybody have any similar fetishes? Has anybody dealt with something like this? Has anyone succeeded?!

I must point out that I had this fetish as a kid many-many years before I knew anything bad. I still recall when a little stone fell into my shoe when I was a little kid, and I asked my Rebbi if I can go to the bathroom remove it, and he didn't understand me, he told me do it right here in class, take off your shoe and throw out the stone! I couldn't do it, for me it was like taking off my shirt (or worse) in middle of class...

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by yitzchokm - 16 Mar 2025 23:39

I am actually not sure that this is the right diagnosis. The trigger is very specific and it seems to have to do with the contrast between the two people as opposed to the fact that someone is big or small.

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by ivelt - 23 Mar 2025 18:42

anyone?

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by jewizard21 - 23 Mar 2025 19:39

If I am not misunderstanding the terminology then yes I would say its very common

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by chosemyshem - 23 Mar 2025 20:11

[ivelt wrote on 16 Mar 2025 23:10:](#)

hi does somebody struggle with a fetish of MARCOPHILIA or MICROPHILIA?

Ah yes marcophilia. That sweet feeling of being attracted to 13th century explorers.

Warning: Spoiler!

Sorry. I'm not trying to make leitzunus. I think the reason you didn't get a response is because it doesn't matter very much what flavor of ice cream is on your cone of despair. Yes, many people have different preferences, some more unusual than others. Generally speaking, it don't matter much if you like big people, little people, red people or blue people.

You're still normal, still a good person, and it doesn't affect your chances of recovery. If it's something that preoccupies you or bothers you it certainly may be worth talking over with a professional.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by yitzchokm - 23 Mar 2025 23:52

It is important for recovery to understand how a fetish developed so I wouldn't say that the type of fetish is irrelevant. If what I read on Wikipedia, which isn't a reliable medical website, is correct this fetish develops from the need to feel small or big. Someone with a need to feel small can be attracted to big people and someone with a need to feel big can be attracted to small people. It isn't clear to me based on this how someone can be attracted to both. If this were to be the reason for the attraction it would probably be worthwhile to deal with the underlying reasons for the need to feel this way. It would help you make sense of the fetish which would then help you to be able to overcome it. I am writing based on what I read on Wikipedia and what I heard about how fetishes are treated but I am not a professional and I may be wrong.

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by radiantunicorn71 - 07 Apr 2025 21:15

you're right

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by vehkam - 07 Apr 2025 21:42

Thank you

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by yitzchokm - 08 Apr 2025 02:19

I can't post the details before asking for permission but ivelt isn't talking about something illegal. There is a certain scenario which when he sees it, it triggers him very much. It is similar to the fetish posted by someone else that when he sees shoes dangling or bare legs he gets triggered. I am not even sure why he is insisting on finding someone with macrophilia or microphilia even if that should be his diagnosis. In my opinion, his fetish would be treated the same way as the fetish I described about dangling shoes. It doesn't involve acting out with other people.

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by vehkam - 08 Apr 2025 02:44

The post I was referring to was deleted.

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by ivelt - 08 Apr 2025 21:18

We are talking about someone that gets triggered when he sees two siblings walking together and the younger one is taller than the older one. There is nothing illegal about this. Most fetishes are similar to this one and they are not illegal.

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by alex94 - 08 Apr 2025 22:19

[vehkam wrote on 08 Apr 2025 02:44:](#)

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by healingyid - 07 May 2025 05:38

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I'm now around 20 years old and have anxiety, depression, and ADHD, which may have come from—or at the very least, worsened because of—this whole fetish thing. I want to get married and build a normal life but feel like I can't move forward until this is corrected. I feel too burnt to see another therapist and don't feel capable of approaching my parents to explain that I would need a sex therapist. I'm feeling stuck and really want to start living a healthy life.

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Posted by BenHashemBH - 07 May 2025 12:11

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Shalom Brother,

I'm sorry to hear that you have been carrying all that.

I don't know what you do or don't need, but if you feel comfortable reaching out to someone, an amazing mentor here, HashemHelpMe (HHM) can be reached at michelgelner@gmail.com and he may be able to give you some life-changing hadracha.

Hatzlacha and Kol Tov

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Re: Fetishes

Posted by yitzchokm - 07 May 2025 17:27

I suggest that aside for reaching out to HHM you should also reach out to einanilimili who is

dealing with a fetish and has lots of experience. He posts on this thread and on other threads related to fetishes and he helped many people.

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