

Topic related to Shomer Negiah

Posted by ?????? ?????? - 16 Sep 2022 00:50

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Re: Topic related to Shomer Negiah

Posted by frank.lee - 17 Sep 2022 23:56

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Hi, I think you need to do some steps to save yourself from getting much worse. I just heard a story about how some one very frum came to the USA and opened a store which he closed on Shabbos. But with slow incremental steps, he lost his shmiras Shabbos.

if you want to stay kadosh, you got to make some serious moves!!

I think you may be able to chart out a plan by yourself, as you know yourself and the situation there best.

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Re: Topic related to Shomer Negiah

Posted by frank.lee - 18 Sep 2022 00:00

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But BH that you are healthy You should thank Hashem! But take steps to save yourself...

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Re: Topic related to Shomer Negiah

Posted by committed\_togrowth - 18 Sep 2022 06:17

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I hear the struggle, I also work on a university and it is one of the most difficult environments a Jew can find himself in. I think it is perfectly alright for people to think you are anti-Jewish. I think minimizing conversation is a good move, I generally do the same. A wise person told me once that when you're serving G-d and doing what's best for you, you might not always seem like the nicest person. Be polite and and courteous in your interactions, but there's no need to put yourself out there excessively in order to please people. You have a right to set boundaries and if people don't understand that or don't like you for it, that is just not your problem. I think it's also important to understand the danger of the slippery slope Frank Lee mentioned. There are unfortunate stories of people who totally lose their way in this kind of environment, so it is definitely something to take seriously. With that being said, perhaps the best thing is not to overfocus on this and instead to focus on developing positive social circles. Going it alone is extremely difficult or impossible, but search out for the Orthodox student groups on campus. There is very likely a campus Chabad and also potentially other kiruv organizations like Meor doing work where you are. Get plugged in with them, connect with some solid chaverim, focus on your studies and don't hyper focus on this issue. Specifically, I would also focus on connecting with a campus rabbi who you can learn with and even spend Shabbos with. Learning and Shabbos are two essential aspects that will be your oasis from an environment that will otherwise drag you down.

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Re: Topic related to Shomer Negiah

Posted by eyes - 19 Sep 2022 03:35

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Dear Yossi,

I hope all is well

I too am on a university campus. Not Touro. In a country where dressing provocatively is encouraged. We are currently leaving the winter months and welcoming the summer. Here, the girls in my class try to reveal as much as possible when possible. It is not easy, but I do my best not to look at any of them.

I know what you are going through and you are a champion for what you are already doing.

If I was in your case, not sure I would be able to be as careful.

Please it is so easy to slip.

Please be careful only to speak to a girl when you really need to

If you could work with a male then work or ask questions to them before going to the girls

I do my very best to work in an all male group if i can

Please be careful

EYES

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Re: Topic related to Shomer Negiah  
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 20 Sep 2022 02:16

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[????? wrote on 16 Sep 2022 00:50:](#)

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Re: Topic related to Shomer Negiah

Posted by ?????? ?????? - 23 Sep 2022 01:31

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[YeshivaGuy wrote on 20 Sep 2022 02:16:](#)

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Yes baruch hashem. I haven't revealed this issue to him though because I just met him...

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