

A bright new life

Posted by sammysmith - 28 Aug 2024 01:09

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Let me know rabbosai. I would love to hear. I am here to learn.

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Re: A bright new life

Posted by BenHashemBH - 28 Aug 2024 02:18

I'm glad you caught a glimpse.

I think all addictions rob one of life.

?When equating porn with joy and pleasure, that would degrade the **real** healthy feelings of joy and pleasure that life has to offer. We usually receive doses of the emptiness that porn leaves us with immediately after indulging, it just wears off.

Have you checked out the 12 steps?

I'm not super well versed in it, but I think they mention how addiction makes life unmanageable.

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Re: A bright new life

Posted by bright - 28 Aug 2024 14:43

Hey! "Brights" my thing! Yeah there's a whole bright life out there waiting to be felt.... I remember Rabbi Noach Weinberg describing Pornagraphy as the counterfeit pleasure of life.

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Re: A bright new life

Posted by chosemyshem - 28 Aug 2024 15:00

It's possible you're suffering from depression and using porn to self-medicate. It's also possible you're so lost in an addiction that it's eating your life. Or maybe your just feeling normal ups and downs.

Very unclear from just a post. Worth talking to someone about if you feel like it's a problem.

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Re: A bright new life

Posted by upanddown - 31 Aug 2024 23:25

[sammysmith wrote on 28 Aug 2024 01:09:](#)

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Hey, I somehow missed this thread...

I totally relate to what you describe... when I was still stuck in the mud, I also felt unmotivated in every area of life. My feelings were totally numb. Couldn't appreciate the real joys of life and life itself.

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How are things? When you're ready, perhaps you'd like to share with us your story in more detail? It can help tremendously in so many ways...

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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