

Feelings for others in yeshiva

Posted by fightingyyid - 17 Jan 2010 01:37

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Re: Feelings for others in yeshiva

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 17 Jan 2010 01:41

I dont know where this thread si and I dont even remember it but I wish you much hatzlocha with this issue. Please be carefull because you treading into dangerous and unknown waters.

-Yiddle

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Re: Feelings for others in yeshiva

Posted by Gabe - 17 Jan 2010 02:28

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Posted by BruceWayne - 17 Jan 2010 03:31

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Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 17 Jan 2010 03:32

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Agreed that there is a "possibility" of something happening, but as long as he knows that it is

wrong and feels that he can control his sexual desires then I see no issue with him staying in Yeshiva. Where should he go? To an all girls seminary? You may be mixing lust addict with same sex attraction. If a lust addict was in a coed college with coed dorms, I would tell him get out because you cant control your sexual desires, but a SSA person who can control his desires but just has these feelings inside AND KNOWS THEY ARE WRONG should stay in Yeshiva and take care of his issue. He should go to a Rav that he feels comfortable with and discuss it with him.

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Posted by the.guard - 17 Jan 2010 15:06

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Posted by the.guard - 18 Jan 2010 14:03

Speaking of which...How old re you, Guard?

Older than 10 and less than 90

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Re: Feelings for others in yeshiva
Posted by silentbattle - 18 Jan 2010 14:48

Less than 90? Judging by your wisdom, I was going to go with the 300-400 year-old range...

This is a tough issue in general. I'd say that one important thing is to let him know that you care about him despite this issue, and that you respect his struggle and his efforts. This is especially important since he knows that most people would be horrified if they knew, which has got to hurt his self-esteem.

Another issue which is important to consider is the fact that most people with homosexual desires are bi-sexual, at least to some degree - in other words, they can desire women, too. This might be the case here - but right now, he's likely feeling lots of guilt and worry about his desires for men, so it's hard for him to fully sort out all his feelings.

As far as leaving yeshiva, and/or being in a co-ed environment...I'm not sure how that would help - he'd still be around lots of guys anyway.

kol hakavod to both of you, and I hope that both of you realize how much pleasure hashem gets

from seeing you work together!

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Check out this thread rehab-my-site.com/guardureyes/forum/index.php?topic=1415.0

It seems the majority felt that if the problem is present enough that it creates a constant distraction, it is better, safer and more productive for the boy (and rest of yeshiva) if he leaves the yeshiva and finds an environment more suited for his problem.

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