

Is there such a thing as ``normal" addiction?

Posted by R76 - 27 Jan 2014 08:55

I have many psychological problems -- such as moderate depression and almost total isolation. I have many other problems -- I am unemployed and I am dependent. I prefer not to discuss my family issues here.

Some addictions seem ``normal" or natural. Prior to '97 I loved seafood -- shrimps, oysters, lobster. I also loved KFC and commonly available beef jerky. Now I have survived 17 years without these foods (except one time in '04). I did not have an eating disorder and my eating habits seemed natural. But such food causes huge spiritual harm.

I am now away from my m. addiction for 116th day. I hope I can keep up, but it is much harder then abstaining from seafood. Some therapists thought that keeping some magazines and acting out two times a week is ``normal" -- but the spiritual harm is much much greater then that of non -- kosher food.

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Re: Is there such a thing as ``normal

Posted by tryingtoshteig - 27 Jan 2014 18:10

So what is your question?

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Re: Is there such a thing as ``normal

Posted by gibbor120 - 27 Jan 2014 23:14

[R76 wrote:](#)

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Re: Is there such a thing as ``normal

Posted by R76 - 28 Jan 2014 01:41

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Definitely -- there are people with eating disorders who overeat. Few men have anorexia, but many are overweight. Nevertheless, a Jew who eats ``normal" amount of Kentucky Fried Chicken and seafood still experiences enormous spiritual harm. I do not miss these foods that much.

I hope I can keep away from m. addiction.

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