

I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 21 Aug 2017 01:38

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Hi GYE guys. Some of you may remember me. I haven't been on the site in well over a year. I wasn't ready to be on the site anymore. I went through periods of ups and downs. Some very low points. I strengthened my personal relationship with my rebbi and got some professional help. This was all since I stopped using the site. Now I'm done with yeshiva for good. I have a job and am planning to go to school soon. I chose to try out the site again, at least the forums, to have some extra social connection. I realize not all of the site's resources are for everyone but the forums are great. I hope to use this to strengthen my life.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by LoveU,Hashem - 18 Dec 2017 23:51

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[Gevura Shebyesod wrote on 18 Dec 2017 19:14:](#)

When I am in such a situation I find it extremely helpful to check in with a buddy before and after.

I remember a guy here a while ago that said that he did it every time he took a shower!

Hatzlacha!

I have a similar issue. I realized that If I go to the office on a Sunday (when I usually don't work) chances are that I will fall. I tried being accountable to another person by texting him that I have an urge now and I'm going into the office now and I will not fall. The accountability and the fact that I gave my word to someone about it beforehand that I won't fall helped me. I only tried it twice, I hope it will continue to work. Because I HAVE to see myself out of this dungeon. Its been long enough!

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Re: I'm back

Posted by tzaddik212 - 19 Dec 2017 02:35

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For me as well, accountability helped me. check out my signature link.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by Workingguy - 20 Dec 2017 15:59

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[abd297 wrote on 18 Dec 2017 18:58:](#)

Hi guys, just need to vent. I need to do something soon that has always been a major trigger for me. It's completely normal and mundane but it's just a major trigger for me. I know why and the details aren't important.

This has brought up a lot of old thoughts and feelings. Before when I wasn't trying to stay clean I would just masturbate afterwards until I was temporarily satisfied. Now I have no such plans and the pressure is crazy. I feel like I am back in that mindset. I have to stop myself from going through the old motions.

I'm scared for a few reasons. Will I be able to control myself before and after this situation? Will I even be able to control myself during it? I have been in the same situation before and was always scared that this time I may not be able to pass this time. That would be devastating for a lot of different reasons.

I will be davening that I will have the strength before, during, and after to control myself and not fall back. I have to focus on what I can control and let go of what I can't.

I'm not pushing you to share the details, but keeping it as this mysterious thing you won't tell anyone certainly won't help you; it makes it this big monster that you can't get near. And there's a good chance that if you bring it out in the open you'll see that it ain't all that.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 20 Dec 2017 16:24

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Re: I'm back

Posted by cordnoy - 20 Dec 2017 17:02

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I see that WG already wrote above what I was gonna write here.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by youcan - 20 Dec 2017 20:05

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Dear abd,

All I understand from your message is that you have a desire for something similar to lust (I'm thinking now of one thing that it may be), you're very embarrassed by it & you are pressured stressed and scared just from thinking that you may have that "situation" again. You should definitely talk to someone about it.

I don't think you've to be worried about the people here, if somebody would have the desire for whatever it may be they would find it their selves (we all have a history of finding what we desired), not everything that is interesting for you is interesting for others. Also don't forget that the people here won't buy new ideas, they're struggling with the old ones...

also, it is very unlikely that you discovered a new issue/situation or... that nobody here knows about, so chances are that somebody here can help you out.

I feel that I didn't express my self too good (my English is far from good) but I think you will understand. I only wrote cuz I feel very bad for you.

I hope that you'll find a way out of your situation very soon.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 20 Dec 2017 20:36

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It also doesn't really matter what it is because I treat it as porn. Maybe it doesn't fall under the category of porn but to me they are the same.

You can private message me if you want with your theory about what I'm talking about if you want.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 20 Dec 2017 20:40

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And also, I rarely see people talk on the open forums about their particular fetishes or go into detail about their struggles. I assume many of them have talked privately about them to counselors or here with private messaging.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by serenity - 20 Dec 2017 22:00

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Wonderful, brother! I realized this week that I am criticizing my wife way to much and am too much in control of everything and can't let it go like you said. I have decided that I will not utter a word of criticism for the next two weeks as this is getting out of hand. Its killing her moral and confidence. But it is a real battle. What do you say to yourself when you let go from such a situation? Why should I let go? It's my life, isn't it?

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 21 Dec 2017 03:45

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I am sorry to anyone if I came off too strong. I was caught up in the moment and should have toned it down a bit.

I still hold by what I said in my posts from the past few days.

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You should do what you understand is right, but I would still recommend you should talk about it to a person you trust. You shouldn't feel about anything the way you feel about this.

I wouldn't private message you about this since I'm not confident that I can help you, but if you want to contact me I have no problem.

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Just to clarify my comment about not always responding to people's posts and being able to let  
It was  
a general point about how it helps me to learn control instincts and reactions to practice  
not reacting to things in general.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by shmirashachaim - 24 Dec 2017 12:47

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Hello abd.

I'm curious what ever happened with the mindfulness that you were dabbling with in the summer. It is something that I read about and dabbled with as well. Thinking about doing it more seriously.

Also curious what ever happened at that thing that you were talking about last week. Did you get out unscathed?

Shmira

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