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Posted by mo1000 - 27 May 2018 21:19

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Re: Hi and Thank You to Everyone

Posted by cordnoy - 27 May 2018 21:32

Yes, I can relate.

How is recovery goin'?

God speed

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Re: Hi and Thank You to Everyone

Posted by Changing - 27 May 2018 23:02

Your an inspiration for trying. Keep strong!

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Re: Hi and Thank You to Everyone
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Posted by Shivisi_Hashem - 28 May 2018 02:53

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Disagree too.

however, taking the courage to go for help, getting on GYE shows that you still have some hope, keep on the march, hold on, will assist you getting to the other side..

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Re: Hi and Thank You to Everyone

Posted by mo1000 - 18 Jun 2018 19:41

It seems to me there are two similar experiences both called "addiction".

Normal sexuality is a biological drive, and a healthy function of our psyche. The body's and mind's urges can be powerful on their own merits and as Jewish teachings teach we know that there is also spiritual power involved. The Yetzer Hara. This is a normal person's struggle.

Now for addicts. A person with all the above challenges plus a certain amount of extra powerlessness (for whatever reason, disease or other) over their sexuality behaviors and lusts, probably indicated by multiple attempts and failures of trying to sincerely stop and quit, yet despite negative results fails again and again. This is an addict. Maybe a majority of people on GYE are of this type.

But there is a far worse form of addiction that seemingly only a much smaller percent of GYE members have. This form of addiction is all the above plus. These addicts' behaviors have been extreme. Acting out in ways that risk great harm to themselves and others. Totally unmanageable things and self-destructive. They risk STDs, they risk arrest, they risk losing everything, family, financially, and the safety of their actual lives!

?So yes GYE has normal people with normal struggles, it has addicts with their struggles, and has some type 2 addicts as well. (although type 2 really NEED live meetings the most and therapy)

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