

Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 04 Aug 2020 05:33

Hi everyone,

First I want to say that I am humbled and honored to be in the presence of such Giborei Koach, true warriors of Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

I bh am not addicted to pornography.

I haven't been on a porn website.

But I'm getting close, and I'm here to gain chizuk not to fall into it.

Once I return to Yeshiva I'm safe, but as long as I'm home I'm in danger, and bh I haven't fallen into pornography. However it's the next step, chalila.

I bh am running a camp, so I started keeping busy, so bh have only been nichshal once in the last 3 weeks.

i want to just express my gratitude to all of you, and my great admiration for each and every one of you.

My Yetzer tries telling me "comon, porn can't be that bad, it's just the word that sounds scary" or like "it can't be so different than YouTube videos"

So I'm here to gain that chizuk.

thank you!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Mesayin - 01 Sep 2022 05:17

[YeshivaGuy wrote on 01 Sep 2022 04:56:](#)

Fell.

Sorry to hear.

Very brave of you to share.

Falling is part of a process of growth, it's the painful part of the process.

Try to keep a positive attitude and you'll be fine.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Lchaim Tovim - 01 Sep 2022 13:30

YG, Brave of you to share. Stay in the game and focus on your batting average. 700 out of 758 is incredible. I wish I had that.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by OivedElokim - 01 Sep 2022 23:42

[YeshivaGuy wrote on 30 Aug 2022 00:42:](#)

[Markz wrote on 29 Aug 2022 15:27:](#)

[YeshivaGuy wrote on 29 Aug 2022 05:13:](#)

[future paltiel wrote on 29 Aug 2022 03:48:](#)

Mazal tov on your new job? First job after Yeshiva? What do you work in?

Thanks.

"After Yeshiva" - painful words for me to swallow.

Following clear eitzah from my rebbeim though. Even drove over 6 hours a few times each this summer to speak to them in person..

I'm starting a shoel umeishiv job in the morning GD willing and will be teaching about 5 classes a day to highschool kids with learning disabilities once school commences.

Got the job without even a degree in it bh. Siyata Dishmaya.

I'm still looking into what I want to do exactly, this is me testing the waters and trying dif things out.

I have a lot of shame for not remaining in Yeshiva full time...

You're doing awesome!

What would be if your entire Yeshiva went out and started an amazing productive life as you are doing now. Would you be ashamed?

In that case, what are you ashamed of, can you spell it out. Sometimes when we express our

I'm ashamed of not living the life I expected myself to live. Not having the trajectory that I wanted.

I'm ashamed of not being in yeshiva full time.

The reason is because the society I've associated with these last few years sees leaving full time learning especially before even dating as shameful and embarrassing.

Even guys who are bums, not learning they still stay in Yeshiva.

And not just society but even myself.

I myself had felt this same way towards those working before marriage..

I fear that no frum girl will want to date or marry me and that I'll end up marrying a half baked wushu washy girl who's not tzanua.

With my friends the girls they date the questions are "how long does he want to learn for..."

Now I still would like to learn in kollel, and as my rebbium agreed, doing this temporarily in no way precludes me from doing that.

But no regular Bais Yaakov girl would date me if I'm already a "Baal habos."

And you'll ask well am I looking for such a girl?

Idk, I thought I was.

I thought I was looking for a close minded Bais yaakov girl, at least subconsciously.

Why?

Because it looks shtark. It means "you made it" from being modox.

The girl I drove yesterday seemed pretty good though..

Generally I find your posts extremely relatable, but this one and the previous one took it to the

next level. Been going through this same transition myself for the past year and hopefully getting a more serious job, although I will still try to learn half a day.

The grief over the idealized version of oneself that did not materialize is sharp and acute, and perhaps will stay with us throughout our lives. But learning to have faith in the G-d that put us in this state probably helps a lot . (I wouldn't know...yet).

I don't know if this is an accepted hashkafa in the Yeshiva world, but Chassidus teaches (based on a medrash, I believe) that even though we have bechira chofshis, ultimately the yeridos we have in Avodas Hashem (I think this includes not maximizing our potential) are all part of Hashem's plan for us. I haven't fully internalized this idea but it does give me some comfort. Anyways the pain and shame is still there...

Also the anxiety about how this will impact shidduch prospects is also very real.

Thanks for sharing, as ??? ?????-??? ????

Sending you hugs and best wishes for success and self-acceptance.

May you continue to be an unending reservoir of strength and inspiration for me and probably many others,

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 02 Sep 2022 01:04

Regarding the fall I'll be honest though uncomfortable.

I've been using LinkedIn, thought it's a good way to network as I was looking for jobs etc.

I know guys/girls look at people profiles on it for shidduchim, kinda like a yeshivish social media.

And yes I did look up tons and tons of women sending invites to connect and have been enjoying the thrill whenever someone accepts.

And yes I've been making out my weekly maximum of friend requests.

I have actually gained a lot from it but it's been the impetus for my falls to say the least.

And this is without even speaking with the girls, just seeing who they are, there pics, and especially seeing that they checked out my profile.

Also it was my first week in an urban place so more pritzus.

There's the context.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Sapy - 02 Sep 2022 02:34

OivedElokim Thank you for this post. The honesty touched me, I relate to it albeit in different contexts. Some self acceptance we can all use....

P.s. Didn't hear from you in some time... Nice to see you again.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 02 Sep 2022 03:33

Once I was honest I'll be honest again.

I've lied to you all and to myself.

The filter setting I've had allowed me to request a site (not porn sites but YouTube etc) to be allowed, give them a code (which I know) and then would be open.

I've said that's a filter.

I've told myself that's a filter.

But it's not.

The last like 5 months I've been nichshal that's been the way.

I knew the issue but procrastinated dealing with it.

That ends now with my admittance to you all now.

After being nichshal now again, I contacted the filter to take away that setting (which they'd done in the past).

I apologize to you all for my lack of transparency and hope to face the reality of my circumstances and thereby grow in a truly meaningful way.

Edit: I deleted the LinkedIn app. Hard but I did it.

YeshivaGuy

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 02 Sep 2022 22:44

Update: As stated, I emailed the filter to make the change. They emailed me back saying they did it but I saw it wasn't changed.

Definitely a nisayon to say "ok I tried," but instead I got on the phone and changed it.

Was hard but I did it.

Additionally, as you know I'm teaching classes.

I'll be showing videos to help with one of the lessons and will need to use YouTube.

It would make things so so much easier to have YouTube on my phone as I have no given curriculum, am doing this all on my own and it's science which I don't know (a neis that I got such a job without a degree etc..).

Nonetheless I am keeping YouTube blocked and the change on the filter I made ensures it will remain that way.

Even though the filter offers a "filtered version" of YouTube, it's not ????.

Yes it will make things harder.

Yes I am nervous about this.

But the same GD who has lead me thus far with such direct Hashgacha will help me again.

The teachers room has laptops and it's all public bh.

Have a Gut Shabbos and please hold me to what I've committed to if I chalila deviate.

YeshivaGuy

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by retrych - 05 Sep 2022 12:47

DO you know which videos you will need beforehand? If so, there are a couple of ways to prepare these videos beforehand and not need to view them directly through youtube. I dont recall specifically, but i remember seeing ways to download videos or view them through a mirror video that doesnt allow you to go back to youtube.

Not to say I dont believe you can take this on but why make more challenges

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 13 Sep 2022 02:56

Update: B'kitzur, things have been horrible.

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Had massive fight with my dad motzei shabbos which led to me breaking down crying like nuts for a bunch of hours about being abused and them not being there for me.

Horrific and painful and hard to move on.

Pretty weak etc, parents bh are more understanding now. Should prob go to therapy again together.

Was hoping this was mostly behind me that I can move on.

Unbearable pain obv has led me to more porn/masterbating.

How have access?

Getting through filter loopholes etc.

Idk anymore, there's really always a way and with this job it's not shayach to ditch this phone rn.

Also I said how I'm such a tzadik for not having youtube on my iPhone but meanwhile brought a laptop which haven't put a filter yet.

And have been badly nichshal once already.

So so much going on.

Trying to keep the job stable, teaching Torah and conveying real yosodos in hashkafa to these highschool kids for 4/5 hours a day.

But everything's falling apart around me.

And btw, haven't heard shofar yet even... So basically I'm a wreck and don't see a way out.

Please comment, I want you too. but please don't be too harsh because I'm in a lot of pain.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Markz - 13 Sep 2022 04:21

Sounds really hard.

Don't beat yourself up - you're doing the best you can in the circumstances thrown at you.
Keep your chin up!!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by i-man - 13 Sep 2022 05:19

YG , I recall when I went from Kollel to the workplace it was a massive change , I needed a smartphone,there was bad middos, loshon horah, infighting , potential for dishonesty , much more contact with women, less time to learn and daven properly. And while no two working environments are the same there's obviously a bigger challenge in kedusha and keeping a strong avodas Hashem.Not only are you dealing with that , as you mentioned your in an enormous amount of pain from past traumas. I salute you for taking the time to write here , I think that's a powerful statement , you're true self is screaming out , perhaps it's a cry for help.

Know that I and from what I understand , many others are here for you .I would suggest to have a friend to talk about work and any challenges that come up there,as a way to prevent yourself from losing focus .

Lots of love and prayers, hope to hear good things from you.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 13 Sep 2022 11:22

Where can i come meet you to give you a bear hug buddy?

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Godspeed to you. Life can suck.

From readin' your story, it is my humble opinion that you should forget about the porn, masturbation, talkin' to girls, lookin' at their cleavage, etc. It should not be on your radar at all! Get a hold of your life. Make a schedule, stick to it, accomplish what you need to, work with your therapist on all your emotions and feelin's, and when time comes that all that stuff has settled down, work on your sex addiction, but not until then. If you have trouble prayin' on the High Holy Days, for you went thru 2.5 boxes of tissues since the onset of Selichos, tell God my name and HHM's (not that he agrees with me) and then pray on for His revealin' of His Glorious Kingdom - the sticky stuff is on me/us.

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I am in full agreement. Just i would add that your comment "*and when time comes that all that stuff has settled down, work on your sex addiction, but not until then*", should say "**and at least 6 months after all that stuff has settled down**, work on your sexual issues...."

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