

Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 04 Aug 2020 05:33

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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 YeshivaGuy - 14 Dec 2020 23:56

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At dougies now with the family, night before I drive back to Yeshiva.

Funny, they don't realize that I'm celebrating almost 100 days clean.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Grant400 - 15 Dec 2020 04:03

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[Shnitzel and kugel wrote on 14 Dec 2020 18:14:](#)

It's our little secret

Yes I agree!

I think yeshiva guy is the "gye navy seal" that fights till the end and never quits!

Couldn't agree more!!!!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 16 Dec 2020 03:04

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Zedj - 16 Dec 2020 03:20

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You are amazing in so many ways.

You should really celebrate and know that you are an inspiration for many on here.

Thank you for posting and sharing your experience!

From what I understand, the battle doesn't just stop after 100 days, so don't just casually skippidy dippidy away.....

Looking forward to see many more posts from you!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by badaba - 16 Dec 2020 04:11

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Posted by Grant400 - 16 Dec 2020 14:27

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Mazal tov!!!

What an incredible celebration! A celebration of purity and truth! Of miracles and redemption!

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A celebration by each and every one of us!

You may think that this is your very own celebration, but you are so wrong. All of us are celebrating too. All of us who were inspired to be better because of you. All of us who learned from you. All of us who are only holding where we are because we had the merit of sitting on the sidelines and viewing a mighty warrior vanquish a dragon. The dragon we all thought to be invincible and unconquerable. Until you fearlessly entered the ring, armed only with the knowledge that you must overcome it, no matter what.

We learned from you that the impossible was indeed possible. That the immortal was just waiting to be slain. That we do have the ability within ourselves to triumph and take control of our lives.

So it may be your 100 days, but it is our celebration too!

Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

Grant

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Posted by Grant400 - 16 Dec 2020 15:10

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@badaba: Why don't you start you own thread and continue documenting your journey. It seems like you have what to share and know the benefits of the forum.

We would love to get to know you better, and be a part of your heroic journey!

Looking forward to reading your first post in your thread!

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 18 Dec 2020 00:30

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Gut Chanuka!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by OivedElokim - 18 Dec 2020 01:36

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Wow. Hatzlacha.

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One of the ways of reading this Chazal is that if you have a thought to do a good thing, HaShem will assist you in carrying it out.

Very happy for you, KUTGW.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 19 Dec 2020 23:21

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Update: Shabbos had taiva to have hirhurim/masterbate.

Regarding hirhurim, the “scenes in my mind” have faded considerably Bh, so doesn’t give me much hanaa, so I gave up.

Regarding taiva for masterbating, I held back from lying on my stomach.

At times it’s hard, and I do very often feel “pressure” in my hands to touch myself. However, it has become natural for me to hold back. Nonetheless the “pressure” remains.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 19 Dec 2020 23:51

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A very close friend of mine recently asked me why I’ve been holding back so much? Like, it’s so so hard, why/how have I held on?

The answer I beleive is: I really really want this.

I grew up more modern, and exposed to the emptiness of a life devoid of Kedusha.

And I REALLY REALLY want a life of kedusha.

I told him, I would amputate my arm for this, that’s how much I want it.

I REALLY want to build a Yidishe home of Kedusha v’Tahara.

When I was in highschool and went to my Rebbis house and saw how everyone was tzanua, happy, and had a certain "chain" I decided that no matter what, this is the life I want.

Obviously, I'm not invincible.

And it is very shayach, regardless of ones "Ratzon," to fall.

Im just saying I'Toeles HaRabim, that for me, tapping into my innermost, deepest Ratzon has helped me immensely.

Gut vuch!

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Posted by Zedj - 20 Dec 2020 01:17

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 20 Dec 2020 01:42

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Ya, it's a gamechanger...

Feel free to reach out, we're all in this together



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