

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 - 05 Jan 2021 16:07

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[Captain wrote:](#)

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Jan 2021 16:10

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[Captain wrote on 05 Jan 2021 14:25:](#)

We can't sit back and say "well that's the way they did it in Europe." It's a different world today, with students who are much more delicate and not nearly as holy as the students then. We have no choice but to become an ally to our students, see and praise their successes, and get them to believe that they are on their way to becoming great! Then, when we show them the path to greatness, they will excitedly run forward and accomplish

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Jan 2021 16:17

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[wilnevergiveup wrote on 05 Jan 2021 07:12:](#)

My point is that in order to get through the trials of day to day life you have to make goals that are real and tangible in your life right now. It's not enough to have *sheifos* (aka dreams) about the future, you have to backtrack and figure out, if that's what I need to be then, what does my day have to look like now. If my day needs to be a certain way today, what kind of goals do I need to make for today and what do I need to do to accomplish them.

You spoke about struggling with shachris. Many people struggle with getting up, the mehalech is not beating yourself up, rather it's pushing through and realizing that even though something is hard it still can be done.

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Jan 2021 16:22

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

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Posted by wilnevergiveup - 05 Jan 2021 19:43

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that we need to be worry about. We don't know how we are supposed to be traveling so we need to take whatever situation Hashem puts us in and make the most of it.

Expectations mean that we feel that we should be something. The problem is, it's hard to be something if you aren't put in the right situation to succeed. therefore it's try to maximize every situation you find yourself in instead of wanting to become something else. For example, don't expect yourself to come to *shachris* because tomorrow you might be sick or you may need the restroom etc. but you can put yourself in the best position for you to achieve this. You can also be *mechazeik* the *inyan* that you are working on but you don't need to have expectations. Expectations are not goals nor are they a plan and they are not *sheifos* either, so I don't really see a *toeles* of having expectations at all except for being let down at the end.

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Jan 2021 21:02

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Ah I see, very good. Shkoyach Gadol, I think I understand now.

I see we were working with different definitions of “expectations,” either way, gevaldik.

Thanks for taking the time to help!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 06 Jan 2021 04:50

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Subconsciously I’m upset about certain things I didn’t do today...

Focusing on moving forward.

Didnt chazer as much today as I need to (before going veiter in 2nd Seder) and wasted time etc...

Taking melatonin now to fall asleep right away to start anew in the morning, bezras Hashem!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 06 Jan 2021 14:06

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As breakfast comes to a close and I prepare to go to first Seder, I pose:

As of now, I use this phone for GYE and to listen/watch shiurim on the TorahAnytime app.

On one hand, seems great! A great kosher outlet etc..

But there are drawbacks:

1. I can spend too much time, even on a shiur that i (ironically) come late to seder.
  2. Once in awhile (though rare) I can come to get my friend to put in the code.
  3. I lack the "tzura" of a Ben Yeshiva which I strive to attain.
  4. Going on this device when I'm in my room, accustoms me to constant "entertainment," even though it's in the form of Torah.
- Like, I'll be sitting in my room and get a form of anxiety unless I'm preoccupied with listening to a shiur or something.

And I'm not happy with that.

Again, what's funny is that Imaaseh I'm bh not usually nichshal on this phone, cuz I have zero browser and everything's blocked bh.

But still, I know what I need to do, I'm not dumb.

The only way to truly shteig is to be detached from anything, even if it's positive, outside of Yeshiva.

At least that's what I think...

Have a great Day!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Thistimeillwin - 06 Jan 2021 19:58

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Your thoughts are truly inspiring. You are not just looking to be a 'kosher jew' but a true Ben Torah. In this generation (I'm an 'old man' in his 40s) it seems to be getting harder and harder to find boys who even understand the problems of a 'kosher smartphone' in their aliya and avodah.

Now's the perfect time to 'upgrade' to a dumb-phone!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 07 Jan 2021 20:55

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Tonight B'ezras Hashem is my Birthday.

22Years since my Neshama was sent to this world to carry out my Tachlis...

One thing I'll say, is that I'm honored to be reaching this moment together with all of you.

Its a zechus to turn to my creator this year and say, that despite many of my shortcomings and setbacks, I have indeed grown during the last 22 years, and certainly in the last year.

May we be zoche to carry out our mission for which we were created.

YeshivaGuy

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 07 Jan 2021 22:19

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Mazel Tov! Ad Meah V'Esrim Gezunterheit:)

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Lou - 07 Jan 2021 22:21

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Mazal tov!

Perhaps we should celebrate with a Lchaim? Maybe some Thursday night Chulent? Or are you more into a traditional Birthday cake?

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 08 Jan 2021 01:27

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Its hard to fully articulate my Hakaros HaTov to the Ribono Shel Olam.

Before I was born, the doctors wanted to terminate the pregnancy (cuz was probs), and almost did.. bh HaShem decided that I should come down to this world.

And in the place, time, and matzav that I'm in.

Im sitting in my room, I got some dougies as Seudas Hodaa.

I was gonna be singing shiros etc to HaShem, but I'm just speechless...

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by eyes - 08 Jan 2021 02:02

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Mazel tov

You should have an amazing year in every part of your life.

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