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Posted by Fightforfreedom - 29 Jul 2022 08:30

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Sincerely,

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by Fightforfreedom - 29 Jul 2022 08:41

Thank you

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by Hopeful2022 - 29 Jul 2022 10:16

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Posted by Face the challenge - 29 Jul 2022 14:21

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Im not married but i can definitely relate to what you are saying. I used to go out daily during davening and masturbate and also kept looking for more and more extreme porn... But you have to realize and know that **you will be able to get out of this!!** I never thought that i would be able to, until i came to gye and connected with all the amazing people here. Thank g-d they helped me get out of the rut i was in. So, keep posting and do it at whatever pace you feel comfortable. And be'ezrat hashem you will be successful in making this change and pulling your life back together!! Wishing you guys hatzlacha raba with a lot of siyata dishmaya

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Posted by Vehkam - 29 Jul 2022 14:26

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welcome to the forums. i understand everything that you wrote. I lived that life for many years. Now that i have broken free, i have a menuchas hanefesh that i have never had in my adult life. Please continue to post and connect here. We are all here to help each other.

I gained tremendously from therapy as well and definitely recommend it to help with the underlying issues. (often totally unrelated to sex...)

continued hatzlacha,

vehkam

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by Fightforfreedom - 29 Jul 2022 15:34

Thank You for the response

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by Captain - 29 Jul 2022 20:45

Welcome!

Please check out these great free resources:

ebook- The Battle of the Generation

Audio series- The Fight

They're very good to start with.

See below in my signature for the links.?

Hatzlocha!

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by yeshivaguysneedssupport - 02 Aug 2022 17:35

Hi I'm a yeshiva bochur in first year beis medrash who has been struggling with kedusha issues since my bar mitzvah. I am happy and excited to find this program and I hope it will help!

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by yeshivaguysneedssupport - 02 Aug 2022 17:37

Hi I'm looking forward to joining this program. I'm a 18 year old bochur who has been struggling with this since I was bar mitzvah.

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by wellmadecolors - 02 Aug 2022 23:59

I can relate to your journey in more than one way! It is concerning and poignant how many develop this addiction at such a young age (may G-d help us!) but the fact that you are here shows that you have already taken an important step. So, you should feel validated and motivated by that and continue to grow on this journey. After all, we don't always choose the journey, but with G-d's help we can set it toward the right destination. How do set our journey on the proper path? By choosing life. Over and over again if necessary. With the strength of a warrior! Keep up the good work!

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by retrych - 05 Aug 2022 07:22

Welcome! Really wish I had been here my first year beit medrash..

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by oyvey32 - 08 Aug 2022 15:13

welcome

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Re: Introducing myself

Posted by ColinColin - 22 Aug 2022 22:50

Welcome FaceThe Challenge

I would take advice, but somehow you have to tell your wife that you are going through a personal struggle.

You don't have to tell her what, but let her know that she has not put you off.

She is not to blame.

I would ask my Rabbi first about this, but she must be going through sadness because of this.

As for the descent into porn, it can get more and more deep but eventually you will probably say "Enough!"

It gets monotonous and no longer works as a pain reliever.

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