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Posted by I WILL - 23 Mar 2023 21:29

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Posted by Eerie - 23 Mar 2023 23:41

Wow! Beautiful! Welcome to the family, my friend! Please share with us, we are brothers here, we care for you, and we want to hear from you. SO stick around, learn the tools, and connect to the chevra. It's beautiful that you took the steps to protect yourself, and the positive changes that happened, simply beautiful! Keep trucking!

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Re: Back on after 3 years

Posted by Horizon - 23 Mar 2023 23:50

woohoo! incredible progress!

tons of your story resonates with me, and it's encouraging to hear the good results you're having from initiating a relationship. thanks for sharing, and hatzlacha in everything.

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Posted by Markz - 24 Mar 2023 03:38

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AMAZING!

An ounce of discomfort gained you tons of pounds in return - Wow!

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GYE... pls **fill me in**

DIESEL is expensive. Sure you wanna do this?

Alright, see here for more

:-) <https://guardyoureyes.com/forum/23-Just-Having-Fun/84252-GYE-GLOSSARY-OF-TERMS>

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Re: Back on after 3 years
Posted by monseyid41 - 24 Mar 2023 14:44

Welcome! Thanks for joining us. Keep posting and keep sharing. We're all in it together and we're here for you. Feel free to reach out and connect with the oilam here.

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Re: Back on after 3 years
Posted by I WILL - 05 Apr 2023 18:18

Hi. First of all thanks to everyone for the acceptance here. I was super nervous about posting, and everybody was really nice. I sorta left out a ton last time though. About 3 - 4 years ago, during the pandemic I totally lost control. Of everything. I guess I'm a people person and just couldn't handle it. Besides for tremendous amounts of porn, I started jogging a ton. I would jog down to the non-Jewish slummy section of town where nobody would mask, I would take off my yarmulka change, my clothing, and get to know the goyish chevra there. I never told anybody. I got super depressed and hated myself. I would sleep outside on benches or in public parks. My parents thankfully never asked where I was. I probably would have blown up at them. At this point, porn was my biggest tool for numbing my emotions. Eventually I found that cutting works way better. For about 6 months I was cutting myself until my arm was a crisscross of scars. I still never told anyone, and kept my sleeves rolled down when I was home. Eventually we went back to yeshiva and I couldn't deal. It was to stressful to be around normal people and have normal conversation. I left yeshiva early and went to be a counselor in camp, a job that I love. The first day I was helping shlep the luggage, and realized one arm couldn't carry anything heavy. That scared me. I promised myself I would stop cutting. And I did. In camp it was easy. And nobody knew. I was the star counselor. The head counselor called me to his office one day and asked me to be color war general. Before I could respond he grabbed my arm, and told me the scars don't look like normal scratches. He gave me the "I get it" look and has been my mentor since. I haven't cut myself in 2 or so years and the scars are faded or gone. I haven't visited my old "friends" down town. But now I'm on to the next step. Dealing with the under lying emotions and quitting p&m. My access to porn is cut off now, and I am learning to accept myself. I am growing and hope to one day tell my parents. Sometimes its hard but anything is better then the self hate and the consequent lack of all feeling. I'm still a normal guy in yeshiva and still a rocking counselor. I think I can do this. I amaze myself all the time and have tremendous Hakras Hatov to Hashem, to my parents, Rabbeim, and friends. I have reached a good place and am moving forward. Thanks for all the help!

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You are one amazing guy. It may seem daunting but one day you will look at all this in the rearview mirror. Take everything that you have gone through and use it as a catalyst to continue growing. Thank you so much for posting.

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Re: Back on after 3 years

Posted by FighterWithFire - 09 Apr 2023 03:57

I WILL, your story is one of the most incredible displays of self-awareness and inner strength that I've read in quite some time. Unbelievably inspiring. Keep up the amazing work!

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Re: Back on after 3 years

Posted by Horizon - 10 Apr 2023 15:53

i will, i'm sorry for everything you've gone through, it's a lot.

i continue to be amazed by your strength and determination to move on. you are an inspiration.

keep up the good fight, we're rooting for you!

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