

Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Zag xx - 06 Jun 2023 17:15

Hi all I'm in my mid 20s and I'm getting married in 2 months. I was sexually abused when I was 13, and I've had plenty of trauma therapy in the past. I'm in a relatively healthy place right now, but I've had many years of struggles. I also know I'm more attracted to men than to women, and I'm really nervous about what to do in marriage. I'm in yeshiva and have an excellent support of rebbayim and friends. I'm also bh very gifted in learning and I absolutely love Torah. I've however over the years had a number of sexual encounters with friends, and I'm worried about what I should do if I ever find myself struggling in marriage. I want to make marriage work and I AM attracted to my kalla, but I know these feelings won't just go away. I'm currently speaking to people (rabbayim/therapist) pre marriage. I just need all the advice and disatisa dishmaya I can get. Thanks all

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 08 Jun 2023 04:05

when people ask for advice here, they mean to ask what worked for other people who were in the same situation and how they dealt with those difficulties. rarely are people looking for a psak

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Markz - 08 Jun 2023 04:21

[cordnoy wrote on 08 Jun 2023 03:40:](#)

My personal leanin's would be towards telling somethin', but for you (unless you're the gadol hador in somethin') to state unequivocally that your way is correct and any Rav/mentor/specialist who disagrees with his highness is disrespectin' women is simply hogwash, especially on account that you never met the groom or the bride.

Godspeed to all

Thanks Cord'

I agree with you in concept.

There is one important point that must be made - many prominent rabbis are not really well versed with too much experience on such questions, and in reality this is a very serious situation which oftentimes directly affects the marriage!!

So I would hesitate to say we tell everyone to listen to the rabbi of their choice.

Btw some therapists also reside under a rock, so tread carefully there too.

Ask a rabbi / professional who is in the trenches on the topic.

I trust you have someone like this.

Whatever you do, don't take anonymous messages on the forum too seriously (with the exception of mine!!).

Speak to someone in the real!

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Posted by Zag xx - 08 Jun 2023 06:17

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by true_self - 08 Jun 2023 12:12

[Zag xx wrote on 08 Jun 2023 06:17:](#)

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And with this we can bring an end to the whole argument....

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by Zag xx - 08 Jun 2023 13:32

Omain thank you

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by DavidT - 08 Jun 2023 13:57

[Zag xx wrote on 08 Jun 2023 06:17:](#)

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This post is a wake up call to remind us what we're really here for (and what not) .

- The forum is not a place for arguing. The only way to win an argument is to avoid it. You can never win any argument.
 - We are all here to be helping each other. All of us need chizuk that's why we're here.
 - The forum is not a place to give Halachic advice, especially in sensitive matters where each case is so unique.
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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by Trying99 - 08 Jun 2023 16:15

[Foolie wrote on 08 Jun 2023 04:04:](#)

[Trying99 wrote on 08 Jun 2023 01:03:](#)

[Foolie wrote on 07 Jun 2023 21:22:](#)

It was directed at the gentleman telling you to tell her. I promise you if I followed his advice we wouldn't be having this conversation because I wouldn't be around to have it with you as it's kind of hard to type when you're buried six feet under

This is incredibly manipulative. It is not an either or, either you hide this fact about yourself from your wife or you end up dead. There is a middle ground. I have some close friends who told their wife about their orientation before they got married and their wives accepted them and still married them.

The amount of disrespect that I see on this forum towards women is really astounding. This is not about telling your wife everything about your past but generally within heterosexual relationships there's an expectation that the person you are marrying is also a heterosexual, if that is not the case then the person has a right to know and to make an informed decision.

It's nice how you take a specific piece of personal information that was meant in reference to one person's situation and then twist it to your own needs so you can once again make the point that you think we have no respect for our wives because we didn't spill our guts on your timetable. Rather it is you who has an axe to grind and a specific agenda you are trying to push and this isn't the place for it

You can call it an agenda, you can call it an axe, you can call it whatever you want. No matter how hard you try there is zero justification for hiding such a crucial piece of information about yourself from the person you are about to marry. Have a nice day.

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by Foolie - 08 Jun 2023 16:51

In your not so humble opinion. Have a great day

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 08 Jun 2023 17:03

Settle down children

we're all on the same boat

don't drill holes

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Markz - 08 Jun 2023 17:42

[Foolie wrote on 08 Jun 2023 16:51:](#)

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It would lower the heat and trim this thread to half the size

Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by true_self - 08 Jun 2023 17:53

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[Foolie wrote on 08 Jun 2023 16:51:](#)

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Only the Mazel tov's and all warm wishes would remain...

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by Trying99 - 08 Jun 2023 18:10

If and when you guys manage to muster up some consideration for the women you're planning on marrying or are already married to, there are websites created by spouses of people who did not disclose fundamental parts about themselves. Maybe their stories can give you an insight into what it feels like to be lied by by someone who conceals important information about themselves before getting married.

ourpath.org/

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by redfaced - 08 Jun 2023 18:57

Never posted before , but I feel the urge to say something.

The one thing that you seem to be forgetting Dear Mr. trying is probably the most important.

This is mostly a website used by Frum Yidden.

As such any decisions about something as sensitive as this is to be made exclusively by a persons Rav Hopefully in conjunction with his therapist.

Seems like Zagg is doing exactly what he is supposed to be whether you agree or not.

He may be in for a slightly bumpy ride but he at least knows that he is doing the right thing

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Lose the holier than thou attitude buddy it looks very poor on you

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