introducing myself Posted by frank lee - 28 Jan 2024 23:56

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Re: introducing myself Posted by redfaced - 29 Jan 2024 00:24

There are two types of people, those who have struggles and those who deny it.

All wives would be horrified & shocked if they knew what their husbands struggle with.

Stick around here post your successes and CH'v Your slips - Bezh you will end up stronger for the struggle

As a side point I am having a hard time wrapping my mind around a Frank Lee doppelganger

What's next a second cordnoy?

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by Heeling - 29 Jan 2024 00:57

Welcome, Welcome!

GYE is a great place. Lots of people to connect with, please hang around, read, ask, learn and grow.

Its very courageous of you for coming into this site, let's do this together.

As a side point, redfaced your funny.

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Re: introducing myself Posted by zzz613 - 29 Jan 2024 04:39

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welcome aboard, were here with you.

if you can muster the courage to speak to your mentor, that would be a huge thing and really worth the effort and difficulty.

i feel that for me one of the biggest help for me was the speaking to some live people, they were very understanding and sympathetic but it also really created a cemented picture of what i am doing and just some "other side" i wipe away the next morning/afternoon/evening when i rejoin normal society.

it also made a seriousness about actual change, not just wanting to stop.

but if you dont feel ready for that we'er still here for some virtual support

hatzlacha Rabbah

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Re: introducing myself Posted by SisonYishecha - 29 Jan 2024 08:20

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Kol hakavod that you opened your own thread and started sharing! We've seen some very insightful responses from on other threads, so it's great get to know you and here about your battles.

As one who is also in chinuch, I can very much relate to the feelings that you shared.

Keep posting, we're in this together!

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Re: introducing myself Posted by adam2014 - 29 Jan 2024 10:31

First off, You came to the right place. The help and love you need to fight this problem is right here at your fingertips. Just keep coming back following the program, and you already took a massive step by opening up in the forum... I do have to ask, is this a NEW Frank Lee or did Frank.Lee open a new account? It doesn't matter, just wondering.

Best of luck, you can do this!!

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Re: introducing myself Posted by b00mb00m2 - 29 Jan 2024 12:04

Hey, I don't know what ur situation is, and im not even married but I am going out with somone and planning on getting married to her, and I know that with this kind of thing we have to be transparent about it with our, spouses so we aren't going thru these things together

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Re: introducing myself Posted by here2grow - 29 Jan 2024 13:35

I respect the courage it must have taken to face up to yourself in your situation, kol hakavod and welcome on board.

Re: introducing myself Posted by Captain - 29 Jan 2024 13:50

Welcome! Try strengthening yourself with these great free resources:

1) The Battle of the Generation: a sensational free ebook that seriously gets you excited to fight and win this fight. It's a real game-changer.

2) The Fight: an incredible audio series from Rabbi Shafier.

Links are below in my signature.

Wishing you much success!

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Re: introducing myself Posted by siyatta - 29 Jan 2024 17:17

Welcome and kol hakavod! habo l'taher msayin osoi!

I too am a mashpia and would be mortified if those who look up to me found out about my past. There are others in the same boat in this forum. I'll give you one perspective; after overcoming this evil, you'll be in a much better place to help guide those that look up to you. The ikar is to be in the fight and not meyuash, by being here you clearly are coming to fight.

The oilam here is very accepting and supportive. Take advantage of it.

You should have much hatzlach!

introducing myself Posted by b00mb00m2 - 01 Feb 2024 21:36

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Re: introducing myself Posted by youknowwho - 01 Feb 2024 21:47

Welcome aboard, boomboom!

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This is a very important discussion, the chevra here will be happy to offer chizuk and insight!

May I suggest opening your own thread and just copy/paste your question over there? This is a thread that belongs to frank lee The Second. So that way you can keep the whole conversation organized.

Hatzlacha! Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Re: introducing myself Posted by iwant2begood - 04 Feb 2024 03:26

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Welcome, Thank you for the honesty. Your not alone in this struggle, I personally know another "Mashgiach" that struggled as well. Keep on posting, you will get to great places