Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 01 Jul 2024 21:16

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by chosemyshem - 01 Jul 2024 21:20

Welcome!

Thank you for sharing. Sounds like you've been through some tough times, and it must have been tough to put that out there.

Stick around, learn, connect, never give up.

Keep on shteiging!

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 01 Jul 2024 21:22

Thanks really appreciate that yes was really hard but through therapy I've come to accept myself and my situation

Re: Finally opening up Posted by vehkam - 01 Jul 2024 22:01

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Continuing therapy should help with recognizing and learning how to react to triggers. The connection that you crave can be redirected to connection with hashem. If you read the book the battle of the generation by Hillel s it should help you feel a lot better about yourself.

In my experience eroticising shame and weakness is a method used subconsciously to numb the pain of loneliness and isolation that you experienced growing up. Unfortunately any pleasure is immediately followed by guilt and disgust that can only be numbed by repeating the behavior. Although it is something that you may have used consistently in your fantasies, it does not define you and it is possible to break the cycle.

best wishes

vehkam

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 02 Jul 2024 12:42

Thank you so much yes one of things I've been working on in therapy is to work through the loneliness and isolation instead of numbing it

Re: Finally opening up Posted by m111 - 02 Jul 2024 13:58

thearpyheals22 wrote on 02 Jul 2024 12:42:

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Over here we are actually not alone, feel free to reach out by phone to the many friend and people who "have your back", it actually makes a real connection of friendship and comradeship. It helped me and many others here.

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by just_me - 02 Jul 2024 15:43

Hi,

Thank you for opening up!

I identifying with much of your story including some of the fetishes that you had mentioned. For me there is a lot of guilty and shame in this particular MO which can lead to some really dark moments. Identifying with others here and realizing you are not alone is very helpful.

Stick around, keep posting and stay strong!

Re: Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 02 Jul 2024 18:35

Yes one of the biggest ways I've found to getting stronger to beat the urge is to work on healing the shame and guilt . It's a long process but I'm taking day by day.

Re: Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 03 Jul 2024 21:06

Thank you everyone who has reached out I really appreciate the support. I'm going to try to begin my journey of being clean so hopefully Tom will be day 1. Anyone who has advice how to not focus on the streak bc I think that makes it harder and it's a huge mountain to climb plz let me know thanks! Anyone who wants to email me can at <u>rachiag13@gmail.com</u>

Re: Finally opening up Posted by proudyungerman - 04 Jul 2024 13:39

My dear brother!

Welcome to the GYE family!

Here you will find care, concern, warmth, and most importantly, healing.

That was quite a courageous first post!

Stick around, read some threads (some of the greats are <u>here</u>), and keep us posted on your journey.

Hatzlacha!

KOMT!

(If you are really daring, reach out to Hashem Help Me - <u>michelgelner@gmail.com</u> - who is one of the main mentors on this site. He has helped hundreds, present company included. You wont regret it! If your not ready, that's fine. Take your time, you WILL get there!)

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by thompson - 04 Jul 2024 13:56

Hi, @thearpyheals22,

I can relate to (almost) everything you wrote, especially about the fetish and how it's inescapable, (even) especially in frum areas, and the shame and guilt surrounding it.

I can imagine it took a lot of courage to open up and write it all out. Kudos to you.

As for advice on how to beat it, I got nothing. Besides accepting that this is part of who I am and getting comfortable in my own skin.

Like you, I didn't ask for this either.

I got it.

For free.

It's mine now.

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 04 Jul 2024 14:38

Yeh true acceptance is something my therapist has me working on and I think the more one can accept himself it can remove some of the shame and guilt

Re: Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 04 Jul 2024 20:28

Any advice been trying to start day one but just keep giving in I feel like my body is just rejecting the fact that I even want to start to stop giving in any advice?

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by redfaced - 04 Jul 2024 22:20

thearpyheals22 wrote on 04 Jul 2024 20:28:

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Once you start learning how to control your brain, your body will follow.

Focus on the here & now.

You can do it.

Its been done before

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Re: Finally opening up Posted by thearpyheals22 - 04 Jul 2024 22:22

How do I exactly control my brain?
