

Bb0212's road...

Posted by bb0212 - 06 Feb 2017 14:45

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So I'm officially at 10 days. Might be more, pretty sure it's not less, I started my chart after being clean for a few days but I wasn't keeping track. I kinda gave up the long term fight, didn't see how I'd win that fight. However I finally finally finally figured out how to properly filter my phone. I was getting around every filter until a couple of weeks ago. A kosher phone made this seem possible, then I joined these forums so lots of hope here.

One of the reasons I decided to do this is to "be faithful" to whomever my next wife will be, kinda like I was clean for a year or two before my first marriage. Back then, I was only clean after giving up movies/tv. The amount "undercover" sexuality on tv/movies is mind boggling for a society where there's no such thing as sexism. I wonder why we don't see the women's lib protesting the disproportionate amount of female to male sexualizing... (I'm being slightly sarcastic). At some point I'll have to give up movies/tv again and I will. But not yet...

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by bb0212 - 31 Jul 2017 05:28

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While chatting with another GYE member, he asked me a question: What inspires you to be clean?

The problem is I can't figure out why I'm so interested in doing this. My first answer was because it's the right thing to do, but on the other hand, going to minyan is the right thing to do & I don't do that. Hmmm

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by Ihavestrength - 31 Jul 2017 22:04

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Re: Bb0212's road...

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Posted by bb0212 - 01 Aug 2017 04:21

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by Hakolhevel - 01 Aug 2017 04:21

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Posted by bb0212 - 01 Aug 2017 04:26

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by Shlomo24 - 01 Aug 2017 17:36

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Posted by bb0212 - 01 Aug 2017 18:12

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What's the difference between what you're saying & calling it being inspired by the fear of killing yourself? Is that not what's inspiring you to do what's right?

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 01 Aug 2017 18:32

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I was thinking those thoughts as I was writing it. There may be no difference. My main point is that it's not a feeling of inspiration. It's a reality that I need help.

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by lhavestrength - 01 Aug 2017 22:41

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(Living, not surviving.)

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Hope that was clear.

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by bb0212 - 02 Aug 2017 06:25

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Double life. I recently explained this in my thread in the last few pages if you would like you can check it out.

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Posted by bb0212 - 14 Aug 2017 14:07

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by dms1234 - 14 Aug 2017 19:51

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I am loving the surrender! Shower is a big acting out place for me. There were times when i walked in the shower and there was no way i was coming out there not having acted out. Thank God, i dont have those temptations anymore.

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Posted by Markz - 14 Aug 2017 19:56

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Can I guess what soap do you used in the shower

**Warning: Spoiler!**

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