

OivedElokim-I'll never give up

Posted by OivedElokim - 21 Feb 2021 21:37

Day one.

This is my brand new thread for my brand new journey towards purity.

I will keep with me the lessons learned so far and keep my eye on the ball.

Today is the first day of the rest of my life.

A porn and masturbation free life.

A life of positivity and happiness.

A life of Torah and Avodah.

The life G-d intends for me to live.

Wish me luck.

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Posted by Markz - 04 Jan 2023 21:56

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Whoops #hijacking

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Posted by OivedElokim - 09 Jan 2023 02:04

Update:

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Last night I learned some lessons about online relationships the hard way. Without getting into detail, I got myself into big trouble. As a result I am getting rid of all my social media accounts and am going to fully invest myself in real-life, human relationships to meet my emotional needs of validation and connection. This experience also ties into what can be termed "GYE issues" broadly speaking, but I do not feel comfortable getting into the specifics. I have GYE friends that I'm closer with and have/will share(d) with them the details, as well as other people I trust in my life.

My advice to the rest of you is to be careful. If you find yourself too attached to online "friends"-ask yourself what is motivating this and how can you get what you need in a safer and more real way. Online, anonymous "vulnerability" is cheap and easy. Real men have the stones to be vulnerable to real people with names and faces.

(Post #613)

End of rant

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Posted by OivedElokim - 11 Jan 2023 04:02

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It's a great song..

Good to hear your in a good place right now.

Much hatzlocha!

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by OivedElokim - 13 Jan 2023 05:04

Hey there.

Feeling lonely today. Social media really filled a social void for me and I'm now grappling with how to live that void. Or fill it, for that matter. I miss my online friends. Especially that girl...

I'm not sure why but in a way I felt closer to them than any other friendships I have. I think it's probably for two reasons: Firstly, I was completely uninhibited with them and felt like I could fully be myself around them. The other element was how openly affectionate they were to me. I felt loved and appreciated. My "real life" friends don't make a point of telling me how much I mean to them. And that's obviously assuming I mean anything at all to them. Which is a pretty safe assumption now that I think about it...

So I'm a bit sad and withdrawn today. However, I'm quite busy at the moment so I'm somewhat distracted from my feelings, for better or for worse...

Gonna try to stay clean tonight. Wish me luck

Love you all,

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 13 Jan 2023 12:00

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So so true...

We should make a post card of this and keep it in our pocket to have it handy when needed.

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