

Living in Jerusalem with lust

Posted by anonbochur247 - 19 Nov 2022 23:16

Hi.

Am 22 year old BT learning in Yerushalayim. Bh since Ellul have been completely free of watching or doing anything - I had many back and forths with my yetzer Hara when first starting to address my behaviour and taking on torah observance but that is a whole other story. I have to say though, from coming from a background where PMO is acceptable and openly discussed to slowly stopping has been one of my greatest achievements and the foundation of my spiritual growth.

Anyway, I am waiting till the end of my first year in learning before entering shidduchim so I can continue growing and building myself but am really struggling with being single. Bh I am really growing in my learning and for the most part am working hard. However there are so many stunning seminary girls here when I go to ben Yehuda for food/the old city and whilst I don't have any temptations to fall in the same way I used to I would really appreciate some chizzuk. I do really struggle with inappropriate thoughts and often it's all I can think about when I see beautiful frum girls. It's difficult being single, 22, and knowing you have a year until you can consider the prospect of marriage - it feels so far away. Especially when I grew up in an environment where relationships before marriage were considered normal.

?I think about this Gemara a lot: "If a man does not marry by the age of twenty, he spends his whole life thinking sinful thoughts" (*Kiddushin* 29b). But in my situation I need to wait to fully develop hashkafically and really know the kind of family I want, which has also been the opinion of my rabbonim. Any thoughts would be greatly appreciated. Gut voch

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Re: Living in Jerusalem with lust

Posted by Human being - 20 Nov 2022 01:47

Wow you seem to be a 22 year old with the life experience, maturity and wisdom of a 50 yr old. Welcome on board. I definitely hear the struggle.!

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Re: Living in Jerusalem with lust
Posted by Captain - 20 Nov 2022 14:12

Welcome!

Please check out these great free resources:

ebook- The Battle of the Generation

Audio series- The Fight

They're very good to start with.

See below in my signature for the links.

?Hatzlocha!

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