

History and how it haunts

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Hi Reb Gue and the Rest of Us

Many years ago, I'd say about 4 years ago there was a certain girl who was in one of university classes. She caught my attention as soon as I saw her but as a decent observant Jew, I always avoided her. I avoided those girls I found to be attractive. This particular girl was really pretty and even many years later I still think about her looks and stupidly hope that I will find someone who is as pretty. That will not happen. When I find someone, I am sure that they will be attractive but not in the same way nor should they be. Unless we live in an absolutely closed environment, we will always see attractive women but the issue is how do we handle it when we find them to be particularly attractive in the sense we have a "crush" on them. How does one move on and keep one's mind focused on reality and not sensuality.

This is not the forum for religious debate but I am expecting responses to say that "Well you should not have gone to university" etc. The truth, as I see it, is that Yeshiva and Kollel did not save many of you from lust. It did not save me either although I was more "pure" during Yeshiva and for about two years afterwards. The reality for many of us is that we were born into non-observant communities and families and just shutting ourselves off from the world is just not reality. If I went back to Yeshiva, it would be absolute torture! Yeshiva and Kollel are not answers to lust.

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Re: History and how it haunts

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I'll let it Go, there's no fun in explaining Gokes.

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