

advice on what to say to a goy

Posted by s4nh - 23 Feb 2011 16:30

im in a non-jewish college....yay...worst experience ever

a want tutoring lessons on how to draw better and this guy said he would help me...

then he said it would be best if we went to a bar and drew nudes.... obviously i told him i cant!

i had to explain why and he kept insisting it has no sexual ties whatsoever...

i said "you really feel comfortable?"

he said "yeah ...except the first time i went to draw..."

i said "see you were once sensitive and now your not."

i tried explaining that we have morals and fences... how else can i explain...

he said " arent there jewish doctors who see pple naked?"

i toldhim thats different and done in a private room for medical reasons

i need better words cause my words were all over the place

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 23 Feb 2011 16:57

maybe tell him you want to focus on landscapes?

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by s4nh - 23 Feb 2011 17:09

his last name is Davis....

i dont know if he might be jewish....!

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by Rising Up - 23 Feb 2011 17:18

Here is an idea. For sure if he is Jewish. Offer him as an alternative (if this is possible) to instead go to a Jewish study hall (Beis Medresh-not Shul) and do some drawings of the action going on over there. See what he says. I'm not saying this as a way of being mikareiv or whatever. This is to show him the contrast between the two. Maybe it'll work maybe it won't. Just a suggestion. ??? ???

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by Me3 - 23 Feb 2011 17:37

Bards!

Brilliant solution!

(I'm getting strange looks from co-workers as to why I'm laughing at my desk, it's OK they already think I'm strange).

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by Kedusha - 23 Feb 2011 18:01

You're not able to do it for religious reasons. No other explanation is necessary. (As for doctors, it's not lechatchila, and it takes them a long time to get used to it, if ever. But no need to share this info with the person. FYI, Davis is a very common name, and provides no evidence that the person is Jewish).

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by Dov - 24 Feb 2011 03:14

Hilarious, really. I started to write stuff in response but everything I wrote was either too raunchy, or too irreverent. This guy is fine, I say. *You* are the one with the problem, as far as he is concerned. Why not tell him what I tell people who want me to see stuff that I cannot afford to: "I can't afford to look at that stuff because it just affects me too strongly and makes me miserable."

If they do not respect that, they are jerks, plain and simple. I tell them the truth: that I am allergic to it. They'd never give me food that doesn't agree with me, would they?

Honesty is the only policy.

2 cents.

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by silentbattle - 24 Feb 2011 13:21

I agree with Dov, but I'll add my **3** cents: Don't focus on him. Explain your own feelings. You feel like it would make you less sensitive to a woman's body. There are many laws in judaism built around this. This is your personal feelings about it.

It's something you can be quietly insistent about, without being judgmental of him, but be proud of yourself, and remind yourself just how proud you should be.

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by Kedusha - 24 Feb 2011 15:10

I think it's easier to say that you can't do it for religious reasons, which is certainly true. But keep in mind that an even more important reason (Chamira sakanta mei'isura) is to save your sanity.

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by bardichev - 24 Feb 2011 15:19

Nahhh u can't "explain" it

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by Kedusha - 24 Feb 2011 15:27

You don't need to go into any details - "I can't do it for religious reasons." Case closed.

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Re: advice on what to say to a goy
Posted by bardichev - 24 Feb 2011 15:43

Yes kedusha

You said it best

In business.

I have some situations were women want to shake hands. I find the emes is the best and most respectful excuse

Going into this whole art thing is such a long and difficult topic

Just put it this way

We make sacrifices

A Jew has to work within the framework of Halacha if not it is like filling up a gas tank with rubbitussen

Is rubbitissen a good thing? Yaeh its great especially if u have a cold

But your truck won't move

Is being an artist a good thing? Its great

But don't fill up your gas tank with robbitusen

Hashem will see the sacrifice and you will be matzliach

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