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Posted by movingforward22 - 31 Mar 2023 15:40

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Posted by growup - 31 Mar 2023 15:50

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Re: sister in law

Posted by monseyid41 - 31 Mar 2023 16:01

Why not tell your wife to speak to her. If her comments are inappropriate (flirtatious certainly makes it sound like they are) then your wife should be able tell her so directly. Otherwise, there's nothing wrong with giving her the cold shoulder. Not being rude, but just barely responding with a word or two, with no emotion, until she gets the point that you're not her friend.

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Posted by Bennyh - 31 Mar 2023 16:19

[monseyid41 wrote on 31 Mar 2023 16:01:](#)

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I think I agree. She doesn't realize that what she's doing is dangerous. She's likely very innocent. But do not engage with her!

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Posted by Markz - 31 Mar 2023 16:27

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R' Avigdor Miller z'l told of a woman that would seduce men in kelm (or was it another one of the famous shtetel's) with mussar!

So this is NOT good idea.

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Please don't tell your wife about this (yet). It's not clear that this is the lone source of sexual challenges you face in life, or is it?

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Re: sister in law
Posted by growup - 31 Mar 2023 17:26

Hey - i was saying that when she sits next to you on the couch and says "hey you like my dress?" you should try not to engage but if you have to - switch convo and say sorry i have to go learn or i really think our family should have a shmiras halashon group - remember markz its a sil - so ignoring her and cold shouldering her may be only temporary....

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Posted by doingtshuva - 02 Apr 2023 00:36

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I am not sure that she is looking to flirt with you.

She feels close to you, cause you married her sister.

Yes, you can slowly set the boundaries.

Are you the first to get married in her family ?

How old is she ? Is she married ?

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Posted by DavidT - 02 Apr 2023 15:50

Lusting over one's sister-in-laws is probably one of the most common lustings that a man struggles with his entire life. For a number of reasons. Firstly, having married her sister, the thought that we "could have" maybe married the other one is not unrealistic in our mind (even though we all know it's ridiculous). Secondly, we tend to compare her to our wife and think, "Hey, they come from the same parents, so why isn't my wife so pretty or slim?" or whatever... And lastly, because we keep seeing her. She's always around, at Shabbos meals, Yom Tov meals, Simchas, etc...

So yes, you're not alone. This is a big struggle for most guys. And therefore, you must utilize all the tools in your toolbox to be *misgaber* on this, such as *Teffila*, making *Gedarim*, constantly being *mischazek*, etc... And when you're at the table or at a simchah, do your best to sit in a way that you'll see her the least possible.

I feel that the issue can be approached in a healthy way. She is bright. Accept that it is healthy and normal for you to desire her, and be kind to yourself in this difficult struggle. If you lose a battle and look at her in the wrong way, win the war, and realize that this is once again normal. There is no need to rewrite the script and make a beautiful woman ugly. She is part of Hashem's plan, and is placed here as an opportunity for us to draw closer to Him. Discard the guilt, embrace yourself, and keep on trying.

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Re: sister in law

Posted by dim12 - 02 Apr 2023 15:59

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DM I'm sorry but it doesn't sound like sound advice. Are you taking from experience did you try 1 & 2 already.

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Advice #2, can be very counterproductive and even make things worse.(IMHO)

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The challenge you seem to be having is that you're sexualizing a situation which does not necessarily have to have anything to do with sex. Your brain is wired one way but hers is totally different.

She can compliment your wife about your shirt coming from a good place, and what are you thinking? She wants {{moderator - I saved you some work here}}.

She sounds like a very normal healthy balanced young woman - from all that you described...

It comes back to what I asked earlier and that is how are you doing with other sexual challenges you / we all face in life?

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Re: sister in law

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 03 Apr 2023 12:10

Tell her a d'var Torah, and definitely work on setting up a time to learn together, preferably on a loveseat sofa if you have one. Kabbalah is the recommended topic of study, as it is known to arouse deep emotional feelings among those who study it together.

In all seriousness, my sister-in-law flirts with everything she bumps into, she even flirts with Alexa and Siri. But don't worry, I thought she was crazy into me and fantasized about us being together (edit - Moderator) learning of course. She hated her husband and loved me, I had everything that her husband is missing.

Now that I am married for a while, I realized that the only part that is accurate is that I am everything her husband is not. Oh, and that is why she likes him and not me. She still flirts with me, but it's just her feminine way of asserting herself. I swear, when a female flirts, it's her way of asserting herself and trying to look confident, if she knew she was turning you on sexually, she would probably vomit.

Just my humble experience.

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