

Hello friends

Posted by Gettingcloser - 20 Sep 2015 20:34

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I just came here, I'm taking off my coat & hanging it into closet, making myself comfortable here..

Please give me some advice on the minhugim & everything else I need to know about this holy crowd here,

Just 1 question writing & reading in Yiddish is easier for me is there any Yiddish forums?

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Re: Hello friends

Posted by waydown - 25 Sep 2015 16:44

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You are correct I defined Alex explanation wrong. My bad.

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Re: Hello friends

Posted by Gettingcloser - 25 Sep 2015 16:47

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I think viewing sex as optional means that the person should have sex not sex should have the person

A human being has the strength to be in control over his desires, he can make a decisions, not the his desires should make decision for him

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Re: Hello friends

Posted by markz - 25 Sep 2015 16:48

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[waydown wrote:](#)

Lust is something we can't control

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by Gettingcloser - 25 Sep 2015 16:53

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I think Lust is not selfish, it's actually a distraction of one self, not being connected to the real self & with present moment, letting the self be controlled by dreams & fantasies

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by AlexEliezer - 25 Sep 2015 17:23

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We use lust to escape.

What we do with it is selfish.

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by Gettingcloser - 25 Sep 2015 17:44

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You are right but selfishness does not define the word lust

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Re: Hello friends

Posted by SIB101854 - 25 Sep 2015 18:17

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Lust is an escape mechanism in which we wrap ourselves up in a cocoon and our world of self focused desire and fail to realize what are the most important things in life. When you are wrapped up in porn and masturbation, nothing else in this world counts and you are constantly looking for a new fix.

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Re: Hello friends

Posted by AlexEliezer - 25 Sep 2015 18:48

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Maybe we need to distinguish between healthy lust (which I know nothing about) and unhealthy lust (which I have plenty of).

It is conceivable that healthy lust doesn't have to be selfish.

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Re: Hello friends

Posted by eslaasos - 25 Sep 2015 19:07

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I was going to say that healthy lust is regular sexual desire, but maybe we're getting into semantics.

Merriam-Webster defines lust as strong sexual desire.

I think we can all agree that sexual desire is a tool that Hashem gave us that we can choose to ) manner, or not.

What is healthy vs. unhealthy use of desire? I'm no expert but again I think we can all agree that one distinction is what the motivation is - to enjoy myself or to manifest an emotional bond with my spouse. A higher level is purely for the sake of procreation, which is almost certainly not possible for all of us here.

If you deliberately strengthen desire, and turn it into lust (as per Merriam-Webster's definition), it's most likely to be unhealthy, because the healthier motivations generally do not require a deliberate strengthening of desire which can also be termed ????? ??? ???.

In the rare case where it is a mitzvah to deliberately stoke the fire, I don't know but would assume it's preferable not to do it with porn or through any forbidden method.

Lots of assumptions from an anonymous ignoramus, let it rip and may the best man win.

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by AlexEliezer - 25 Sep 2015 20:02

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by eslaasos - 25 Sep 2015 20:05

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Which favorite subject would that be?

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by markz - 25 Sep 2015 20:22

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[eslaasos wrote:](#)

Which favorite subject would that be?

As long as we keep talking about our favorite subject everybody's happy

Sounds like you still have your kittel on

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by Gettingcloser - 25 Sep 2015 20:45

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Haha,

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Re: Hello friends  
Posted by markz - 25 Sep 2015 20:58

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[eslaasos wrote:](#)

What is healthy vs. unhealthy use of desire? ... to manifest an emotional bond with my spouse.  
A higher level is purely for the sake of procreation

Manifest an emotional bond is one of the higher levels too.

I think our SA distorts reality sometimes

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