

I need help

Posted by jewishvalues613 - 15 Dec 2016 20:55

I've been on GYE on and off for a couple of years now, and I'm grateful that such a resource exists. My story is basically that I'm a (MO FFB) married father of 2 who has met numerous people using various websites and I've done some terrible things. I know many people here are struggling with porn addiction or masturbation, and I know it's terribly difficult to stop. At the same time I would give anything at this point for that to be my struggle, because everything I've done has escalated (often stemming from porn/masturbation).

And so I'm here because even with the help of my therapist it's not enough support. I'm depressed. I feel out of control. And I'm at a crossroads in my life. I'm 37 years old and I can either continue on the path I've been on, but it's a path I know will lead to my ruin.

Or I can say enough is enough, I can try to give myself the most support possible, and I can move in the direction of the person I know I can become.

Many thanks to you all for listening/reading and I appreciate your support. I'm hoping that together we are much more powerful than by ourselves.

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Re: I need help

Posted by waydown - 15 Dec 2016 21:21

Welcome,

I think we share very similar struggles. Lets fight this together maybe??? I am PM ing you now.

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Re: I need help

Posted by 360gye - 15 Dec 2016 21:45

Welcome,

?Thank you for posting your story. While i am not entirely in the same boat as you, i can relate to your feelings. We are here to support you whenever you need, please don'r be shy to keep posting. good luck on your journey

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Re: I need help
Posted by cordnoy - 15 Dec 2016 21:46

Welcome

Wishing you hatzlachah.

What have you done in the past in your attempts at recovery?

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Re: I need help
Posted by Markz - 15 Dec 2016 22:00

Welcome JV

we value you too!!!!

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Re: I need help
Posted by cordnoy - 15 Dec 2016 22:06

People mistakenly, imho, think that there is a ?? ???? if you and i both hooked up with another Jewish woman. We are different if she wasn't Jewish. We are the same if both of us are 40. We are different if I like gay porn and he likes 'em straight. If our fetishes are both kinky, let's email

each other, but if I'm into clubs and he's into magazines, we have nothing in common. If he visits parlors and I peep into bathrooms we cannot strengthen each other, but if he and I both use the same peer to peer file sharing, we are cut from the same cloth. If he works in sales and I'm behind a desk, our struggles are not comparable, but if we both take the subway, we should meet underground. If he's a Slonimer and I'm from Chabad, we talk the same language, but if he's fffb and I'm moh, then we walk on opposite sides of the street. If he's a baal tayvah and I'm a hardcore addict, we have different books, but if he was abused and I abused others, we can meet in the John.

Now, there are people that connect with each other and there are those who don't.

My point being that there is common ground here between the majority of us. People should read what others write and if it speaks to them, comment; if not, decide. Always have an open mind in this business. Get out of yourself, for it is you/i/him that put us in this situation to begin with. (Ok, God did as well, if that's what you want to believe, and perhaps He did.) One might find that someone's response really hit home and that's good....cherish that and make sure that relationship thrives and flourishes. If you don't speak the same language, move on; there's nothing wrong with that.

This post was brought about by several posts I've seen in the past week.

B'hatzlachah to all.

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Re: I need help
Posted by Markz - 15 Dec 2016 22:23

Belmont is that why you don't comment??

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Re: I need help
Posted by jewishvalues613 - 16 Dec 2016 13:41

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Re: I need help

Posted by cordnoy - 16 Dec 2016 13:49

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B'hatzlachah

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Re: I need help

Posted by Shlomo24 - 16 Dec 2016 14:16

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Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: I need help
Posted by Shlomo24 - 16 Dec 2016 16:40

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Re: I need help
Posted by gibbor120 - 16 Dec 2016 18:53

Welcome! Cordnoy has some good questions and some wise words. Allow me to add to his questions. As always, there is no obligation to reply.

You say you have been on and off GYE for a while. In what ways did you participate? Handbook? Forum? Phone conferences? What did you gain from being here? In what way do you imagine that "together we are much more powerful than by ourselves"?

Who knows about your struggles? Your wife?

You say that you would give anything for your struggle to only be porn and masturbation. I understand what you mean. I also assume you know that just as an alcoholic wishes he could drink like a gentleman, but cannot. If you are truly addicted, you cannot "lust like a gentleman" either. Each "drink" carries the risk of leading to uncontrolled bingeing. The primary word being "uncontrolled". Once we are in the grips of lust, it controls us, not the other way around.

I look forward to hearing more from you. Many people have been helped. Many have been in worse situations than you are right now.

I wish you all the best. (I grew up a MO FFB also)

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Re: I need help

Posted by Singularity - 19 Dec 2016 09:33

[Shlomo24 wrote on 16 Dec 2016 16:40:](#)

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See this is what happens when you're off the internet for three days. No time to reply and everyone else has said what you would have.

Talk about redundancy!

Hatzlocha in the struggle! The actions are different but the symptoms are all the same! If

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