

A struggling bochur

Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 26 Jun 2018 19:00

Hi, everyone I'm a 21 year old bochur, struggled with masturbation since 14! Went to Yeshivah and bh had no access to technology so it wasn't really a issue then when I got a smartphone 2 years ago the issue started again. Bh I discovered this website 3 weeks ago, then I installed webchaver and iml very careful now with Shmiras ainayim whilst walking in the street, and I've also joined the 90 day challenge and I'm currently 16 days clean! Iyh many more day by day with the eibishter's help!

Any other bochurim out there in my boat?

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 11 Oct 2018 02:49

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Posted by Markz - 11 Oct 2018 03:00

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And (excuse the pun, but) then we will have a Leviathan party with yours truly

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or something like that refers to the days of moshiach when we will miss the yetzer hora

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Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 14 Oct 2018 02:53

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Posted by mzl - 14 Oct 2018 05:18

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I don't think so many months of consecutive clean days is a scientific proof that you're "sane." But then I don't know that waiting is the right thing anyway. At any rate since you are obviously concerned about this you should probably discuss it with your date before you pull the trigger and propose. She probably will have some challenges too.

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Once someone is married there is nothing wrong in sharing that dealing with the street and the general effect Western Culture has on us is challenging for any bochur who wishes to remain pure. Vague talk like that is ok. Mentioning past viewing of pornography to a prospective wife in my humble opinion will not have any positive effect (unless she is an exceptionally wise and broad minded individual). Obviously one who is still struggling presently with pornography should be asking advice from mentors if and how to begin shidduchim.

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Thanks for the advice, I definitely won't proceed till I get the green light from my personal Rav which knows me well, and iyh I do plan on going to therapy to get my marriage mindset back on track which was distorted by viewing pornography. Just ??? ??? ????? ?????? and so I wanted to hear from people who were there are bh are currently on the right track what they have to say.

Although I originally thought I'll need to tell my potential wife about this for her benefit, after speaking with so many people and all explained to me why it won't be beneficial and in the words of one guy "me hiding it is not doing the wrong thing, it's the right thing" cuz they just don't get it. Unless she tells me that she's a member on gye with this problem too lol

P.s. it's funny how hhm sees from my writing that I'm a giving guy which is so true! I guess you can read between the lines...

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Re: A struggling bochur
Posted by mzl - 14 Oct 2018 14:59

Just bear in mind that p*rn changes how you view women. When he gets in bed with her she will see a mile away, and if she does she may not saw it out loud. From then on he shouldn't be surprised if all sorts of inexplicable things in his home life don't work out as he expects.

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Re: A struggling bochur
Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 14 Oct 2018 14:59

How do I get rid of those spoiler emojis?

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Re: A struggling bochur
Posted by ??? ??? - 14 Oct 2018 16:27

Great replies from everyone here

just to add my 2 cents as someone who's wife got a small idea of what i was doing.. it is VERY traumatic to a woman who sees you and knows you as a very good person and ??? ????? hear that you have done things which are explicitly ????? and not moral, and without having our urge there is no real way they can understand it. And i wuldn't even imagine trying to explain that to a ??? or a future ??? . However obviously best thing is if you have a LOR who knows you well and knows you're struggles he will best be able to advise you if/what you should say.It may be important to have something prepared as if you get married and do need internet (or may apply for shopping or vacations) you should be able to say I can't do this....even if others do these things

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by i-man - 14 Oct 2018 19:45

Aside from Rav and therapy iy'H at the right time it would be kdai to have a discussion with one of the Gye Madrichim

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