

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 strugglingWithMyself - 27 Oct 2021 21:23

My childhood, teenage hood, school... where all perfectly normal (I think?) and the main thing I have to blame is technology and the availability of in appropriate content

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by anonymous.lost.everything - 27 Oct 2021 23:17

I used to think that I was basically healthy but I had a little problem. I finally realized that from preschool I was convinced that God was out to control me, and this produced both my excessively good behavior and my bad rebellious behavior.

The lesson for me was that if I want to see who I really am I have to observe my behavior and my feelings when I'm not acting out and I don't have a support group. That's my true self.

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Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 05 Nov 2021 06:00

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I think it has to do with why we are good Jews in the first place. It's difficult to honestly face why we do the mitzvos and what we really think about Hashem.

Better not to go there, especially for someone like you on a 800-day streak.

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 20 Jun 2022 05:55

I just realized i hit over 1000 clean days! so honestly since i got married my whole life changed completely and haven't really been lusting/ been around Gye and dont think about this on a daily basis.

i have recently felt though a slight little lusting coming back but nothing big or substantial. i am lucky to have a kosher outlet though BH, I wish everyone much continued luck.

Bochurim/singles reading this as i always said, you guys are extra lucky to be here before you had to come here after marriage. Give it all your got!

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Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 21 Aug 2022 23:26

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These absolutes are false. Sorry.

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Here's a yes or no question.

A completely emotionally healthy individual (whatever that really means) secluded with unfiltered internet, is it possible for him to fall?

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Granted that emotional health plays a role, even a great role when it comes to these things.

But to pretend like "emotionally healthy individuals" are immune to taiva is simply wrong.

Indeed ????? ?????????? ?????????? does not differentiate between the "emotionally healthy" and the "emotionally unhealthy."

Rather it is the reality built into the very fabric of Man.

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Posted by eyes - 22 Aug 2022 09:41

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Now talking as a married man BH

Even if you are married and in a very healthy relationship, things are still stressful in life. Unless you live on a island with nothing around you and have everything you need and you have no worries and everyone in your family is healthy and the list goes on, then maybe you wont turn to shmutz. But if you live in the world, which most of us do, things get stressful. there are deadlines, disciplines, arguments with your spouse (and for the bochurim out there, disagreements do happen between couples some time, its not bliss your whole life).

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It seems your agreeing with the original post that the use of porn and masterbation is almost always being used as a coping mechanism and isnt coming out of nowhere...

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Thats actually something 12 step programs are strongly based on the dact that "The addiction is not the problem its the solution"...

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Re: A struggling bochur
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Shmuel, you're correct in that.

However the 12 steps doesn't deal with the core problem head on as our friend Shnitzel was

saying “the only way they will be successful is by identifying the cause. It isn't what you are doing it is why you are doing it.”

Even Step 4 “Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves” simply refers to an inventory of our lifestyle and tendencies etc.

It does NOT mean (at least literally) a psychological inventory, nor do they give any guidance to resolve what made you have the need to use porn as a coping mechanism...

That's my understanding, however I haven't tried the steps so don't take my word to the bank on this.

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The initial poster, although I disagreed with him, was referrin' only to someone who struggles with porn and masturbation; Yosef was not a struggler and should not be included in this conversation. Eishes Potifar came on to Yosef; that was his nisayon.

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