

In need of chizuk

Posted by simpleJew66 - 11 Jul 2019 07:45

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Hello everyone. I have been absent from this site for a long time and now I am back. A little about my story. I am a baal tshuva who became observant in my early 20's. When I came to Israel, I became even more serious in my growth. I learned in yeshiva and did not create friendships with woman. I was also very good at shmirat habrit. However, it took me a few years to meet my wife. All that time without any outlet for my sexual feelings took its toll. For about a year I looked at p\*\*\* habitually, mas\*\*\*\*\*d, and even used a bad webcam site. I even had an internet filter, but I also had the password

When I was dating my now wife I cleaned up my act. A couple years into marriage, I had an occasional relapse, but did not get hooked. Eventually I realized that she should have the password for the filter.

A few more years into the marriage and we do not have a great relationship. Our bedroom is dead. I even considered leaving, with the kids and all we both still hope things will get to a better place. We did some marriage therapy. I found it helped a bit but it was a long and arduous with no clear indication of how long it would take to get us to a good place (if it even could).

Which brings me to why I am here. The lack of sex became more and more difficult and I find myself looking at porn a few times a week. Yesterday I sunk so low that I used a bad webcam site, while also doing inappropriate things in front of the camera. I feel I betrayed her and hashem. I also made a request for a new filter on the internet.

Any encouragement helps. Also, what would you recommend as a healthy outlet if I start to think about doing that stuff?

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Re: In need of chizuk

Posted by bego - 11 Jul 2019 12:13

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Hi,

Thanks for posting. It's great for all of us to see how many poeple are devoted to working on this area!

In terms of what you've been doing, it's true its not amazing, but we all do bad things. I dont just mean the poeple on the site, I mean everyone. So, whisl't its not good, its not the end of the road by any means.

As a Baa'al teshuva, you might be feeling let down as perhaps you thought it would all be rosy and fun? Did you know about the down sides (not meant negatively, more practically) of keepng Mitzvos when you made that choice?

In terms of healthy outlets, there isnt always one. Sometimes you;ll be able to walk away, soemtimes not. I find that steering clear of triggers is a good start. B"H its been a while since it was really bad for me, but I recall those feelings and the best way to avoid them, is not to think about them to begin with - easier said than done.

I need to go now, will try and add more later.

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Re: In need of chizuk

Posted by Here - 24 Oct 2019 13:44

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How are you doing?

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Re: In need of chizuk

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 17 Dec 2020 12:48

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Re: In need of chizuk

Posted by simpleJew66 - 17 Dec 2020 13:40

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Re: In need of chizuk  
Posted by Grant400 - 17 Dec 2020 13:53

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Do you know why she's uninterested? Has she ever explained?

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Re: In need of chizuk  
Posted by simpleJew66 - 20 Dec 2020 20:32

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I understand. But can you pinpoint exactly what was bothering her? Was it the fact that it was too often, or the way it was done. Was it the physical aspect or the emotional part?

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Re: In need of chizuk

Posted by Markz - 05 Dec 2024 04:34

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This is a loaded topic.

I don't want you to think I don't feel for your painful situation.

It's real and raw.

I get it, and unfortunately understand it well.

However, making such broad statements as though life is simple and sex-less marriage has a simple fix, is almost like saying porn is the solution to all problems. Sheesh!!

Little did I know that BennyH does more reading on GYE than I do. I guess I met my match.

Looking back I see you suggested a long time ago to a different guy to D(itch) his wife.

And you got this response.

[yitzchokm wrote on 04 Feb 2024 22:01:](#)

There is more to marriage than sex and they have a good relationship outside of the bedroom. It isn't nice to suggest out of hand that it is ideal for someone to get divorced. It worked for you but it may not be the best advice for someone else.

Forgive me, but this needs to stop - please.

Ok?

You're making a mistake to say "I cleaned my side of the street, and now it's all HER fault"

If you're honest, you'll know, we have a lot on OUR side of the street to clean.

Let's get Trucking together.

MTGA!!!!!!!!!!!!

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