

Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 04 Aug 2020 05:33

Hi everyone,

First I want to say that I am humbled and honored to be in the presence of such Giborei Koach, true warriors of Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

I bh am not addicted to pornography.

I haven't been on a porn website.

But I'm getting close, and I'm here to gain chizuk not to fall into it.

Once I return to Yeshiva I'm safe, but as long as I'm home I'm in danger, and bh I haven't fallen into pornography. However it's the next step, chalila.

I bh am running a camp, so I started keeping busy, so bh have only been nichshal once in the last 3 weeks.

i want to just express my gratitude to all of you, and my great admiration for each and every one of you.

My Yetzer tries telling me "comon, porn can't be that bad, it's just the word that sounds scary" or like "it can't be so different than YouTube videos"

So I'm here to gain that chizuk.

thank you!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 25 Mar 2022 11:17

YG, you texted me about this post, so i am replying publicly as per your request, however whatever i write here is only applicable if the rebbeim that you are so close with are in agreement:

You have an amazing ability to express yourself clearly and intelligently despite being in a matzav of confusion and raging emotions. It appears that you are iyh destined to assist so many guys out there with emotional and mental distress. Why you had to go through this Hell is not in my limited understanding of Hashem's master plan, but it does appear you are being trained to be a mentor for chevra suffering from these most tormenting and debilitating challenges of anxiety/depression and related issues.

It is most obvious just from the fact that you posted and reached out that you will iyh make the correct decision. It is there between the lines again and again. But your decision is causing you anguish, so let's put it in this perspective. You are a hero and in all honesty, you understand how in a few years you would look back at this experience (had you accepted it) and how you would feel about it. The money would be long spent, and the platonic carefree relationships only a distant memory of broken hearts when goodbyes were said as the busses pulled away after camp, and real connections never having developed. And if any lines had been inappropriately crossed, there would be a lot of shame.

However, one thing this job offer should cause - Let's capitalize on your excitement to feel productive - Look for a summer position that will keep you busy in a productive way, allowing you to display your amazing talents and kochos hanefesh with pride. You enjoy structure, responsibility, and geshmak. You enjoy helping people and being real with them. Keep that all in mind and may Hashem guide you to a matzav that will iyh lift your spirits, give you some direction for your future job choices, and if you make a few dollars doing it too - enjoy that too.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Dave M - 25 Mar 2022 14:47

I have no advice to offer you, except just keep posting. Don't be ashamed.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by 613guard - 25 Mar 2022 17:33

You are a real inspiration.

May Hashem help you a ton.

since your davening shir hamalos saved you that time i will share something interesting i recently heard about davening there are those who say one shouldn't daven that a specific outcome should happen but rather whatever is best for me should happen

and someone added that better to daven that you should be zoche to see how whatever happens is for the best.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 27 Mar 2022 06:55

[YeshivaGuy wrote on 25 Mar 2022 05:32:](#)

Was just offered a crazy opportunity to make over \$15,000 working in a coed sleep away camp situation this summer for a few weeks...

Wouldnt have to do much work, would be super geshmak etc and insane money...

Idk, idk if I want to be moser nefesh, but I would be with super duper modern girls etc, idk...

I also lost a lot of weight, getting muscular and would look good, but idk, this feels like it's a big decision.

Ive never even touched a girl for hanaa even though at one point I could've.

What did it get me? What will this get me if I don't take this opportunity? What am I fighting for? Why? Do I even care about Olam Haba? Do I even actually believe in it?

"Yeshiva" guy

Hi @YeshivaGuy,

I will share with you my opinion, please take it as just that, my opinion.

I chopped up your message a little, to what I think are the points that you are making.

1. An opportunity that you don't want to miss out on.
2. Being with girls seems very *geshmak*.
3. You feel like expressing yourself by your superficial body (and ignoring/numbing the real you, or don't even believe that there is a real you)
4. You feel a lot of regret for your lifestyle choices and the limitations that you feel it brings you.

So, here is what I think. I think that you know good and well who you are. You know better than any of us that you are not really going to go to a co-ed camp. You may want to, or shall we say, desire to, but there was never really a *tzad*.

But, that doesn't mean that it's not fun to think about it, or dream about it, or wish that you can go. But why? What's the point of making a fuss about something that was never really on the table? Could it be that you are looking for something? Validation? Relationship? Connection? And this seems to be an easy way to get that? And the fact that it was offered to you means that you are wanted, that probably feels good too.

YeshivaGuy, I am not worried about you, you will be fine. Don't sell yourself cheap, you are not just the way you look, there is something more to you. Yes, you may be struggling with yourself, but looking for band-aids doesn't replace putting in the real work.

It sounds like you are really looking for that deep love and connection, it's not a bad thing, it's

just the way you are. The trick is to figure out how to deal with it. If it's an emotional need, finding a girl will not solve it. It may make you feel good, and I am not judging whether that is okay or not, rather that it's not a fix and you still need to put in the work.

But, you know all this already, so I will stop here.

Keep shteiging in Yeshiva, that's your name after all!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 28 Mar 2022 16:30

Thank you to each one of you who took the time to post their thoughts, share them offline, press "thank you," and those who read and commiserated with me during this time.

I rejected the offer.

A large part due to all of you. In addition to my friends I spoke with here in Yeshiva.

It's so crucial to have chavirim that understand you and are Bnei Torah. This way when one deviates they can turn to their friends to get them back on the ??? ????

I experienced this ???? these last few days.

Had I not returned to Yeshiva a few weeks ago I think there would be a big chance I would've taken the job.

A good friend of mine told me over Shabbos "if you're gonna take the job then at least make sure no one knows you're from Yeshiva because it's a chilul Hashem..."

And it's true, I would've been embarrassed to say where I'm from and would've made something up in order to fit in.

What am I if I have no grounding principles?

One who is swayed by money and other external influences has no Self. No central I.

This I think is the pshat in the pasuk at the beginning of Tehillim about one guided by Torah, is
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And the opposite is ??? ?? ?????? ?? ?? ??? ??? ?????? ????.?

Once I remembered that pasuk, my decision was clear.

I want to be a person with integrity, this transcends Yidishkeit, this is basic ???'keit.

And yesterday as I drove the Mashgiach for an hour somewhere, I was happy with the decision I had made.

YeshivaGuy

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Vehkam - 28 Mar 2022 17:53

thank you for the inspiring post. it is amazing how quickly one can climb when overcoming a tough nisayon.

for me, in order to keep up my facade for many years, i had to lie constantly. i didn't even think twice about it.

your point about integrity definitely resonates.....

keep inspiring us!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 28 Mar 2022 18:24

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Markz - 28 Mar 2022 19:08

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 29 Mar 2022 04:42

Back to the less exciting topic of everyday struggles with kedusha.

I care about not watching bad stuff.

I'll spare you guys a whole megilla here.

B'kitzur, been nichshal a lot. Like masterbated 4 times in last two days and seeing bad music vids etc.

There's gedarim I can put up, some better than others.

I'm unsure which I'm willing to put up at this point.

I don't want this to continue though.

I think I'll discuss with my therapist tomorrow.

Have a gn,

YeshivaGuy

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You can check in the GYE video section, I think it's there.

I think this is what you are looking
for gye.vids.io/videos/a79eddb11d18e6c02e/eli-nash-and-rabbi-yy-jacobs-discuss-p-addiction

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 29 Mar 2022 13:55

Last night I held back.

Was dying of taiva, my whole body was screaming, thirsting for it. But I said no and bh managed to fall asleep.

May this be the start of something great.

I must put the aforementioned gedarim in place though to insure that.

YeshivaGuy

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by wilnevergiveup - 29 Mar 2022 14:10

nu, so did you take a look at that video yet?

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