

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 Vehkam - 30 Aug 2022 03:26

there is nothing wrong with feeling disappointed (hopefully not for too long.) but in my opinion as stated above there is no reason to feel shame even for a second. There simply is no shame in doing the right thing. Ask yourself, is this the best path right now for my emotional and spiritual health? if the answer is yes, then embrace the fact that you are doing ratzon hashem and that hashem will provide you with the perfect shidduch for you.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Mesayin - 30 Aug 2022 14:34

Hey Yeshiva guy.

I have had a similar experience, I left Yeshiva at 20 (and my home) and went to work (Mostly because I had left my parents and needed to support myself).

A good way to look at it is that you know you did the right thing because you were directed by people you trust. Also, the alternative (i.e staying in Yeshiva) is a whole lot more shameful.

In regards to shidduchim, I agree with you, I'm 28 now and still looking for someone. The best thing you can do is be very open-minded when it comes to the girl's background. Don't shy away from divorcees (even if they have children), or even girls from a different background than you

You should however not give an inch on the girl herself, she should be a strong, healthy, and Ehrlich girl. No compromise there.

You can compromise on her background.

You may want to sign up on Jwed and SawYouAtSinai, I almost got married a couple of times through those sites, there are some solid girls there although you still need to be careful.

Mush Hatzlacha

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We must remember that Judaism, spirituality and a Torah life are not one-size-fits-all.

Everybody had their path in life. We are accustomed to believe that those who left Kollel after a year could have done better, those who started working when they got married half-bums and the bochurim who started working complete bums. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If we remember a bit of history, The legendary ???? was a school Rebbi, the ???? would sell fabric, the Ohr Hachaim was a well-known tailor and Rav Yitzchak Kaduri, the famous Mekubal used to sell spices. That did not stop them from learning, growing and even marrying women who I am sure were ehrliche ladies.

Even Yaakov Avinu, the representative of Torah in Middas haTiferes, had to work for fourteen years in order to get married (not to the best ben-torah family by the way...).

You can always PM me if you have any questions.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by Kavey - 30 Aug 2022 15:16

Also staying in learning to find a shidduch (or going to a specific yeshiva for that matter) is just crazy IMO. Feels similar to coffee room kollel guys lo aleinu.

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podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/rabbi-binyomin-weinreb-the-3-keys-to-stay-connected/id1515410160?i=1000560116194

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Posted by Birshusi - 30 Aug 2022 17:40

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Posted by Looking_to_improve - 30 Aug 2022 21:48

[YeshivaGuy wrote on 30 Aug 2022 00:42:](#)

[Markz wrote on 29 Aug 2022 15:27:](#)

[YeshivaGuy wrote on 29 Aug 2022 05:13:](#)

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You're doing awesome!

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In that case, what are you ashamed of, can you spell it out. Sometimes when we express our

fears, they somehow disappear

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And not just society but even myself.

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Avos 4:5 and also see halocho 10

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Thank you so much, not sure we've met before.

Hatzlocha and be in touch.

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 31 Aug 2022 06:02

[Vehkam wrote on 30 Aug 2022 03:26:](#)

(you might also want to rethink how you judge others that don't stay in yeshiva)

Yes absolutely!

This year and all I've experienced has really opened my eyes and made me way less judgemental. Of others at least

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 31 Aug 2022 06:13

My first post here was August 4, 2020

That's about 757 days ago.

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Thats pretty solid.

Went to a wedding tonight of a friend.

Was shocked that it was mixed seating etc, as were some friends of mine.

Wasn't the best with shmiras eynayim tbh, but I did refrain from speaking unnecessarily to my friends wife at the table.

I'm proud of that.

I'm hoping this year to be more consistent in these inyanim. Being busy will b'ezras Hashem help.

I hope being Shoel Umeishiv will respark my passion for learning, that I'll once again daven 3 times a day with a minyan (haven't done that in almost a year...)

And hopefully be matzliach in the teaching positions as well.

Additionally I'd like to keep making strides in therapy/my "emotional world."

And I'd like to still lose abit more weight (lost 50 pounds this year bh).

And then it wouldn't be so shver to consider dating...

Have a gn,

YeshivaGuy

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by qualitystuff - 31 Aug 2022 15:20

Hey YG,

Sounds like you are doing great. Tell yourself (in words) the pride you feel of your mind set. Feel the good. Remember these good feelings, you will want to bring back these feelings if CV you are slipping. Focus on the happiness you will have by resisting the urges and pitfalls.

BTW I recall when I was a shoel umeishiv, somehow I was more popular and involved with the bochrin when I was clean and successful. I couldn't understand how but somehow the Bochrin felt when I was tripping, they just didn't have the trust, respect or interest in me. To be there for the bochrin you need to be there for yourself. Hatzlacha. Hashem Yaazor.

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