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Posted by bm263 - 03 Mar 2021 05:15

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Re: Old Timer, New Name, New Thread

Posted by Lizhensk - 03 Mar 2021 06:20

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I relate to many parts of this post. In particular this part:

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Hatzlacha on whatever it is you decide to do here.

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Re: Old Timer, New Name, New Thread

Posted by bego - 03 Mar 2021 13:43

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Great post. many of us don't know why we're here. And of course, we're actually all here for different reasons. If you've been to SA and spoken to Dov etc. it seems you've made massive efforts. So maybe you're here because it's comfortable? Like a blanket you can hold?

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Re: Old Timer, New Name, New Thread

Posted by Benoni - 03 Mar 2021 19:39

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Welcome heilige yid!

Gonna take a moment to appreciate that even with your setbacks, you're still getting back on the wagon. Just remember not to limit yourself from taking the next step- complacency is the enemy of progress.

Hatzlocha, Hatzlocha, Hatzlocha!

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Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 04 Mar 2021 03:41

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I'll be more careful, so she won't know my new username.

I'd rather not limit myself to the BB forum. Too many bochurim here these days that I can learn from.

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Re: Old Timer, New Name, New Thread

Posted by bm263 - 04 Mar 2021 04:38

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We don't need to get into the real definition of optional, that's for a college course. We are here for recovery.

The point in context though makes sense. For me when I act out I feel like it's not optional. In other words, just as food, I feel I will die without it, similarly when I act out, I do it because I feel it's the only way, and I don't know how to exist without it.

In recovery I learn that food is something I truly need to exist, and porn and masturbation is not. Granted I'm currently married, so you can make the argument that I do have a form of release occasionally. I don't have a response to that. But I do know, even during my marriage when I act out, it feels the same as when I was a bachelor. I need to do this or else...

Granted this may not be everyone's experience, but it is mine and seems to be many others.

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Wow. I think that's the first time I've ever been compared to Rav Moshe Feinstein. No words.

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I would have done it again last night, but I fell asleep.

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