

Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Zag xx - 06 Jun 2023 17:15

Hi all I'm in my mid 20s and I'm getting married in 2 months. I was sexually abused when I was 13, and I've had plenty of trauma therapy in the past. I'm in a relatively healthy place right now, but I've had many years of struggles. I also know I'm more attracted to men than to women, and I'm really nervous about what to do in marriage. I'm in yeshiva and have an excellent support of rebbayim and friends. I'm also bh very gifted in learning and I absolutely love Torah. I've however over the years had a number of sexual encounters with friends, and I'm worried about what I should do if I ever find myself struggling in marriage. I want to make marriage work and I AM attracted to my kalla, but I know these feelings won't just go away. I'm currently speaking to people (rabbayim/therapist) pre marriage. I just need all the advice and disatisa dishmaya I can get. Thanks all

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 21:48

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Posted by willdoit - 07 Jun 2023 21:53

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Ki Sorisa - 07 Jun 2023 22:37

I see there is a thank you button under people's posts. It may be time to add a dissatisfaction button as well. My mind can't even process how in the world somebody can give you any advice on such a complicated matter on this forum. I am totally baffled.

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by Eerie - 07 Jun 2023 23:39

KI Sorisa, I'm with you. My friend Zag, stick to the advice Cordnoy and some others have given, and keep up the amazing work of talking to your Rebbeim and therapists. Yours is a very delicate situation that nobody here should really be answering. Ask them your questions, and follow their advice. When you are deciding what to serve as a side dish, come back and ask the

We are here to be your support team, your friends, your comrades. Now, will it be kugel or cole slaw?

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Posted by Trying99 - 08 Jun 2023 01:03

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Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 08 Jun 2023 01:58

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as much as any young couple thinks that they know each other, you are literally two strangers who are committing to share a life together. Easy does it, and the deeper your connection and relationship and trust between each other is, the more you can share and lean on each other.

It's not a simple matter, and in fact it is an excessively personal matter, but it can also be something that will act as the superglue that bonds you and your wife together.

so bottom line, share with the guidance of your mentors. Very sparingly and minimally at first - the very minimum possible. And continue to work on your challenges. Share with your wife that you are working to perfect yourself using the tests and tools that your Creator has given you in this world.

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Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 08 Jun 2023 02:00

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You seem to be forgetting or omitting that it's not just his life, it's his soon to wife's life also.

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Would like to get your thoughts on the above, Trying 99

something is really bothering you

what is it?

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Utter nonsense!

My personal leanin's would be towards telling somethin', but for you (unless you're the gadol hador in somethin') to state unequivocally that your way is correct and any Rav/mentor/specialist who disagrees with his highness is disrespectin' women is simply

hogwash, especially on account that you never met the groom or the bride.

I don't mind strong opinions, I even have some occasionally, but dissin' the professionals or those with experience because it doesn't fit what you think is just ridiculous and basically the product of the woke culture in which we live in today.

Godspeed to all

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 08 Jun 2023 03:53

Anyone who believes we are being manipulative has every right to leave the forum

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