

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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Posted by Eerie - 09 Jun 2023 15:34

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Posted by richtig - 09 Jun 2023 16:03

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Posted by willdoit - 09 Jun 2023 16:18

[Trying99 wrote on 08 Jun 2023 01:08:](#)

[willdoit wrote on 07 Jun 2023 21:53:](#)

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Me too.

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Posted by cordnoy - 11 Jun 2023 03:54

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I had mentioned that my personal feelin's were that somethin' like this should be disclosed, but after some thought, and after readin' some stuff someplace, I began to think that the distinction I was makin' in my mind was a product of my addiction.

Explanation: Those of us with heterosexual addictions, we think that after 30 days of bein' clean, or 90 days, or a year, we can get married and no disclosure is necessary. Really? We are very likely to make our wives miserable, like I did, even if we don't end up actin' on our addictions or desires or cravin's. Is that fair to her? Shouldn't she know beforehand what she's gettin' herself into, and of course, all of the stuff we may do outside of marriage and perhaps even bring diseases into the house.

Then, there can be a fellow who has homosexual tendencies. He has never acted out with another, but those are his feelin's. We jump on him that he should disclose, for the intimacy will be hell for his wife. Really? Dov's wife used to say: You guys make sex into much more than it really is. Here can be a guy who's life is somewhat under control; scantily-clad women don't excite him, newest style shaitels and clothin' worn by all the other wives don't turn him on. Will there be fireworks in the bedroom? probably not. Will his wife be comforted, hugged, loved? Good chance. Will he bother her incessantly about how to dress or undress? Nope. Will the sex be good for her? Very possibly.

Again, I don't know the answer (to the question that this particular fellow never even asked here), but it got me thinkin', and for that I say: Godbless!

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Posted by Markz - 11 Jun 2023 05:13

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That's clearly not the case for our dear friend who authored this tread.

Am I missing something here?

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Posted by Zag xx - 11 Jun 2023 20:10

Hi all hope your all well. I was considering deleting this thread as I think I've heard what I needed to hear. However a number of people pm me and thanked me for things I had said and for other things on this forum. I really hope everyone gets the help they need. If anyone wants to pm me feel free. Ps I spent the day in teveria and I davened at reebi meir rebbi akiva and the ramchal. BH I'm in a much better headspace than I was last week. Hatzlocha all.

ps I'm not a rabbi I can give advice based on the best of my ability, but the best advice I can

give you all is to try and strengthen your connection to G-D

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by jackthejew - 12 Jun 2023 09:50

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I haven't been by in a while, but I'd like to add my couple of cents. When I look back at my posts from when I joined, I'm reminded of Country Yossi's song "Somday when You're older and much wiser, You'll realize how much you don't know." Baruch Hashem I continue to grow in prespective with the guidance of the amazing mentors, Rabbeim, and friends I made both on this platform and in real life. This is not to Chas V'shalom put down anyone or their legitimate opinion, but rather to encourage people: **If you see something that doesn't seem right to**

you, especially from an experienced guy on the forum, please don't hesitate to ask. Like R' Eerie says, no need to hijack the thread (Yes, I know what I'm doing here...), but there's a way to ask. We are all here because we want to grow and become better Oivdei Hashem. If you're not comfortable asking in public, PM. The mentors here have a wealth of experience and have probably forgotten a lot more Toirah then I've learnt. So please, reach out, no need for personal attacks. 1 more post BE"H elsewhere, and then back to hibernation.

In the immortal words of Rabbi Baruch Ber Yoffe in the Yated Shidduch Forum...

Kol Tuv.

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by Eerie - 12 Jun 2023 23:09

Oh wow, look who stopped by! So nice to see you...although by now you are probably back in your cave....

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I feel your pain. and have no words to add but tefillos.

Thinking of you and wishing you all yeshuos that you need bekarov!!! Enough pain for klal yisroel!

May we only share good news.

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Posted by Ki Sorisa - 19 Sep 2023 18:36

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Same. I feel so bad for you! Please dont give up, you are so amazing. From the darkest blackness come the brightest lights!

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married
Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 19 Sep 2023 23:05

No words....here is a hug and many tears

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