

Homosexuality

Posted by sbg - 09 Jan 2024 21:24

How do I deal with homosexual feelings at the mikvah?

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 10 Jan 2024 20:40

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by cordnoy - 10 Jan 2024 20:40

Although Mr. Cande may have written his posts in a confrontational manner (somethin' that somewhat is dear to my heart), I must side with his mindset this time. Mikvah is not an obligation nowadays; if the poster, who might be long gone by now, is questionin' that, he should most definitely be speakin' to his Rebbe and provide full disclosure. If not, he decided that he is goin' to the Mikvah. Although it is generally a spiritual endeavor, he decided to partake knowin' that it will excite him, and therefore asked: "how does one deal with his homosexual tendencies and desires in the Mikvah?" Mr. Cande responded: "How does one deal with his heterosexual tendencies and desires in a strip club?" Answer: Either he spends \$150.00 in the backroom, or he hightails it outta there and tosses and turns in bed until somehow he returns to a calm state.

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by crispy - 10 Jan 2024 20:41

[cande wrote on 10 Jan 2024 20:06:](#)

[redfaced wrote on 10 Jan 2024 19:41:](#)

No offense - but, dude relax.

@ refaced

how do i deal with sexual feelings in a strip club?

Perhaps you can make the same point while being more optimistic about his wanting to go to Mikva.

The way it was said sounded like a burst out on the whole mikvah thing.

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Posted by cordnoy - 10 Jan 2024 20:42

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Real life sucks - at times.

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 10 Jan 2024 20:52

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by cordnoy - 10 Jan 2024 20:58

[ainshumyeiush wrote on 10 Jan 2024 20:52:](#)

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Re: Homosexuality

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[ainshumyeiush wrote on 10 Jan 2024 20:52:](#)

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i dont have these struggles, i also dont go dipping, skinny or not. And maybe i will, Ive asked worse questions.

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by eerie - 10 Jan 2024 21:18

[redfaced wrote on 10 Jan 2024 19:41:](#)

[cande wrote on 10 Jan 2024 19:24:](#)

you olney have these feelings in the mikva??

~~then your creating your own issue, (These words are blaming)(you obviously dont even have the courage to take off your glasses. why do you think hashem created glasses for?)(These words are simply offensive, my dear friend)~~

~~who asked you to go to a mikva??~~

~~stay home, and if you want to feel holy pour ?' ???? on your self in your non homosexual bathroom.~~

My dear friend, I'm sorry for the challenge you face. Have you considered not going to the mikva? If the mikva presents you with a challenge, perhaps it is a place you should avoid. Ask a Rav, maybe 9 kav (AKA a shower) can be enough for whatever your visiting the mikva for?

No offense - but, dude relax.

Dear Cande, please see the above. I've given you a suggested way of writing so that you don't come across as offensive to some. Your point is that you think he should avoid the mikva, and you have valid point for him to consider, but you can write it a little differently, and skip the response to redfaced.

Keep k'nocking!

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by crispy - 10 Jan 2024 21:22

[cande wrote on 10 Jan 2024 20:25:](#)

Sorry if I came across too harshly.

?I understand that everyone is wired differently.

And I certainly respect the unique challenge of every tzadik on this forum.

Shteig away!

WOW, that's nice of you, and I apologize for my previous response; it was before I saw this one.

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Re: Homosexuality

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how do i deal with sexual feelings in a strip club?

All I was saying was relax - not that youre wrong

When you're in a strip club you should take you're glasses off - same as in a mikveh

With the lshem yichud

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by redfaced - 10 Jan 2024 22:01

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if the poster, who might be long gone by now,

I know the argument on the comparison, but I chuckled several times when readin' his valid point; it may not be a winnin' argument, but it is one to consider.

I chuckled too, since it was funny(even funnier because I had to check twice to see that it wasnt you who was posting -I mean, cande? who'da thunk) But, as mentioned many times times here there are new people who post here who disappear after a post taht is worded too sharply.

I shudder to think what would have happened had CO gotten scared off after he got his pajama

wearin' basement sittin' drasha givin' honesty smashin' welcome. lots of people would have lost out on a valuable source of chizzuk.

There is a right way how to respond and multiple wrong way .

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by yitzchokm - 10 Jan 2024 22:22

People who have SSA challenges need a lot of sensitivity, and even more so from people who aren't facing these challenges. They are generally misunderstood and to some extent they are dismissed and mistreated by many people, albeit sometimes unintentionally. People on GYE who have SSA want to be good and they are sometimes fighting a lone war. Even things that aren't offensive to the rest of us would often be extremely offensive to someone struggling with SSA. People who try to legitimize SSA have to be dealt with differently and our objective regarding them is to discern right from wrong but people who want to be better and are struggling need the approach I mentioned. It was nice that this was picked up by CO and others.

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by cande - 11 Jan 2024 00:32

[cordnoy wrote on 10 Jan 2024 20:40:](#)

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@cordnoy

seems you havent been there since inflation.

keep it up!

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Re: Homosexuality

Posted by cande - 11 Jan 2024 04:30

on a more serious note, at age should i let my kids start going to mikva?

P.S. most of my sexual abuse went down in the mikva!

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