

Jewizard21's Journey

Posted by jewizard21 - 21 Apr 2024 21:24

I don't know where to begin and my hands are kind of trembling while typing this but I guess I just have to start.

I am 21 and my problems with P&M since 12. I think I had urges and fantasies from around age 5 or 6 even though I didn't know what it was or what I was doing.

I got a hold of a tablet for playing games and watching YouTube. Then one day I looked up pictures.

I remember shaking and needing to stand up and walk around, I believe I was in shock, but then I went right back and started looking. I eventually started looking at videos. (I wish I could travel back on time and slap myself in the face and break that tablet.)

Already at age 13/14 I noticed what I was doing was wrong but didn't really care. What was it doing to me or anyone else. I also used M to fall asleep.

I then started going to yeshiva. I didn't have access to P but I was thoroughly addicted to M as well at the time and I would go home once a month and "restock" on P. I remember waiting to hear the snoring of my roommates so I could M. Others in my yeshiva also did P and M and talked as if it were normal. I thought to myself that I will stop when im a senior.

In the summer of 10th grade I went to Israel. I was clean for 5 weeks. Up until then I was doing M atleast once a day. I then thought to myself once back from Israel that I could just wait till I went to bais medresh in Israel to be clean and ill do all the P and M I want till then.

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Re: Me

Posted by jackthejew - 22 Apr 2024 17:27

[jewizard21 wrote on 22 Apr 2024 17:05:](#)

Thank you everyone!!

I dont know where to post this so I'll add it here.

One of my biggest fears is the question "Who would accept me and marry me?"

I have an extreme sense of longing for companionship and would love to get married but I am forcing myself to wait and overcome this nisoyon. I see couples and get jealous not of them specifically but of the ability to start dating and find that life long companion.

I decided that I will almost 100% tell the person that I intend to marry about my nisoyon.

This leads to my fear of Who would accept me?

BH I have read the few posts about dating on this forum but I still think about it sometimes.

I believe that Hashem has the one waiting for me so maybe I am being irrational about this fear.

Another problem about starting to date is that I dont have the means for a Parnasa yet. I am in college and will be done in about 2 and a half years. I hope the opportunity arisses that I can be over this nisoyon and start dating before graduation but I dont know how I would support a family.

I cant wait to share the life of my basheret and pray they wont be horrified by me for what I have done.

There is a sense of wanting to be open that leads to us wanting to just share everything, especially with a spouse. For many people, (Myself included) joining GYE was the first time we truly felt honest and were comfortable being vulnerable. But telling a potential spouse requires careful consideration. For some, it's the most necessary step and is crucial to entering any relationship, while for others it can C"V be a devastating mistake to disclose everything or even anything.

Women have a very different way of relating to the entire Parsha than men, and so the consideration doesn't just depend on how much of a good guy you want to be by not hiding anything from her. Rather, certain things she will not know how to relate to and process, and could be harmful for her entirely.

No two people are alike and the answer as to If, When, How, and How much will depend on the person. Your Rabbeim and mentors are crucial in this area.

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Re: Me

Posted by jewizard21 - 22 Apr 2024 17:36

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Posted by candé - 22 Apr 2024 20:19

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Thank you so much!!

proceed with caution, this is not simple @ all.

you are amazing!

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Re: Me

Posted by candé - 22 Apr 2024 20:32

why would you tell?

why would she be interested in knowing how many times you masturbated a day?

are you also going tell her how many times you go to bathroom?

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Re: Me

Posted by jewizard21 - 22 Apr 2024 20:38

For right now all I can tell you that it feels like the right thing to do. Doing what I feel like is the right thing to do is how I've gotten to this point in my recovery.

I will definitely think more into this question because it is definitely a serious thing that cant be answered by saying just because.

So in short, bc I feel it is the right thing to do. But I will get back to you

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Re: Me

Posted by cande - 22 Apr 2024 21:08

can i ask you a Q?

why would she marry if you tell your a P&M addic?

A women can not fully understand the scope of a male desire.

you want a girl thats also a porn addic?

you dont deserve that, dont punish yourself,

your a regular normal great guy with, a normal struggle that you wlii and can overcome.

just thinkin' out loud.

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Re: Me

Posted by jewizard21 - 22 Apr 2024 21:13

I'm still typing the response to the other question.

I dont think it would be healthy for me or her if we were both addicts

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Re: Me

Posted by jewizard21 - 22 Apr 2024 21:22

From what I have heard and believe from a lot of the dating shiurim that I've been to is that the basis of a healthy marriage is trust.

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This is nesicary going both ways. You need to fully trust the person you will marry and they need to fully trust you.

Here is also a selfish point. Before opening up to anyone and before recovery we are ppl that live 2 lives. The person we show the world and the hidden person we don't want anyone to know about.

The person we show the world is deeply affected by the person that is hidden away.

After opening up to someone and starting recovery we start to become only that first person. The only person that knows who you really are knows how that hidden part of you made you who you are as a whole.

How could you live with someone for the rest of your life without them knowing you as a whole?

I feel that it may even lead to resentment that they don't know what you've accomplished in life for them to not be an addict.

I will think about this a lot more but this is what I hAve on short notice

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Re: Me

Posted by doingtshuva - 24 Apr 2024 22:37

I think you should ask your Rabbi or a professional if its right and clever to share with your future wife your struggles.

Working on recovery before getting married is the best gift you can give for your future wife and family

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Re: Me

Posted by jewizard21 - 25 Apr 2024 01:54

I agree 100% and definitely will discuss it beforehand

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Re: Me

Posted by cande - 25 Apr 2024 02:10

lets play this out:

so ???? im ready to propose, just one thing i wanted to let you know since you/i love me so much,

im a porn attic and masturbate some times even twice a day, but no worries im gonna stick you in also, of course,

will you marry me?

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Re: Me

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Let's start with this: If you feel that you are constantly hiding your true self from your spouse, that will have a terrible effect on relationships, because there's no trust. However, if you open up about things that she can't understand or even process, it can hurt her and she may never trust you or any other man.

This audio, recorded by Rabbi Shafier specially for GYE, is designed for spouses of addicts. It was eye opening for me to hear how different the female perspective on sexuality is, and it highlighted how careful we must be and how much advice and guidance is needed in this area of disclosure:

guardyoureyes.com/GYEFiles/MP3s/Shafier/How%20Can%20I%20Get%20Past%20This.mp3

The idea in general is that **For someone who is clean and has moved on**, the past struggles don't define you. Sharing this **in cases where it isn't warranted** doesn't build trust, because it's like trying to build a relationship by regaling her with the story of your struggle to stop picking your nose in public at age 8.

A relationship is built through vulnerability in a **safe** way.

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Re: Me

Posted by jewizard21 - 25 Apr 2024 02:30

1st I would like to be clear that I am BH way past the point of everyday M and don't plan on starting to date till I am atleast 150 days clean. (I made up a number but it will hopefully be that or larger.) And when I do tell hopefully, I will be clean!!

2nd that is definitely not a way to break the news to anyone at all and especially a person you are dating. It is insensitive to how serious the topic is.

3rd Waiting till you are about to propose is a terrible thing to do. It could cause serious emotional trauma to her. That is why it is done not at the beginning but 100% not right before a proposal.

what happens C'V if I fall while married and she catches me? It would be indescribable to her. Hopefully this wont happen but if it does C'V then atleast there won't be total shock. (Again I have no experience in this matter but I am saying what I feel is the right thing and feel free to correct me)

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May I ask you what you think a marriage is?

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You posted this as I wrote a reply, so I didn't see it until after. Here's some possibly good news:

The first thing to know about addiction is that most guys on GYE aren't clinical addicts. Unless you have been positively diagnosed by a professional or an expert in this area, it's not something to jump to. And it might not depend on how long you've given in, or what specific acts you've done.

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