

Teshuva

Posted by healingsquirrel71 - 21 Aug 2024 00:17

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by freespirit - 21 Aug 2024 03:22

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Is it only porn or do you deal with masturbation as well. Try developing a close relationship with someone. It doesn't have to be intimate; mutual nudity can relieve a lot of stress. With a personal relationship you won't need porn, but you'll need to be dfiscreet. There are many people struggling out there. You need to find someone you're attracted to.

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by sammysmith - 21 Aug 2024 03:59

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Hey, good for you for waking up for your slumber! Youve come in contact with your true inner holy self, that wants to be free of all things distancing itself from hashem. Keep on listening to him. What do you mean by not frum anymore?

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by freespirit - 21 Aug 2024 04:09

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What do u

mean not Frum? Do you

Engage in prohibited sex? Many pple on here struggle with p and m. It's something we have to overcome. Best thing is to have a committed partner. P

and m come from loneliness. Nudity in a relationship w:o sex is better than wasting seed

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by healingsquirrel71 - 21 Aug 2024 05:08

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call me "OTD", or "liberal jewish" or whatever label fits

Re: Teshuva

Posted by yitzchokm - 21 Aug 2024 05:11

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[freespirit wrote on 21 Aug 2024 03:22:](#)

Boy are you a free spirit. You are already in deep trouble. You need urgent professional help. Become safe ASAP and keep others safe.

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Posted by yitzchokm - 21 Aug 2024 05:31

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Are you dealing with any other sexual struggles aside for P&M? If yes, it would be advisable to specify them without going into the little details that can be triggering to others so we can help you. People have come here after going to massage parlors and calling sex lines and many other things so no matter what you are dealing with someone else has already posted about it.

Each one of us on GYE is beloved by Hashem and he takes pleasure in every small step that we take in the right direction. Equally important and more beneficial is to know what we are losing out in our day to day lives on a personal non-spiritual level by watching porn. You will hear more about that in the Flight to Freedom program but I wanted to point out that becoming clean isn't just for spiritual reasons. It is a necessity for our regular healthy living as well. Wishing you success on your journey. Welcome aboard. Continue posting and sharing and make friends.

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by chosemyshem - 21 Aug 2024 13:37

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Primarily because lust is a human problem not a religious problem.

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by healingsquirrel71 - 21 Aug 2024 20:09

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Thanks for your reply! Yes, I have started the flight to freedom program and really like some of the tools I found, like urge surfing. I have started skimming battle of the generation, there is some interesting stuff in there for sure.

I am not dealing with any sexual struggles other than Porn, but just that by itself is a huge problem for me.

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by healingsquirrel71 - 21 Aug 2024 20:10

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[chosemyschem wrote on 21 Aug 2024 13:37:](#)

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by eerie - 23 Aug 2024 01:48

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getting clean

Hi! You are definitely in the right place, my friend! Stick around, read the forums, get to know the oilam, ask questions, and your very-genuine desire to kick these habits once and for all will take you far, BeH!

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Re: Teshuva

Posted by sammysmith - 25 Aug 2024 15:04

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Thanks! I have a very genuine interest in getting clean  
[healingquiner71 wrote on 21 Aug 2024 09:08](#)

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There is a space here for every Jew. Certainly ones that are on this holy journey.

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