

My journey, Trust Issues, Saw Sexual Abuse

Posted by Mikegtoday - 05 Oct 2021 10:42

I witnessed A very respected Yeshiva guy be intimate with 1 person (high schooler) and abuse many others emotionally. I later found out that he was actually intimate with over 10 high schoolers.

At the time, I was not sure what to do when I witnessed what I saw, my concern was ?telling the right person and that this person should be helped and kids saved.

?After a few months, as I saw the issue getting worse, I decided to talk to one of the most respected people in the yeshiva. He said and I quote "if there are no witnesses other than just you then there is nothing I can do about it, and he also challenged the validity of my story, as I mentioned it was a very respected Yeshiva guy who was doing this (I did not say the name, as I felt only to do so if he asked).

This Yeshiva guy was aware that I knew something was wrong, and to protect his name he made up lies and stories about me. He was very smart and manipulative, and realized that if he can get others to question me he would survive.

I went to therapists during this time, and to my dismay they did not believe me because the Rabbis did not believe me. It was so lonely,

so sad, angry, confused and lost basic trust.

Fast forward - the truth did come out, and he was intimate with a few High schoolers, and over 50 campers and teens felt emotionally abused and many left *Yiddishkeit*.

?It was real bothersome and became clear that other rebbbeim also knew and saw very similar behavior but decided for their own benefit of staying away and not getting involved ...

I began to question mesorah. If because of bias these people who were teaching me about gd, could not see what was very clear to them how could I believe their teaching about gd? Maybe

this too was taught with much bias??

I believe this anger, resentment, and feeling soo alone has triggered my *addiction*. I so much want to let go and forgive, but the remnants of this period of time keep on effecting me and triggering feelings which then increase and enable my need for *connection/my addiction* ...

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Re: My journey, Trust Issues, Saw Sexual Abuse
Posted by Mikegtoday - 07 Oct 2021 04:20

Thank you for taking the time and interest to comment, your care is appreciated - and so the example of Yosef - I can appreciate the amazing strength that he had ..

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Re: My journey, Trust Issues, Saw Sexual Abuse
Posted by Mikegtoday - 07 Oct 2021 04:23

Thank you for taking the time and interest to comment, your care is appreciated - I am interested in your experience using this site and what gave you the most chizuk

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Re: My journey, Trust Issues, Saw Sexual Abuse
Posted by ihadstringsbutnowimfree - 10 Oct 2021 15:03

Thank you for posting your story. I can definitely relate to some of the feelings you wrote about, even though the situation is different.

At the end of the day, you can be satisfied that you made the right decision. It may not have been the outcome that you wanted, but you still did the right thing. It doesn't take away the negative affects it has had on your life and those affected by the abuser, but you still did the right thing, and that's something to be proud of. You acted in the right way, even though others did not. So you're not just Yosef...you're Pinchas!

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Re: My journey, Trust Issues, Saw Sexual Abuse
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 07 Nov 2021 07:08

Hey just now saw this thread.

You are not responsible for what happened to those kids. It is the fault of the perpetrator and of the therapist/"rabbis" who didn't care enough about children being slaughtered in school.

I highly recommend going to therapy, unless you already are.

Hatzlocha

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Re: My journey, Trust Issues, Saw Sexual Abuse
Posted by anonymous.lost.everything - 07 Nov 2021 10:14

[Ish MiGrodno wrote on 07 Oct 2021 03:38:](#)

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I think you completely misunderstood the point. Fakers don't mean sex addicts and "proud carriers of the mesora", non addicts.

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The fakers are the ones who don't deal with the issues and the proud guys are the ones who do. The wonder was that even though some of them are dealing with the addiction themselves they still have the strength to stand up for what's right as opposed to the fakers who prefer to just ignore them.

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Re: My journey, Trust Issues, Saw Sexual Abuse
Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 07 Nov 2021 16:54

Thanks, WNGU.

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I think rabbi ALE misunderstood your post as a comment about Lustaholics, when you actually meant to simply stand up against anyone being negative to Yeshivaguy.

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