

it's been a while

Posted by 5770 - 12 Apr 2024 02:57

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dear brothers, after an inexcusable absence I need to come back and post regularly. This is my Day One

Thank you as always.

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Re: it's been a while

Posted by 5770 - 09 May 2024 18:44

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Posted by youknowwho - 09 May 2024 18:57

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Things were never quite the same after that, go figure

Wow. And you don't feel like you're falling apart at the seams from living a double life like that for so long?

To word the question a bit differently, do you dream of being able to get this off your chest to someone or have you made peace with it (Although I can't imagine how that's humanly possible, to me that sounds supernatural) ?

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Re: it's been a while

Posted by 5770 - 09 May 2024 19:31

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Posted by youknowwho - 09 May 2024 19:59

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[5770 wrote on 09 May 2024 19:31:](#)

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I would not term it as a "confession", that would irritate me too, for sure...rather what I mean to suggest, as you have certainly seen many times on this forum, is the concept of having a relationship with someone that understands you.

A person who's been there, done that, and maybe even still has his struggles.

A person you can experience the joys (and the downs) of life in an open, honest kind of way.

A person who you can be real and vulnerable to, a person who will not judge you for who you are.

In other words, a real friend.

Many have found this through this very forum, and it changed their lives in a way that very little else ever did.

Does this tickle your fancy?

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Re: it's been a while  
Posted by jackthejew - 10 May 2024 01:43

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Unfortunately, this resonated with me. Over the course of my struggles, I'd completely forgotten what happiness was like. The most I could hope for was a lack of pain. B"H things aren't like that anymore.

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Re: it's been a while  
Posted by 5770 - 12 May 2024 15:00

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that is very good to hear...

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Re: it's been a while

Posted by 5770 - 13 May 2024 22:55

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I can confirm that what's really lacking is the THRILL

OTOH I have my wife's honey-do list which is, well.... not quite as thrilling:grinning:

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Re: it's been a while

Posted by 5770 - 19 May 2024 23:12

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well and there we are.Back to square zero.

I love my free will. But I hate it.

My wife is now away, due to health issues. Possibly for months.

Please Hashem remove my free will and find an easy place to dwell within me.

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Re: it's been a while

Posted by redfaced - 20 May 2024 02:22

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Oish!!

That is so painful.

I wilbe davening for the two of you

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Re: it's been a while  
Posted by 5770 - 22 May 2024 01:47

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hey i do appreciate that

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Re: it's been a while  
Posted by chosemyschem - 23 May 2024 17:39

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Hey @5770 how's it going?

How's your wife doing?

I was thinking about your situation. Do you think it'll be helpful if you start a project while your wife is away? What if you threw yourself into woodworking (just to pick a random example) with the goal of building a table before she gets back? Being busy is one of the most powerful solutions, and now with her away it is a great time to get involved in something. [Perhaps ideally challenging yourself to complete a sefer is better, but you have to be honest about what will hold your attention. I'd recommend Chovos Halevovos (many English translations available) if you want a recommendation.]

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Re: it's been a while  
Posted by 5770 - 29 May 2024 22:00

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ah the wife is the same, unwell, exhausted and p-off with me.

i actually have a few hobbies that are fairly constructive. But I cannot really motivate to do them,

But I did download the English version of chovos halevavos and I will give it a spin and report back. Appreciate the tip!

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Re: it's been a while

Posted by 5770 - 06 Jun 2024 02:54

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Here is my enduring to-do list. Turns out while porn is the most devastating and antisocial "thing" or mine - it is by no means my only thing.

food

porn

anger

exercise

procrastination

timewasting

I think these are all types of addictions. None of them are under control.

I have over the years tried to track these items on a daily basis, with the overall result that I never actual go forward, but I always break even.

I know small changes over time give the best value, but I seem to undermine myself, one way or another.

Anyway, managed to do some exercise today and keep off the porn. Oh and , in good news I am not addicted to gambling so hurrah.

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Posted by 5770 - 06 Jun 2024 21:57

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well I think i will update daily here. Day 3. Ain't much, but it's a start!

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