Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 04 Aug 2020 05:33

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Dave M - 04 Aug 2020 12:51

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Welcome!  First of all, I also want to reiterate what you said:

***I am humbled and honored to be in the presence of such Giborei Koach, true warriors of Hakadosh Baruch Hu.***

I joined GYE a couple of years ago and the posts I read never ceases to amaze me.  This chevra radiates Kedusha.

As it relates to your struggle.  I have to admit that I am jealous of you.  B'H you have never "crossed" to the other side.  Once you start going onto porn sites, it gets **extremely** difficult to break the habit.  So even though, you are feeling the desire to "check it out", take it from someone who's been there and rues the day he ever went there.  Hold on tight.  You can do it! you'll breath big sigh of relief on your first day of zman.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Grant400 - 04 Aug 2020 17:31

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@yeshivaguy I PMd you. Do you know how to access that?

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Meyer M. - 04 Aug 2020 17:55

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Take it from any of us, it's not worth it to even look once...we all rue the day we did and it takes alot of energy and time to fight out of this mess. I would give you all my money to get back my life prior to opening the box.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 04 Aug 2020 20:00

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its just hard to imagine...

But I'm committed not to find out.

Bh I have gedarim, but it’s still hard because my home is full of unfiltered Internet.

but I’ve made it this far and will bezras Hashem make it.

shkoyach!

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 04 Aug 2020 21:53
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Trust the oilam here. DO NOT BE CURIOUS about this. Seeing this stuff even once will cause major damage rachmana l'tzlan! Keep your mind pure - and Hashem should allow for more bochurim to be able to say they have never entered the cesspool of pornography.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Meyer M. - 05 Aug 2020 03:26
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Have you had a discussion with your parents on the fact that you have knowledge of this issue?

Perhaps ask them if they would be willing to install filtered internet, I’m not in your house and don’t know if your parents are supportive of you or not but generally they are and they will respect you if you ask them to filter due to the addictions that arise from these situations.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Aug 2020 03:44

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Anyway, Shkoyach for the eitza.

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Aug 2020 03:56

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Grant400 - 05 Aug 2020 04:04

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The fact that you were comfortable to broach this subject with your parents says something amazing about both you and your parents. Halevai... halevai... everyone would be like you guys.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by wilnevergiveup - 05 Aug 2020 05:37

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You have awesome parents!

*Halevai* all parents should be like that.

I guess all that's left is for me to try to be that for my kids.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Dave M - 05 Aug 2020 14:03

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That's amazing!  Realize how special you!  You clearly have siyata dishmaya.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by Captain - 05 Aug 2020 14:04

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Wow!!! I feel so lucky to be part of the same nation as you!

(If you want some good resources to help you with this, please see my signature below.)

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Aug 2020 14:37

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Ya... it’s just that for the last year I’ve struggled with inappropriate movie clips on YouTube, and During this corona time I’ve seen pretty bad on YouTube, probably border line pornographic...

Though I’ve held back from porn sites, I know if I do that then it becomes way harder.

Im trying hard.

I thought by now (I’ve been home for almost 5 months) I would’ve been sucked in.

But the tide rises and it’s difficult. Gotta make it to Elul to return to Yeshiva.

The only way for me to not go on the unfiltered stuff is to just walk passed it, stay busy etc.

But I was worried I’d fall before returning to Yeshiva.

So I’m here.

And I thank you all for the chizuk and the support.

you are helping to keep me afloat.

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Re: Make it to Yeshiva

Posted by NathanfromNY - 10 Aug 2020 16:58

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I find it incredible that you have the power to hold back and the willingness to do so. Keep strong and like others have mentioned, you can't undo the damage one you see it. With out going into many details I was exposed to hard core porn at a very young age. How I wish I never was exposed. It actually reconditions your brain in your development as you go on in life. Sad that we live in a society that exposes us to so much garbage via movies, tv and social media, if you can hold off you will be so happy down the line.

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