

Group 196

Posted by the.guard - 09 Dec 2016 12:50

Hi Guys! Welcome to group 196. The members of this group are:

- quiet
- Mober
- hopeful
- shua73
- Happydays
- will Succeed Beh
- Jacobinthewomb
- LifneiHashem
- Baruch_Hashem
- vmoshe
- failedregent
- Shzal
- Hbowman
- AllForHashem
- new leaf See [this page](#) for more details on the goals of these groups.

For best chances of success, everyone needs to try and fulfill certain conditions. [See the conditions here](#).

So who will be the first to volunteer to lead this group? Post below and let's get the party rolling!

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Hatzlacha!

P.S. We are looking forward to hearing feedback from y'all about ways to make the group idea even better. Write to us please at: eyes.guard@gmail.com.

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Re: Group 196

Posted by cordnoy - 23 Dec 2016 14:37

My apologies. I wanna break a habit. I want a family dinner. I wanna learn with my son. I don't want a vacuum. I don't wanna wait. Nobody got the memo that there is change going on here. It's all about me. That attitude is the one that needs to change. And my friend, I am not picking on you. This was my life. I had my escape. I had my wants and desires. My wife wasn't following my fantasies of life. I was/am egotistical and a self righteous pig. The habit I needed to break was not the damn movies, but the damn self. That was what was broken. It took weeks and months and years to change the feelings and the hurt of the past. It is still a work in progress. Please think about this a little.....especially before responding. Please, I beg of you. Take it to heart. Yes, I may be way off and you are the most selfless person, husband, father in the world, but your posts (and perhaps it is your writing style) tell a different story. May you be blessed with joy, serenity, simchos, nachas and all the other good things.

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Re: Group 196

Posted by Baruch_Hashem - 23 Dec 2016 15:09

[Yosef Tikun HaYesod wrote on 23 Dec 2016 12:09:](#)

Again, dinner wasn't ready, the table wasn't clean,

nobody was there and waiting for me, when I came home.

Nobody gets it that we are operating on a better, upgraded system

of reality now, with the family eating together and spending real quality time together for the first 45 minutes to an hour after I come home every night. They have all gotten so used to the broken, bad system of behavior with everyone doing their own thing, that they are "caught off guard" when I ask where everyone is.

. . .

So, we were running very late. I was frustrated, but finally ready to start learning. First, my son says it's too late to start learning. I got so frustrated, I yelled at him (not proud of that reaction). Then, we finally started, and within the very first Mishna, we kept getting interrupted. My wife just wanted to ask him something, and then another thing, they are talking in whispers using hand gestures back and forth, as I read out loud the Mishna, and I got so frustrated, that I left the table. NO learning, no shalom bayis, but no computer, and no late-night either. I slept well, until I heard an animal on our roof at 5:00 in the morning.

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Good job on your new "upgraded system." It is impressive that you more or less upgraded the system over night. I don't think that it is fair, however, to expect everyone else in the family to flip the switch the same exact second that you do. It has been months (years?) since you made a special focus to family time and supper, you cannot expect that the minute you decide that you want it again, they will all be there waiting for you. You need to earn their trust again, they may need to see that you really are committed to this upgrade, before they get their hopes to high up and jump on board. Keep up the good work, **and** keep a positive attitude, creating a positive atmosphere in the home. When your family sees that you are really committed to this "upgrade" and desire quality family interaction, they will slowly come on board. Be patient and positive.

Hatzlacha Rabba.

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Yosef,

I do not know if you are an addict or not, but making amends with others is also part of the 12 steps. Good Job!

I wrote that sentence before I read **Cordnoy** and **BH** and what I am trying to say in a more gently way is that solving the addiction is only the beginning of the work. The 12 steps include taking a moral inventory. I myself work on anger management once a week with a therapist. (You mentioned anger). Speaking of anger management, less than a year ago, I had a very clean mouth. The combination of GYE forum not storing a post if your connection crashes + my weak connection encouraged some flowery language to come out of my mouth. I am writing this AGAIN in Word and am now pasting.

What I said does not take away from the kudos I gave you on previous posts. May we all be able and willing to change as quickly as you are

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Re: Group 196

Posted by will Succeed Beh - 24 Dec 2016 21:07

Hi Brothers, A Gut Voch & A Freilichen Chanuka

?How was the first Chanuka Lights by you?

By me it was amazing B"h, there was this Clean feeling.... sitting by the candles connecting to myself and to Hashem, trying to keep my little boy occupied at the same time, wonderful family time and wonderful Hashem time!!!

This Shabbes the old drives started to come up, in forms of old pictures and videos, B"h managed most times to steer my thoughts to other places, the thing that kept me in bay not to go in to the circles {i do want - no i dont want} was the amazing TaPHSiC Method program.

It was just by the Chanuka Lecht i realised why the YH went on to such an assault today! It was the last day chance to get me before Chanuka, imagine how i would of felt if i would of fallen after after working nearly a whole month on Clean Kislev Project - Lekoved Chanuka, just to fall 1 day before chanuka!!!!!!!!!!

i would have been Broke! (dont worry i dont think that the YH forgot me... he is still at work:imp:)

So somewhere this week i'll have to renew my Shvua, as it is expiring on Rosh Chodesh Shevat.

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Boruch_Hashem, thank you! I appreciated your post very much.

(You should know, that not everyone knows how to give mussar so that it will be received well):

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Posted by will Succeed Beh - 25 Dec 2016 14:06

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Well I've had times where some random guy in empty BM sit down right near me and starts learning loud and there is no reason other than he just is about as cognizant of his surroundings as the guy eating sardines on a crowded airplane. So I hope you only get situations where there's some explanation.

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Nobody should think I was calling anyone a thorn, chas v'shalom. Rather sort of meant imagine a thorn in the oso makom of your imagined destination. Alternatively, this whole lust addiction is like an annoying thorn.

I posted very vivid paragraphs in Motzai Shabbos post. Then I remembered seeing an even more vivid post on GYE years ago. I gained a lot from the post. By the time I left work to drive carpool and came back, the post was gone to my utter dismay. I could have learned a lot from it because I have similar (certainly not as bad as he did) struggles. I subsequently asked a moderator in person why the post was taken down. He said the GYE moderators did not take it down, but instead recommended to the fellow to withdraw his post for his own safety.

So then I replaced the incriminating words with _____.

Then I said, I have to care about myself more than GYE cares about its members so I removed the whole thing.

Let just say this. I was talking to a girl on Shabbos and I was visibly physically attracted to her (and if my wife was standing there, she would have noticed and beaten me up for it (physically and figuratively). Even without my wife I was a little self conscious and turned around with a English sefer hiding what was going on.

I see it did not make my definition of slip, but let's just say my hands subsequently made it to my pants below the belt.

Gruesome question for miketz: Why was Potiphar call Poti Phera? What does Nistares Meeilav mean? How does the sifsei chachamim further explain this to answer how he could have tashmish with his wife? I usually ask kids in shul parsha questions? In this case -- if they do not know the answer, I do not tell them. And no, I do not think I will be asking them the last question. And I the Am HAARETZ still do not understand: WHY WAS HE NISTARES MEEILAV? WHAT DID HE ACCOMPLISH EVEN IF HE DID LIKE YOSEF? WAS THIS A GENDER CHANGE OPERATION OF THE TIME? Would **YOSEF** think he was a female?

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