

Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse

Posted by Struggling in the UK - 24 Nov 2009 23:49

Hi

Too long a story to explain how I reached here. But b'kitzur, I'm married and in 30s with children kn"h. I managed to stay clean for just over two years. Then for certain reasons had a slip in July 2006 and since then have not be able to shake it off. I've tried a lot of different things and have driven myself mad. I even smashed my iPhone once to punish myself.

Anyway, I have bought a new laptop just over two months ago and - partly driven by my gashmius-loving attachment to my pride-and-joy new computer - had not looked at anything inappropriate on it. That's not to say I have been good because I used my wife's computer instead. However, having set up all manner of passwords that can never be got through short of reformatting my wife's computer, this morning I finally succumbed and misused my new laptop.

I am now devesated. First and foremost obviously because I am trying hard to overcome this problem. Secondly though because I feel I have now tainted my computer and feel like 'it' needs to go to the mikvah as much as me!! Is this totally insane? Has anyone else ever felt like this? I have been crazy all day about it wishing I could turn the clock back. I feel like I now have a 'dirty' and 'impure' computer.

Maybe this is me projecting my depression about my impure neshomo or impure eyes onto a third party. I don't know. But has anyone else felt this? Or am I just crazy? And what can I do about it? There is part of me wants to destroy the computer and another part wants to reformat it and start again but I know this is crazy and can't undo the aveirah I have done.

Please help

Struggling in the UK

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 26 Nov 2009 22:00

Welcome to the forum, Struggling in the UK.

Stick around here; you're on the right track.

It's great you can stay clean for so long.

And as you'll find out here, the struggle is about much more than staying clean or not.

A dry drunk can stay sober for years, but he's still a drunk.

We're working on ourselves so that lust just won't appeal to us anymore.

It's a process moving upwards, and it will have ups and downs.

Good luck.

--Eye.

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Ano Nymous - 27 Nov 2009 18:27

Regarding your feelings about your computer, I've had very similar feelings. When I got new earphones, I had the same thoughts (these earphones have never had porn played through them). When I did fall, with the new earphones/new computer, I had to try really hard to avoid giving up because the "seal" was broken on these objects. Of course, this is all just a trick to

make you worse. Why should it matter what object was used? If you use it now for good things (like this website), it shouldn't make any difference. Keep using this forum, and you'll find yourself feeling much stronger than you ever have before.

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Noorah BAmram - 29 Nov 2009 03:37

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There is 2 issues: if we look at the past "acting out" as a "sin" then as believing Jews, we believe b'emunah shliemah in the concept of Tshuvah. Which in our case is quite simple, we stop, we regret, we say viduy!! Then.....as a believer we know that we are in the eyes of the Almighty as a "new" person who never sinned! That's right the new you has no conection with the old guy!!

On the other hand if we view our past "acting out" as an addiction, then we are dealing with a sickness that needs to be treated. Period!!

Here are my 2 cents (or shall I say 2 pence
Again no need for feeling as a hypocrite and to throw out the computer! All we need to do is get treatment for our "lust disease"!!

but then again I've been hanging out here with Rabienu Guard and Rabienu
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My most heartfelt prayers for your success on the 90 day journey. Take us all along by posting

All the love in the world to a fellow warrior

Noorah the smallest from the house of Amram

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Struggling in the UK - 01 Dec 2009 07:22

thanks very much - it is really appreciated.

I am on day 7

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Struggling in the UK - 03 Dec 2009 18:51

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Kedusha - 04 Dec 2009 00:12

[Struggling in the UK wrote on 03 Dec 2009 18:51:](#)

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Tell her you're working on Shemiras HaLashon. It's half true! ;D

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse

Posted by silentbattle - 04 Dec 2009 01:01

First of all - keep on rocking! I feel so good to be part of a chabura of people like you, struggling and succeeding, able to get up after falls and succeed again!

I'm yeshivish, too. I would say, though, that regarding your feelings of hypocrisy - just the opposite. My personal feeling (although I could be wrong, and welcome other people's thoughts on the matter) is that any effort we put into improving ourselves spiritually will help us in other areas - and especially if it's in the same basic area. So your effort is helping you, at least a little.

Plus, you're doing your best to be makpid in one area, and falling in others - you're not going overboard with crazy chumros, you're doing something which lots of Rabbanim (although possibly not all) say is the absolute right thing to do. So look at it this way - even if you give in to one area, you don't have to let the Y"H take control of other areas, as well!

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Struggling in the UK - 04 Dec 2009 14:42

i survived a tough day b"H

now on day 10. Gut Shabbos to all

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by silentbattle - 04 Dec 2009 14:50

Sometimes you feel a little drained, but doesn't it feel good to be victorious after a difficult nisayon? And know that you've done the right thing, that Hashem is smiling at you?

Have a great shabbos!

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Struggling in the UK - 05 Dec 2009 17:37

I love Shabbos - no internet and therefore no test!!

However now, after Shabbos, I'm back at the computer already. 10 days gone, I need to make sure I make it to 11 though.

Motsei Shabbos is one of my biggest black spots. Children asleep, wife asleep, clearing done

and then temptation strikes. iy"H tonight I will be strong

Gut voch

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by the.guard - 05 Dec 2009 19:13

We're here for you... Read the handbooks, read [previous chizuk e-mails](#), read stories on the site, etc...

P.S. Do you have a good filter?

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by imtrying25 - 05 Dec 2009 22:02

Keep on rockin SITU!! Yeah i know all about those motzai shabbosim. But pull through brother.

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Struggling in the UK - 06 Dec 2009 00:03

About to go to bed. Ok so far!!

Guard - long story about the filters. As I explained in OP, my old MacBook which is now my wife's, has K9 on it and is linked to a deleted email account. So basically, short of formatting the machine, it is completely out of action when it comes to misuse.

That's what led me to use my lovely new MacBook Pro for bad things. (Thankfully hasn't happened since and it won't happen again).

Why don't I have K9 on it though? When the old MacBook was mine, I had K9 linked to an deleted email account. Then after a couple of months I had a box appearing in the top right corner every minute telling me to update K9. Of course I couldn't as I didn't know the password. It drove me mad!!

Luckily, about a fortnight after emailing K9 support they believed my tale and gave me a password. I was then able to update and remove the box. However, having a keen interest in the darker corners of the internet, I was soon back to old tricks.

Then I registered it to my work email which I can't access at home. This was based on the idea that I am not tempted at work and then when at night or on home days I was in the mood, there would be nothing I could do. Then one day, I was so tempted, I gave my work login and password to a colleague just so they could login to my work email and give me the temp K9 login. If that's not the yetzer hara at work I don't know what is.

Anyway, long and short of it is I don't know the best way anymore. I don't want that box coming up again. For the time being my desire to keep my computer clean - in every sense - has kept me on the straight and narrow

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Re: Depressed Over Falls / Computer Misuse
Posted by Kedusha - 06 Dec 2009 02:11

Struggling,

My wife has the password, and it's linked to her work e-mail account, to which I have no access.

You can do something like that, or you can contact GYE's filter gabbai.

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