

we will fight on the beaches
Posted by mzl - 28 Oct 2018 13:18

The battle line has been drawn.

I acted out because I can't keep victimizing my wife. For reasons that are highly classified and only visible to people who have access to the married forum, I cannot count on her. I have to abstain for the foreseeable future. I was going to throw in the towel but that feels like such a downer. I need to fight and fail if necessary.

I think g.sh.b.y. suggested I turn off my desire towards my wife too. I think it's not fair, and that is one key distortion to attack.

As Churchill said, we will fight on the beaches, we will fight on the landing grounds, we will never surrender ... This proves that normal people sometimes get into projects that have little chance of success, so it should be okay for me to do it too.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches
Posted by mzl - 09 Nov 2018 12:14

Yesterday I was thinking about my lady colleague. I used the poof procedure but I noticed it wasn't working. Finally I realized that I was thinking about her because she was in a vulnerable, cute state, and I was ashamed to face this, probably thinking that these feelings should be reserved for my wife. Also very possible that because these feelings were new I just didn't recognize them. When I explained this to myself in my head I was then able to use the procedure and it worked.

Both of these cases are documented in my thread on the poof method.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches

Posted by mzl - 09 Nov 2018 15:36

I looked at parts of her last night and used the poof procedure. It worked. The desire has been degraded enough over the last 12 days that I did not need to play videogames for the engagement part.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches
Posted by mzl - 11 Nov 2018 09:51

I came very close to acting out for various reasons over Shabbos, triggered by the usual, but the thing that struck me is that I don't have anything lined up which is truly engaging that I can use on Shabbos to execute the poof procedure.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches
Posted by Dovid824 - 11 Nov 2018 10:44

[mzl wrote on 11 Nov 2018 09:51:](#)

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I think I wasn't clear. I could really use an activity to use on Shabbos which is okay to do and also really engaging. See my thread on the poof method for more details. For example juggling oranges would be such an activity, but I can't juggle. It needs to be fully engaging (that's not so easy because I can think about things in the background, like when you are driving) and also available on a moment's notice. So when a new irresistible desire hits I can use the poof procedure to prove that the desire is a distortion of my brain. It needs to be done when the desire hits. I could be sitting at the Shabbos table. My thread below has a lot more details.

Thanks for replying ...

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Posted by mzl - 12 Nov 2018 03:22

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It has to be something which cannot be done while thinking about something else. Like when you almost spill a cup of coffee, for a few moments everything in your head gets put on hold. Videogames work well but I'd like to find something I can do on Shabbos.

Like a rubik cube, but more engaging.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches
Posted by mzl - 12 Nov 2018 14:43

I'm very upset because Markz sent me an email telling me that my posts on the forum are useless to myself and a burden to others. And he clearly underestimates what I know. Really annoying.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches
Posted by mzl - 12 Nov 2018 23:04

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Posted by stronger_today - 13 Nov 2018 08:36

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It's more like a hefsek ha das. So for example if someone took a swing at me and I had to duck

I was trying to think of some frustrating little game, like balancing an egg, something that requires complete attention.

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Posted by mzl - 14 Nov 2018 02:29

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in a hurry that would work. But of course that's not something you can plan

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Today was better B"H. Mood was stable.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches
Posted by mzl - 20 Nov 2018 15:33

I was reading a news story and I thought "maybe it's better if I don't read this" but then I chose to read it. Then I got a little turned on. Then I tried to use the poof procedure but I was just working my job and was still thinking about it deep down. Finally I had to break out my videogame so the procedure could work.

I think I could have saved myself a lot of aggravation if I had told myself "I cannot know for sure that this news story will be really sexy," then I would have chosen not to read it in the first place.

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Re: we will fight on the beaches
Posted by mzl - 22 Nov 2018 10:00

I recognized myself in this Rashi that describes Yosef's concern that Esav would look at his mother as they were approaching him:

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