

The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 12 Apr 2010 13:31

I had been 21 days clean till friday then i fell and i just fell again, I was doing so well, looking forward to being back with my wife after nearly a year without being with her properly (coz of sickness during pregnancy and post pregnancy), i should've been clean for nearly a month when the time comes but i blew it and I feel really bad about it.

as soon as pesach finished and the summer came i felt like a protective shield had been removed, i felt exposed and vulnerable and now i've fallen lower than I have for a while. How do i get started over again ? pesach and long cleanliness for my wife where incentives which I've lost.

some thoughts and chizuk would be greatly appreciated, thanks!

p.s just posting here and knowing that others are tackling this problem too is really helpful, thanks to you all!

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Posted by an honest mouse - 01 Dec 2011 00:01

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by ur-a-jew - 01 Dec 2011 00:17

[dov wrote on 30 Nov 2011 19:19:](#)

[an honest mouse wrote on 29 Nov 2011 22:48:](#)

Then tonight, i decided to compromise and give in on something with my wife and it was like the heating came on in my heart, i was reborn. and i just had to give her more, so i ran out and bought her a small treat i know she likes and now my neshomah is ablaze.

what a priceless gift...

\$50 says she saw it as no big deal.... :o

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Dov, you can make the check payable to Mr. Mickey Mouse, Disney World, Florida alternatively I'm sure that AHM will allow you to send it to GYE

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Re: The mouse being honest
Posted by Dov - 01 Dec 2011 05:32

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Re: The mouse being honest
Posted by Hashem Yaasfeni - 01 Dec 2011 14:26

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 01 Dec 2011 16:07

Dov, you're gonna need 10 days jury duty for this

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 01 Dec 2011 22:16

i'm moichel, nice comic strip uaj!

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 07 Dec 2011 14:28

bH I'm pleased to report I'm still marching in recovery, I've just now gone the 2nd longest amount of time without m*** & almost no lusting whatsoever in my life (aside from till age 11) - around 5 weeks. The longest time being around 50 days around the start of my marriage.

I feel now that my default has changed. It used to be that as long as i was with people and/or accountable somehow i would be alright, but as soon as i was on my own, i fell straight back to it. Now when I'm on my own, I don't fall straight into it - it has been like this for the last 5 weeks
bH - I get on with real life, enjoying some good new baruch levine music, learning, reading about gedolim or getting on with chores. It's a lot more fulfilling bH!

In short, I think somehow, what dov describes has happened. Instead of b'etzem wanting to unzip my trousers (US = pants) but trying really hard to keep myself in situations where it wasn't possible. I have now, over time with perserverance, prayer, support from recovery buddies and finding spirutually fullfilling enjoyment elsewhere, changed my life so that it is becoming one where i dont want/need to unzip my trousers (see above for translation) bH.

There is one issue I think I ought to sort out though. At work I don't have any accountability on my computer and there have been a handful of days over the last 5 weeks where I have slipped a little.

Does anyone have a suggestion what would be the most appropriate thing for me. I am but a simple employee, my computer belongs to the firm. I don't want to interfere with my firm's computer system/internet or have them realise that I have it really coz it will raise awkward questions. Something quite unobtrusive...

Thanks!

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Re: The mouse being honest
Posted by gibbor120 - 07 Dec 2011 15:00

I hear you on the work issue. The only filter I have at work is the one they impose, which is better than nothing, but if I *want* to find stuff, I can look at plenty of stuff that doesn't meet their definition of porn, but is still poison for me.

To quote dov, (I think). The only filters that work are the ones we don't test. If dov didn't say it, I am saying it.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by Dov - 07 Dec 2011 16:39

I can't use my computer for entertainment. Does that work for you? My curiosity is the greatest enemy I have, and the surrender of my curiosity is one of the main ways I connect with my G-d nowadays...and how I am growing up.

Does that help?

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 08 Dec 2011 16:47

I know exactly what you mean dov about curiosity. It has the potential to be the greatest asset and the greatest threat all at once. I think relinquishing that curiosity is a large part of emunah.

About the comp, i hear you - but even though that is the attitude to have and i do take that attitude as far as i can but it's so easy to get carried away in a split second, isn't it prudent to have the protection there lest you slip (rather than it being the essence of your recovery c'v)?

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by Dov - 08 Dec 2011 20:41

Yeah, 100%.

In the early years of sobriety I had a filter - and ended up looking at porn anyway. So I got rid of my internet at home completely for about eight years. Then we got internet at home again about two or three years ago, mainly for GYE. I did not have a filter at all, and had no problem whatsoever.

Clearly the only filter that is fool-proof is the one that is not tested.

But one day I realized that not having a filter makes me pretend that I do not need one. That I am safe and strong...which I am neither. So I installed K-9 on my laptop.

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B"H.

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I tested it.... that's how i got caught :-[.

Don't bother testing it, it doesn't work :-[.

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