

close call venting

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 27 Apr 2010 17:10

I just had a close call and feel i need to just write it down for some reason. i was on a computer with no filter and than i was about to type in a website for p**n and suddenly i realized what i was doing and with no thought what so ever i just bolted away from the computer as fast as i could and now i am on a filtered computer huffing and puffing and hurting just a little bit for my quadricep sprain. but i am ok for the time being. i just am quite proud of myself and hope that is something i could do again if need be. i really hope there will not be a need though!

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Re: close call venting

Posted by briut - 30 Apr 2010 03:03

[silentbattle wrote on 30 Apr 2010 00:26:](#)

You gotta be careful wih nedarim and the like - very easy to get into a very negative mode with them.

Negative mode? You mean, compared to having unfiltered net at home and either falling or driving yourself meshuga about falling?

I could see the 'aveira' argument about a neder, hence I'm sorta kidding about doing it for real. But in shaas hadchak I'd rather be oiver the neder than oiver the P&M issues. Just a thought.

AND CA (ORIGINAL POST-ER) -- I'M NOT JUST TALKING TO SB HERE: I THINK I'M ADDRESSING THIS TO YOU, TOO.

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Re: close call venting

Posted by frumfiend - 30 Apr 2010 04:20

Not only can nedarim cause a lot of negativity but so can filters. You are giving up the struggle to the filter. The war is fought in the heart.

Everyones struggle is in different areas but in my struggle if I put a filter tomorrow I will fall.

Frumfiend

P.S when I put a filter it will not be because I feel I will fall without it. It will because hashem wants us to remove opportunity for sin even if we will not fall.

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Re: close call venting

Posted by silentbattle - 30 Apr 2010 06:03

Reb Frumfiend - I hope that you're able to see that that logic isn't coming from your yetzer tov.

Now of course, you can't expect the filter to do the job for you. But it does give you a little more space, and make the battle easier, so that you can grow without having to watch your back at the same time. And even at times of weakness, a good filter can stop you from falling.

Briut - I agree with the necessity for filters. However, when it comes to nedarim, that path can lead to some very sticky things - like people who make a neder, and say that if they fall (or they don't put on a filter), they won't eat certain types of food, or they'll donate a certain amount of money to tzedaka. And the result of that is that 1) you're using a punishment, which doesn't work as well as you might think, and 2) you're punishing yourself, which very often takes the place of real change. It's a lot easier to feel really guilty, and give some money to charity, than it is to actually stop doing something which is very tempting.

Now, I'm not saying there's never a place for that - I'm just warning that there's a lot of danger to

it. I'd recommend setting a deadline here, and then coming back before the deadline and telling us how it went when he addressed the issue.

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