

Shalom Aleichem

Posted by NeuroYair - 22 Dec 2011 05:42

I hope everyone is enjoying their Chanuka. I just signed up for the forum and am already very pleased with my decision. Looking forward to sharing and growing together. Hatzlacha rabba and kol tuv to one and all.....

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by NeuroYair - 12 Jan 2012 04:52

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by tehillimzugger - 12 Jan 2012 13:19

[NeuroYair wrote on 11 Jan 2012 05:21:](#)

I'm still looking for some eitzos or empathy....

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAD THE ZECHUYA

TO KNOW OUR REBBE ZECHUSOI YAGEIN ALEINU

HE ALWAYS TAUGHT US

"FELL SHMELL KEEP ON TRUCKING"

WE ALSO HAD THE ZECHUYA

TO HEAR FROM HIM

"MY TRUCK AIN'T GOT NO REVERSE"

WE DON'T DWELL ON THE PAST

WE LIVE LIFE.

YOU HAVE A STORY

WE ALL HAVE A STORY

NOW WE DRIVE TRUCKS

THAT'S IT

want a muffin?

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 12 Jan 2012 14:15

Hello NeuroYaer,

Unless I am mistaken, I don't think you got one of these welcome packets yet:

Welcome to our community, you have finally come home!

Once you've arrived, there's no turning back. Everyone here will just grab a hold of you and pull you up with them!

[GYE Program in a Nutshell](#): *(Right Click the link and press "Save Link/Target As" to save the PDF file to your computer).*

'Guard Your Eyes' offers a unique approach to helping people by recognizing that there are many different levels in the struggle for "*Shmiras Ainayim*" and "*Shmiras Habris*". After studying the experience of hundreds of religious strugglers over the past few years, we put together the suggestions and recommendations that we feel are best for the various levels. We divided the tools, features and services that GYE offers into 8 different levels. This "[GYE Program in a Nutshell](#)" can help people quickly identify at what level of the struggle they are at, and which tools and features would help them most at their particular level.

Here are some quick things you can do to help you jump straight into recovery:

We're all in the same boat here. *Tzuras Rabim Chatzi Nechama*

1) Make sure to install a strong filter. It will be almost impossible to break free of this while having all the garbage within a mouse click away. See [this page](#) for one good filter option, along with instructions on how to install it best – and give away the password to our "filter Gabai"... See [this page](#) for another 20 (or so) filter ideas and information... We also **highly advise** installing "Reporting Software" such as [webchaver.org](#) to give you some accountability,

because filters alone are usually not sufficient and they can often be bypassed.

2) Join the [daily Chizuk e-mail lists](#) to get fresh chizuk every day.

3) Scientific studies have shown that it takes 90 days to change a neural thought pattern that was ingrained in the brain through addictive behaviors. Did you join the [90 day chart](#) on-line? Sign up [over here](#).

4) Post away on this forum! You will get tons of daily Chizuk and support. This disease can't be beat alone. It works best when you **get out of isolation!**

5) GuardYourEyes also offers many free anonymous phone conferences where you can join a group of other from Yidden, along with an experienced sponsor. See www.guardyoureyes.org > Tools > Phone Conferences for many different options. Our conferences are taking place every day, morning, noon and night... Joining a phone group would be a tremendous step in the right direction for you and help you learn freedom from this addiction. Not only will you learn the secret of the 12-Steps – which is known to be the world's most powerful program for beating addiction having helped millions world wide, but the daily call will be another way of GETTING OUT OF ISOLATION and connecting with others who are going through what you are.

6) If you need more general guidance, write to our e-mail helpline at gye.help@gmail.com or call our hotline at 646-600-8100.

7) Download and read the "[Guard Your Eyes Handbook](#)". This handbook outlines the GYE approach in detail, and makes our network much more effective and helpful for people. **The handbook has two parts:**

A) The first part, "**Attitude & Perspective**", details 30 basic principles to help us maintain the proper attitude and perspective on this struggle. Here are some examples: Understanding what we are up against, what it is that Hashem wants from us, how we can use this struggle for tremendous growth, how we can deal with bad thoughts, discovering how to redirect the power of our souls, understanding that every little bit counts, learning how to bounce back up after a fall, and so on and so forth...

The second part, "**The 18 Tools**", detail suggested tools and techniques, in progressive order, beginning with the most basic and fundamental approaches to dealing with this addiction, and continuing down through increasingly earnest and powerful methods. No matter what level our addiction may have advanced to, we will be able to find the right tools to break free in this handbook!

May Hashem be with you!

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 12 Jan 2012 14:23

Hello NeuroYaer,

I read your story and especially identified with the part you wrote:

I'm emotional, need support, validation, etc. I don't trust my decisions because they've betrayed me time and time again.

For me, I think the most damage I have suffered from this addiction is that, in pursuit of lust, while living in fantasy instead of reality, I became completely disconnected from real people and real emotions.

A key for recovery I have found is, "increase your awareness of your perceptions and motives," which is something I learned from Duvid Chaim's 12-step phone conferences here. Instead of struggling with lust, I have been able to take a few steps back. I feel my struggle today is more about dealing with those emotions which compel me to lust, and finding healthy ways to deal with them.

I've written a bit about all this recently in my thread; feel free to drop by, you might find it helpful.

Wishing you lots of success,

Elyah

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by 613mevakesh - 12 Jan 2012 14:53

Hello everyone, I'm just starting to wet my feet on these forums. (I just started the thread "READY OR NOT HERE I COME!!!" on "introduce yourself").

Everyone is spoke about a "good outlet" earlier in this thread, like playing an instrument.....

When I was starting high school I started to play an instrument. I actually did it Lishmah because I was also the only one home (I'm the youngest) and my boredom "assisted" My addiction very much. I B"H had amazing success playing and I always felt that I got a special siyata dishmaya because I was consciously doing it for a good cause. Music became a major part of my life. I played at quite a few weddings and probably a thousand kumzitzes and another thousand "jam sessions."

Maybe I'm doing something wrong, but I still worsened my addiction as the years rolled by. And here I am at GYE! I'll never really know, but maybe my addiction would be a lot worse had I not taken on other outlets.

My gut feeling is that outlets only help the situation when you are also working on the addiction properly through a program like GYE, which I'm now starting but otherwise the problem will still continually get worse.

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by gibbor120 - 12 Jan 2012 15:48

[NeiroYair wrote on 12 Jan 2012 04:52:](#)

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Sorry to be blunt. Let me know how you like the shiurim.

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Re: Shalom Aleichem
Posted by gibbor120 - 12 Jan 2012 15:50

Hamevakesh, no one is saying that having a hobby is a cure. Just that, the more time you have filled with positive activities and are not idle, the better.

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Re: Shalom Aleichem
Posted by 613mevakesh - 13 Jan 2012 00:32

Hi there gibbor120 or anyone out there!

Does anyone know how to set up an accountability partner? I think I can use one. Also, is there any way to get started with the twelve steps? I think that all the groups are well underway already.

any suggestions?

Thanks

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Re: Shalom Aleichem
Posted by 613mevakesh - 13 Jan 2012 01:55

Also on a positive "**note**"

I heard a great vort once, that the beauty of music is always brought out by by the sruggle that the strings or the reeds etc. have going back and forth. When the the strings stop and the struggle ends, so does the beauty of the music!

This is just like our time on this world, what Hashem finds beautiful is when we struggle and fight to do his will and keep from doing aveiros. If the struggle wouldn't be there it would be like the music stopping! The music of our struggle for Hashem would be gone!

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Re: Shalom Aleichem
Posted by Eye.nonymous - 13 Jan 2012 07:52

[hashemavakesh wrote on 13 Jan 2012 00:32:](#)

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I have been on the Duvid Chaim calls and people have joined in even near the end of the cycle; they can manage to catch up, or at least get whatever they can and then fill in the missing pieces the next time around.

--Elyah

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Re: Shalom Aleichem
Posted by 613mevakesh - 13 Jan 2012 20:33

Thanks Elyah.

I listened in already to couple of the night calls (by Shlomo, I think) and I felt a little lost. I also couldn't get the courage to actually introduce myself in the group yet. Maybe some time soon.

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Re: Shalom Aleichem
Posted by NeuroYair - 15 Jan 2012 03:15

[hashemavakesh wrote on 12 Jan 2012 14:53:](#)

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It's especially tricky with this specific Yetzer Hara because the gratification is so 'instant' l'tza'areinu harav (to our great sorrow). So you could be productive and occupied 99 % of the time and then.....r"l.

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by NeuroYair - 15 Jan 2012 03:17

[Eye.nonymous wrote on 12 Jan 2012 14:23:](#)

I've written a bit about all this recently in my thread; feel free to drop by, you might find it helpful.

I'm on it. Thanks for your responses....

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Re: Shalom Aleichem

Posted by NeuroYair - 15 Jan 2012 03:20

Sorry, but what was it called and what area of the forum is it in?

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