

My Story - Thank Gd

Posted by Markz - 17 Sep 2015 00:27

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Hi guys!

(Please see my share lower down at end of page 1)

I've been wondering if people with weak communication skills as I have are more vulnerable to the lure of pornography (See [this link](#) for example), and if unique non-standard steps would be suggested for us to get out of S\* addiction.

BH I have a great job, kids...

I also have a good therapist, but have been hesitant to ask about this yet.

I'd love to hear feedback from anyone familiar with the topic. ZemirosShabbos? You mentioned it some time back [HERE](#)

Thanks

Mark

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd

Posted by lionking - 27 Dec 2017 19:36

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I think he meant to say it always as in all times including nidda...

Btw my Rebbe didn't teach me anything about what I should say. You can only take a horse to the water, you can't make him drink...

p.s. Did your Rebbe teach you to say thank you after dinner?

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd  
Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 27 Dec 2017 19:43

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[ieeyc wrote on 27 Dec 2017 19:26:](#)

[MayanHamisgaber wrote on 27 Dec 2017 18:05:](#)

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Posted by ieeyc - 27 Dec 2017 19:44

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Posted by ieeyc - 27 Dec 2017 19:54

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 27 Dec 2017 20:33

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By the Arabs the bigger the burp the better the compliment

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd

Posted by lionking - 28 Dec 2017 04:49

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It's an expression, meaning there is only so much you can help or train a person, the rest he got figure out on his own...

I got married over a decade ago so perhaps there is a new trend in Chussen Shiurim which I am missing. However it reminds me of a joke some batchen once repeated about this shlimazel which always messed up every bshoa (in house date) he went on. One day the Shadchan sat down with him and trained him every step of the way. Finally after a few trail runs, the Shadchan felt confident that this time he got it right.

At the bshoa there was a large vase with open handles. The boy stuck his hand through the handles in order to give Shulem...

When the Shadchan asked him about it, he explained that he was never taught not to do that...

Somethings cannot be taught...

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd  
Posted by lionking - 28 Dec 2017 05:07

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BTW, I totally recommend Gary Chapman's book, The Five Languages of Love. There is more than one way to express love.

Hatzlocha Rabba

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd  
Posted by Markz - 10 Jan 2018 23:56

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd  
Posted by Akevin - 11 Jan 2018 00:41

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Hi Markz - I am not sure if you are looking for a solution to this relapse episodes. I've been in the past experiencing the exact same struggle and felt into the exact same traps. Namely, Starting off with a clean video, and slowly slowly sliding until hitting the point of no return. It almost feel like "Unintentional Sin" like if its happening beyond our control.

It's good to say that, and a good trick to stay out of depression which can only makes things worse...

But in reality they are practical solutions which can help tremendously.. They've helped me, and still are...

You see, the worse part about this "tubing clean videos" (as you call it) is that its a slow process that results in the same devastating outcome. And I always use to say to myself, not only I wasted semen (reproductive fluid) but I also wasted 2 hours of my life. Whereas other people go straight to the point and wrap up the same sin in 5 minutes!

Here's what I came up with:

- I came to the realization that time is the most precious commodity I have, and if you don't believe so, or you have a lot of free time, you should pack your schedule to have close to Zero free time, because this is my #1 enemy. Free time leads to Boredom, and Boredom leads to sin.

I then adopted numerous other rules such as:

- Not allowed to be on my phone while in bed, even watching "clean videos"
- No phone in the bathroom

I basically learnt how to not trust myself. And I feel so strong. I have more rules but lets take it easy

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd

Posted by Hakolhevel - 11 Jan 2018 00:53

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Markz. We are here for you chaver. Although I don't know how much that means to you as you know me as hakolhevel .

P.s if you want my advice

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd

Posted by Hakolhevel - 11 Jan 2018 01:13

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[Markz wrote on 08 Jan 2018 18:08:](#)

[iampowerless wrote on 07 Jan 2018 19:37:](#)

Hi everyone i have a scary question which is scaring me i see 2 types of people on GYE there are some who quit for really long periods of time some even over 200 days but then they relapse and don't seem to be able to get back up, others once they reach such high numbers they never look back they just keep on climbing to unbelievable numbers how do i make sure to be part of those as opposed to the other ones? it's a really scary thought reaching 200 days and then falling, even though i'm sure god is proud of what he did. Still it's got to be really depressing

And I 'relapsed' after 600 days and BH am doing well (I think)

The answer to your question is;

People are not made of lego. We are human. Each man has his own story like no other. Many have childhood abuse and there's many other factors

This why what works for 1 won't work for a different guy. For example calling a chaver doesn't make everyone sober. It helps a few, and many more as a stepping stone...

So stop worrying about relapse, get on the Truck and *Make today great again!!*

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Posted by Workingguy - 11 Jan 2018 01:27

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I don't have YouTube anymore because there's no way I'd survive with it. Way too many "kosher" things I want to see that would send the lust flying. It's boring as hell, but I don't see another way. YouTube is amazing and endless- the stuff you can see there without being on a porn site is out of control.

Would you think about no YT?

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd  
Posted by lionking - 11 Jan 2018 01:38

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P.s if you want my advice

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Re: My Story - Thank Gd  
guess you don't know which lego videos I tend to watch  
Posted by Honking - 11 Jan 2019 02:09

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Thanks for the mention. I can totally relate. Even tough I have moved on from videos for the most part. Never really was a youtuber, I still have certain clean activities which I do every few weeks, that lead to a fall slowly over time.

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I second that. I need a no phone in the bathroom chart.

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