

My Story

Posted by AvigdorBenYisroel - 03 Jan 2017 01:50

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In a nutshell, lotsa struggle with p&m, getting married, thinking that divorce is my only option. Constantly needing a fix, constantly breaking barriers and crossing red lines just for the thrill of breaking them. Then needing to break them again, just because... well, you guys all know the story.

GYE came into my life when I was 19 and saved my life. But then I began to feel ok and started coasting along, I was ok, a fall here and there never hurt anyone, especially if I could fix it right away by giving someone else "chizuk".

Then I got married and suddenly it wasn't ok anymore... and then all of my different double lives sort of collided and I was forced into SA.

My life changed through working the 12 Steps. Maybe I'll give specific examples in the future.

But after a while I wasn't happy in SA, I felt I was wasting my life trying to maintain my sobriety and wasn't doing enough to grow spiritually in my "positive" sobriety.

That's when I discovered my Rebbe Rav Avigdor Miller zt"l and the growth is immeasurable. My wife says that I'm not the person she married, rather a much improved version.

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Re: My Story

Posted by Realestatemogul - 27 Sep 2018 03:25

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Some really great stuff here!

I think Cordnoy really agrees about the teshuvah point. Cordnoy correct me if I am wrong... Just when your living such a real and true life like I am sure after four years of working the program Cordnoy is, then teshuvah is also so real that it takes a lifetime and means an honest to Hashem work through of the steps of teshuvah that manifest itself in being so close to Hashem that you actually feel disgusted and embarrassed by previous actions. I know personally while I am making big strides in working on these areas I also feel like its not my fault and I am just doing the best I can. Real Teshuvah should involve me taking full responsibility for my actions.

Also still want to hear a response about when the program comes before religion...

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Re: My Story

Posted by cordnoy - 27 Sep 2018 04:04

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For the record, no.

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Re: My Story

Posted by Realestatemogul - 27 Sep 2018 04:45

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Not even close, huh?

So do you think you are no closer to repentance than four years ago?

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Re: My Story

Posted by mzl - 27 Sep 2018 12:16

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[Realestatemogul wrote on 27 Sep 2018 04:45:](#)

Not even close, huh?

So do you think you are no closer to repentance than four years ago?

It's just counterproductive to view change as teshuva for people who internally spit on themselves for desiring things like p\*\*\*

But I think the problem is in people's brains. HKBH probably views teshuva as enlightened self

interest, because He's so rational, and because He has tremendous respect for what we think.

I hope that was intelligible somehow, I'm going to stop now ...

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Re: My Story

Posted by cordnoy - 27 Sep 2018 13:26

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[Realestatemogul wrote on 27 Sep 2018 04:45:](#)

Not even close, huh?

So do you think you are no closer to repentance than four years ago?

Il did ?????? (mainly).

I have ????? (somewhat).

I havel said ?????? (but I did more cryin' when I was actively pornin').

I have not been ?????? (more than the next hour).

I don't really have the ????? and ??? for the ??????.

I like the place I'm in though, and I can't afford beatin' myself up regardin' the past.

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