

**MY PATH TO SANITY**

Posted by lionking - 23 Apr 2017 17:35

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Hi Everyone,

I have just registered as a new user since I wanted to really start a new leaf. I have been in and out of GYE for the past 5 years. For the most part I've been a lurker with approximately 70-80 posts in that timeframe. I feel like I can use a new identity which hopefully can inspire a real change within me.

I really don't need any standard introduction packages which are usually sent to newcomers, since I've been here browsing through the forums for years. Before I share my story, I would like to thank a bunch of members for their inspiration and especially cordnoy for his honest down to earth posts which are a great inspiration to all of us.

First a little background about me, I aspire to be a Chassidishe Yingerman in actions and spirit not only in affiliation. I'm currently happily married with kids for close to a decade. I have been introduced to sex and porn when I was a small child of about 10-11 by some classmates. Being that I never had a close personal relationship with anyone, I never shared this with anyone. I was too scared to open up to my Parents about it. I became accustomed (addicted?) to masturbating and occasionally looking at porn. I must end this post now, this is too much sharing for one sitting. I'm afraid if I keep going I'll press the cancel button instead of submit. I will try to keep posting and truckin'.

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**Re: MY PATH TO SANITY**

Posted by i-man - 14 May 2018 04:16

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I had a similar scenario a few weeks ago, I deliberated and determined as follows : The 90 day chart is a tool ( not necessarily effective for some but very effective for others, as well as in differant ways) to help me stay clean - it really can only work with self honesty , in fact any path on this road requires self honesty, with that being said even if I am leaning more toward it being considered a fall , knowing myself I know that I strongly risk going all the way down if I have to restart the count, that would kind of be me using this tool against myself !

Hatzlacha keep ROARING

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**Re: MY PATH TO SANITY**

Posted by lionking - 14 May 2018 11:19

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY  
Posted by Markz - 14 May 2018 12:12

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Thanks for the post. It must have been hard.

But I assure you, you didn't report everything.

What's going on with you brother?

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY  
Posted by lionking - 14 May 2018 13:09

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Posted by Ihavestrength - 15 May 2018 02:52

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Each person needs to figure out what's right for them at the current time. In the past, app-killing was helpful for me. Then it just wasn't.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 15 May 2018 10:16

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I'm not going to get in to a discussion whether filters are helpful or not. It is an extremely personal question which requires shikul hadaas and qualified outside opinion to make such a decision.

So now the only filter I have is for my air conditioning. Actually, I lied. I don't have AC

In general, the consensus of the Rabbonim is that filters are required. There is a lot of exceptions to the rule, however one should speak to a Rebbe, Mentor, Therapist, or Sponsor before making such a decision.

Personally I find that filters are not helpful for me. However I don't view it as filtering or restricting, rather I view it as not having easy access. Not leaving any open bottles around for me to grab while I am drunk.

For example, in the past I had a filter on the browser. I was constantly trying to break out and I was (un)successful. It was a constant cat and the mouse chase. Now I don't have a browser installed on my phone. I have my 300 something apps for all my needs and that is it. (Thank God, GYE has an app!)

**Warning: Spoiler!**

99.9 percent everything is fine.

Again everyone should do what works for them.

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Posted by lionking - 16 May 2018 02:14

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Posted by i-man - 25 May 2018 05:54

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As usual the GYE PUNdit is on the markz

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 27 May 2018 11:49

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Markz, I really appreciate you coming around to say hello to me. We spoke on the phone and I was expecting a huge thug from Mother Russia to come over and force some Markz'ism down my throat.

Instead I get to meet this really nice Frum Yungerman who is a real gentle soul.

B"H last week, there was a lot going on in my life. A lot of it was positive, some not so much.

I accepted a challenge to do an activity which goes against my nature. It kept me very busy B"H, and was a good experience to get out of my comfort level.

I'm trying to accept Hashem's will on the not positive stuff. It is not easy. It is much easier to accept that Hashem is in control when everything goes good, However when people are sick or die, it is more of a challenge.

B"H I need to be grateful that both of those were not in my family, they were close enough for it to affect me.

Hatzlocha Rabba!

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 05 Jun 2018 13:09

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I haven't updated my thread in a while. I have had some good and bad times since last post. I ended up looking at porn and masturbating about a week ago. It was a little of a let down, however the prior two weeks was extremely stressfull and I was running on adrenalin, until I fell. So in one way, it was a wake up call to take care of myself.

B"H, I am doing much better these days. I finally started speaking to real people. Got my phone a little better restricted, which is a complicated matter for me. Too much restrictions, and I am itching to break through, which has happened in the past. Too little restrictions, and I don't need to break through. I think I found my happy medium.

Yesterday I was stressed out at work and had the ability to check out some porn. I'm not going to claim I didn't even have the desire to look at porn. It was there strong and kicking. Instead I took a nice walk outside to air out my brain a little.

Last night I noticed how deeply rooted this issue is. I was up a lot with my baby. Pretty frustrating to be woken up every 45 minutes.

At about 2am, I get on to my phone and opened up Google maps to see what I can find on street view... After a few short minutes, I caught myself. "*What are you doing?!*" I B"H stopped right away and went back to sleep.

I got a long road ahead of me, but looking forward to the journey.

Hatzlocha Rabba everyone!

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