

MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 23 Apr 2017 17:35

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 lionking - 31 May 2023 13:37

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My friend, of course that's success! The fact that you've been struggling for years, hey, that's the human condition to a certain extent. And you yourself admit that you've come a long way, so what's the question, of course that's success! Keep on trucking, my holy friend!

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Hey, S/O from me too!

I also joined when bedtime was becoming an issue. At first I thought that would be the end of my 'nightlife' activities, it didn't quite happen that way. But when I rocked up half an hour late after going to bed at 2 (instead of 4) and my chavruso had been waiting after having arrived on time more or less straight from the airport, it sure became a motivation to get to bed on time.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 01 Jun 2023 05:03

I never heard of Kollel Ohr Shmuel. Mornings is tough. Will try to find a chavrusa.

I already missed my deadline tonight. Wasn't feeling well and went in for a nap late afternoon. Needed to go out now to some simchah's and daven marriv.

Overall my day was mostly ok, except for a few minutes on the street, when I let my eyes wander a little.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 04 Jun 2023 03:49

Got Voch everyone,

Thursday night I made it to bed before my deadline, but was in a very sad mood due to hearing some difficult stories. I couldn't sleep and ended up masturbating late in middle of the night.

Shout out to HakolHevel for texting me in middle of the night but I didn't see it until the morning.

Friday I had a busy day but managed to stay sane.

Shabbos was ok. Was feeling a little down and out of sorts over Shabbos.

Trying to document my journey even though it's hard for me to post.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by Eerie - 04 Jun 2023 09:00

Your honesty and bravery are an inspiration for us all to own up and be real with ourselves.
Keep it up, my friend!

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Ya know what? You're absolutely right!!

Especially since my day is turning out to be exactly like the sentiments expressed in your new avatar...

Poof, I'm gone!

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 07 Jun 2024 21:50

Thanks everyone that responded or acknowledged my message.

I guess I predicted myself. I acted out last night. Was in a extreme rotten mood and wired up so couldn't sleep, was desperate to act out and finally found something to read which I was able to access to act out with. I felt a little like I was possessed by something to get my release.

Still not feeling well today. Went to the doctor and got medication. Hopefully I can snap out of this quickly.

On a positive note, B"H I was very successful on the street today and did a decent job with my thoughts. Praying for a better week.

Git Shabbos!

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