

Finally caught

Posted by chaimyid - 07 Mar 2018 20:23

I was finally caught!

After all the years the chickens came to roost.

My dear wife found something on her phone linked to me and confronted me. I tried to wiggle out but she didn't budge. I finally admitted that it was true. She told me that she had always suspected but didn't want to confront without proof.

So where do I go from here? I am a hardcore addict for many years. I have been through the twelve steps. They helped but not enough. That is the same question that my wife asks me.

Am I happy that I was caught? Very happy! It was time for the madness to end. The timing couldn't have been better. My wife is going through very intensive therapy for her issues, so she is in the best position to deal with this. Previously my marriage was in very bad shape and would have never survived this.

After many years of work my emotional health and emunah are in very good. All the years I felt justified in acting out. However recently I came to the realization that *I really don't need this anymore*. I was just continuing because it was fun. It really was time to stop. In our house we don't have broadband internet, just cellular internet. This obviously has put a damper on my acting out. Most of my heavy acting out was opportunistic, meaning when I would have access to broadband I would *chap arien*. Recently however, there appeared in my bedroom an open broadband connection. After taking the appropriate precautions I have been having a party. My Ellul was ruined my shovavim was a wreck. (yes, even an addict can have a shovavim chizuk. I am sure Dov will think that very funny) In the past couple of days I felt like I was going over the edge. I was having trouble keeping the acting out separate from my normal life. I was taking time off to act out. There was no hope in sight. The broadband wasn't disappearing. Then I was caught! Thank you, Hashem, for saving me! Sometimes I wasn't sure if Hashem cared about me. This was the biggest miracle that I ever saw in my life! Thank you, Hashem.

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Re: Finally caught

Posted by grateful4life - 07 Mar 2018 23:30

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If you are a hardcore addict as you say you are then you're best bet is joining SA and getting to 90 meetings in 90 days. Start getting some real recovery into your system. Connect to others on a daily basis and find a sponsor ASAP.

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Hatzlacha rabba and may Hashem bentch you with the strength and courage to recover long term.

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Re: Finaly caught
Posted by danann@ - 08 Mar 2018 00:08

[grateful4life wrote on 07 Mar 2018 23:30:](#)

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grateful4life great advice! chaimyid also try find a partner to! also you should try contacting people on the chat, will help a lot:) your doing great! by doing this 1st big step! hashem should

give you blessed path to recovery!

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Re: Finaly caught

Posted by ieeyc - 08 Mar 2018 01:16

welcome, Hashem should help everything go smoothly at home, dont be scared to do what you feel is right like shovavim etc..and dont be nervous to question statements that run against what you were taught is important,everything you do is chashuv when it is doing battle with lust/the yetzer hara,but dont be too great in your eyes to not accept from others if you feel that they make a good point .hatzlacha!

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Re: Finaly caught

Posted by chaimyid - 11 Mar 2018 03:39

Thank you so much for the warm welcome! I will be continuing my journey in the breaking free forum. See you there.

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Re: Finaly caught

Posted by Workingguy - 11 Mar 2018 15:55

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Who said his best bet is 90 in 90? Where did you get that from? Do you know him well? Meetings work for some, and don't work for others. For MANY others. And didn't he say they didn't work for him?

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Re: Finaly caught
Posted by Singularity - 13 Mar 2018 07:37

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Re: Finaly caught
Posted by ?????? - 14 Mar 2018 05:28

[Singularity wrote on 13 Mar 2018 07:37:](#)

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Wow I can hear that. would you care to elaborate or link to somewhere or someplace that

does? Thank very much

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Re: Finally caught

Posted by ?????? - 14 Mar 2018 05:31

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Posted by Singularity - 14 Mar 2018 08:17

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In my personal experience (and you can read in my own topic):

If I just got caught, the last thing on my mind would be acting out. Why? I'm busy with another project: bandaging the cuts of my life. My wife's shattered, my job's at risk etc (Last year just before Shavuot I was caught at work and my career was in jeopardy). What's needed to be done is so, so *real* at that moment that that fantasy of acting out just doesn't come close to satisfying! Besides the guilt and shame experienced. After I act out, I feel guilt and shame. But now someone's caught me I'm *already* feeling that. so I'm sorta in that state of just having acted out, trying my best to just get out of the schmutz and do that perfect teshuva. It's a blissful state. Hashem has taken me back!!!! (For more on that, see Dov's post about the Nuclear Reset Button)

Another time, before I started recovery, I told my wife I had seen something inappropriate at work, and she felt so crushed. I felt so bad, but I had such a fiery resolve afterwards. I'm the hero and I'll set things right.

All these thoughts are just toxic to me. Because when they die down, and the pain's gone, and life starts sucking again, I know just where I'll be again.

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Re: Finally caught

Posted by ?????? - 15 Mar 2018 05:28

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Re: Finally caught

Posted by Singularity - 15 Mar 2018 10:10

[????? wrote on 15 Mar 2018 05:28:](#)

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personally I never wanted to get caught. I did things believing fully that nobody would ever know. You think the rush of being caught works for you? And now that you're caught, you think that'd go away?

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Re: Finaly caught

Posted by gibbor120 - 19 Mar 2018 15:46

Welcome! I was caught as well, and it was the best thing that ever happened to me. Why didn't the 12 steps help? Did you do them? Do you have a therapist? Commit to do whatever it takes. Take the advice of those who have been successful.

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