

A struggling bochur

Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 26 Jun 2018 19:00

Hi, everyone I'm a 21 year old bochur, struggled with masturbation since 14! Went to Yeshivah and bh had no access to technology so it wasn't really a issue then when I got a smartphone 2 years ago the issue started again. Bh I discovered this website 3 weeks ago, then I installed webchaver and iml very careful now with Shmiras ainayim whilst walking in the street, and I've also joined the 90 day challenge and I'm currently 16 days clean! lyh many more day by day with the eibishter's help!

Any other bochurim out there in my boat?

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Posted by mzl - 31 Oct 2018 16:43

[Shnitzel and kugel wrote on 31 Oct 2018 16:33:](#)

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 05 Nov 2018 18:29

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Posted by mzl - 05 Nov 2018 18:40

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Great men think alike ...

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Re: A struggling bochur
Posted by i-man - 05 Nov 2018 20:11

Will it help you stay clean ?

That's probably what you need to ask yourself

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by ??? ??? - 06 Nov 2018 05:42

I have't done 90 yet (at least since i joined the program) but even if logically you may be correct that it may not necessarily work. It's kedai to point out that many have posted here after going hundreds of days there is no magic in 90-although obviously the longer we abstain the weaker the urge/need becomes and there probably is something to the 90 day term-but at the end of the day even if there may noy be a "addiction" and neurological pathways have changed that still wont cancel the habits we have had over many years plus the physical pleasure we receive plus good old ??? ??? which are all working together to make us fall again, so i think overall definitely sticking to the chart adds a HUGE incentive to stay clean/not to have to start over, and as a reminder about how far we've come.Keep up the battle either way!

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by mzl - 06 Nov 2018 11:08

It is very valid to ask precisely how the 90-day chart helped my particular brain.

As far as I know it can help motivation, perhaps through achievement (I am worth more because I achieved more), perhaps through competition (I am worth more because I won over others,) to defeat a thinking error that something seems too difficult (I did it therefore it can't be too difficult,) or conditioning (like always taking the same route to go to work.) There may be others.

If you already hit 90 and you are thinking about doing it again and you can't think of a reason to use 90 again, it may well be because there is no reason. After you have done it you should have processed precisely how it was helping you.

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 06 Nov 2018 13:59

For post 90 days: Using the one day at a time approach along with upcoming goals, be they Chanuka, 100 days, Rosh Chodesh etc was very helpful for me.

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by Hakolhevel - 06 Nov 2018 14:36

Great points made by hhm and DY I would just like to add a point. Even if you are not using it as a motivation, it's good to keep track just to see how your recovery is going. I personally do nt update every day so as not to get obsessed, but I feel it's important to keep track to see if there are patters. Bezrat hashem the only pattern you should have is staying clean.

Hatzlacha.

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Re: A struggling bochur

Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 06 Nov 2018 22:50

I guess doing the 90 day chart again is to keep track how I'm doing, like people pointed out.

Iyh tomorrow I'm having my first appointment with a therapist.

Another thing opening up to my Rav helped me, was him advising me to this specific therapist who my rav can attest is good.

So ye opening up to another person ain't easy but the **only** way forward and the **only** way to

take care of all my other issues which I've buried over the years. And I can pinpoint exactly what lead me to viewing inappropriate stuff at a young age. So I'm actually excited to go to this therapist, that way I can be a free man emotionally.

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