

Trying to elevate my shmiras einayim

Posted by Dave M - 26 Dec 2018 17:27

Hello,

I am trying to elevate my level of shemiras anayim. B'H, I do not go on inappropriate website, as that is a red-line for me. I have installed one of the jewish filters on my home computer. However, at work, I find myself periodically looking at things I should not be looking at.

Sometimes this leads to MZ"L. About a year ago I joined this wonderful organization, GYE. Through reading the articles on GYE and getting the chizuk emails, I've made a lot of progress in this area to the point that I can go multiple weeks without "acting out". However, usually after a few weeks I will have a fall. What prompted me to post today was that recently I had a pretty bad "fall" which devastated me. It showed that I am unable to beat this challenge myself. I am hoping by interacting with the fellow members, I can pick myself back up and "stay up".

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Re: Trying to elevate my shmiras einayim

Posted by Dave M - 26 Aug 2022 14:24

It's been a while since I posted an update on my personal thread. B'H I just passed the 90 day clean mark, so figured now its a good time to post an update on my thread, given that most of my post are are from when I'm struggling. Although I've had long stretches of staying clean, it's been a while that I've been clean from falling **and** slipping. See, even in the last few years when I was in the middle of a long streak, I would slip from time to time before pulling back.

What do I credit my most recent success to? During my last fall, I was forced to look within myself and admit that I couldn't do this on my own. I needed the support of a real live person. So for the first time in my life I picked up the phone and called someone real and asked for his help. After speaking, he recommended that I do daily check in. In addition, anytime, I felt urges creeping up, I would reach out via text or phone and talk through the urges.

A great example of this was earlier this week, I walked by a co-worker who was dressed extremely immodestly (even by goyish standards) and thankfully I averted my eyes. I think what gave me the courage to do this was knowing that my GYE mentor believed in me and was always encouraging me. I texted him him afterwards this victory. he sent me the most amazing voice message, which I saved and continued to listen to even a few days later.

While I feel optimistic today, I know this will be a lifelong battle for me and I can never let my guard down. I daven that Hashem should continue to give us all the strength and siyata dishmaya that we need to continue to fight this battle. But especially, Hashem should continue to give Hashem Help Me (HHM) the strength (emotional and physical) to be the amazing support he is to the entire GYE community.

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Re: Trying to elevate my shmiras einayim
Posted by Dave M - 09 Sep 2022 14:36

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Although it was a stressful day at work, I left work feeling proud of this big victory. Before establishing my accountability partner, I do not believe I could have gotten past this challenge.

P.S. When I got home, my wife told me how she really appreciated me calling to check in on here. So that was a nice bonus, to turn something that has a negative effect on one's marriage, into an opportunity to increase the shalom bayis.

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Posted by 5Uu80*cdwB#^ - 09 Sep 2022 16:35

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Beautiful post! Keep up the great work!

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Re: Trying to elevate my shmiras einayim
Posted by happyboy - 09 Sep 2022 19:06

yes also struggel with it

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Re: Trying to elevate my shmiras einayim
Posted by happyboy - 09 Sep 2022 19:07

but bh doing good as of now and hope i will get ut of this thinggs

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Re: Trying to elevate my shmiras einayim
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 12 Sep 2022 11:16

Great idea to call your wife. Firstly, it redirects the energy to the proper direction. Secondly, it reminds you that you have a wife who you simply may not cheat on....

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Posted by YeshivaGuy - 14 Nov 2022 06:41

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I mamash can't describe to you how happy I am to hear from you.

May you have continued hatzlocha

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Re: Trying to elevate my shmiras einayim
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 08 Aug 2023 05:31

Hey buddy, hope you're well

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