

Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 12 Mar 2023 02:17

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I'm a Bochur in a main stream Yeshivah who's been working on a hotzaas zera l'vatallah problem for 10 years. B"H I've improved tremendously over that time, and when I'm away from home I have almost no issues. The main time I have any problems is when I go home over Bein Hamzanim and Off-Shabbosos, and even then I've been working incredibly hard and have been able to be Kovesh my Yetzeir Horah a lot. I'm just looking for some Chizuk and maybe some tips for when I go home so that I don't fall in! My main problems are sometimes seeing something inappropriate on the computer, though its fully filtered, and sometimes there are some magazines near my room that have pictures of women (they're not inappropriately dressed), but I am to embarrassed to bring it up with my parents, most of the time I fall in because I was thinking about doing it, and give in to the urge. I feel that the main thing I need is some Chizuk and people to update when everything is going well! My last couple times home I did great at the beginning, but it gets harder as time goes on, and I want to make sure that I'm totally prepared for Pesach Bein HaZmanim!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this, and for the chizuk!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 23 May 2023 00:54

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Day 29, been super busy, started shidduchim so its super crazy, b"h going well so far!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by monseyid41 - 23 May 2023 14:28

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I haven't been on the forum recently (been very busy with work), but I have a few minutes and I just had to check in with you. Happy to see your streak is going strong. Keep it up!

Also, good luck with Shidduchim! Keep us posted with that as well.

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 24 May 2023 15:46

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Grant400 - 24 May 2023 15:57

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Shidduchim are rough. The pain of rejection - especially when you had such a great experience, stings.

Hang in there!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Eerie - 24 May 2023 23:00

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H, my friend the eccentric inspiration! I'm sorry for the pain. I know, it hurts. I'm inspired by your determination to throw yourself into your learning.

One ha'ara though. Why would you think it's weird?! we are your brothers, your friends, we care about you, we want to hear about what's going on. So please keep sharing whatever you feel you'd like to. And keep trucking!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 25 May 2023 00:37

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## Day 31 (Today's)

Feeling much better now that I talked to my Rebbeim and friends, ready to move on.

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by monseyid41 - 25 May 2023 13:54

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Hey, I'm sorry that your shidduchim got off to a rough start. I can totally relate to that. Although I'm past that stage now, I remember it well. When I first started shidduchim, I went out with about 6 or 7 girls (in a span of about 6 months), all of them NO SHAYCHUS. Either one or two dates and that was it. I was getting really depressed, thinking maybe something's wrong with me.

And then I went out with someone, and it looked very promising. We ended up going out six times, we were very comfortable with each other and I thought, okay this is it. I was seriously ready to propose. And then, after the sixth date, the shadchan calls me and tells me that it's over. I was so shocked, I didn't see it coming at all. We had already dropped the shadchan and we had been speaking directly on the phone, and I had tried calling her to set up the next date (thinking it might be the final one) but no one answered. I didn't think too much about it, but then the shadchan called and dropped the bombshell. And the worst part was, she couldn't even give me a straight reason. She kept on saying that they wouldn't say why, the girl just didn't feel it, or something meaningless like that. It took me a while to get past that but eventually I kept going out, had one or two more "one and done", and finally met my wife. We got married and, looking back, I can now say there were definitely things about that other girl that would not have been good for me. I know it's easy now to appreciate the Hashgacha, (wasn't so easy before I got married) but I just wanted to let you know that you will be"n see it too. You will get past this and get married, and you will see how Hashem had it planned perfectly for you.

P.S. That girl ended up marrying my close friend and Chavrusa a week after my wedding, and I went to the wedding with my wife, right after our last Sheva Brachos. Not only that, we both went to live in Eretz Yisroel for a bit after our Chasunah, and we happened to end up on the same flight. At some point, my wife started schmoozing with her, and they became friends. True story!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by dovberyl - 25 May 2023 14:13

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I had a similar story once, we actually had the next date set up, and then the shadchan called to say its off. That was kind of hard. Maybe one day you will understand why this happened, maybe not. Either way, hopefully you will not need it.

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 25 May 2023 14:32

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Thank you.

It is always very hard when you have to live in the present not knowing where your life is going exactly. You just have to realize that HaShem is in control of everything and running everything so that it works out perfectly in the end. At the moment, though its hard, you have to accept the feelings and then move onwards, realizing, like both of you said, that it will all work out perfectly in the end, and you'll look back and be glad that it worked out the way it did. But, at the moment you're in the present, and you have to realize that too, and accept it, and be happy with what HaShem has in store, because he knows what's best.

Again, thank you.

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 28 May 2023 02:50

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Day 33 (I only have digital copy, so I didn't read on Yontiff, but I still am counting it)

Day 55 on my streak since my little trip, I want to point out that I think this is the first time I have gone through Sefirah completely clean since this problem started a decade ago. I've always had problems Bein HaZmanim and would have tripped by the end if it weren't for HHM pushing me along. I have an off-shabbos coming up soon, but I'm planning on making it through that as well.

Thank you everyone!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 28 May 2023 19:26

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Day 34, very interesting and true chapter, about even if you get rid of the challenges actively, but there are times when they creep up on you and you still need to be ready and on guard for those. You can't let them knock you down. Never feel complacent, you can always do more work and fight this battle.

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by Grant400 - 28 May 2023 22:56

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EC, between you and Captain, I've been convinced to start reading this book. I Downloaded a copy and will try to start iyh.

Thanks!!

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Re: Eccentric Trip to Freedom

Posted by EccentricComposer - 29 May 2023 00:37

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Posted by Grant400 - 29 May 2023 02:02

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Absolutely. Let's go for it. Forum thread? Email? Text?

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