im just introducing myself! Posted by daniman17 - 20 Sep 2010 21:24

hi my name is daniman17 and joined gye recently.

Re: im just introducing myself! Posted by Shteeble - 20 Sep 2010 21:45

Dear daniman17,

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Welcome to GYE!

We're happy to have you with us. It's great that you are interested in working on yourself, and you came to the right place.

Whenever you're ready you can post about yourself and your struggles. There's no pressure. You have plenty of friends here waiting to share chizuk with you.

hatzlocha.

Re: im just introducing myself! Posted by desperate_teddybear - 20 Sep 2010 22:38

hey. daniman. welcom

;D ----> my 'welcome to the forum' smile, special for you.

Re: im just introducing myself! Posted by Shmu - 21 Sep 2010 06:48

Welcome Daniman!

All of us here are in the same boat. You should feel safe here to share anything you wish.

I have gained an amazing amount from the collective wisdom of the amazing men in this group.

If you are not already getting the chizuk emails, I would recommend it!!

Re: im just introducing myself! Posted by silentbattle - 22 Sep 2010 04:18

Welcome - joining here is an amazing step forward. For me, it was important that I open up and talk about myself and my struggles, etc - but everyone needs to go at their own pace, and open up when and how they feel comfortable.

I look forward to seeing you grow!

Aaaand...here's your welcome package!

Scientific studies have shown that it takes 90 days to change a neural thought pattern that was ingrained in the brain through addictive behaviors. Did you join the <u>90 day chart</u> on-line? Sign

up over here

Make sure to install a strong filter. It will be almost impossible to break free of this while having all the garbage within a mouse click away. See <u>this page</u> for one good filter option, along with instructions on how to install it best - and give away the password to our "filter Gabai"... See <u>this page</u> for another 20 (or so) filter ideas and information...

And that is why we created the GYE handbooks (links below). If you read them well, from beginning to end, slowly, and try to implement what you read, you will find the answers within them to enable you to completely turn your life around. **You're worth it.**

Also, join the <u>daily Chizuk e-mail lists</u> to get fresh chizuk every day, and post away on this forum. You will get tons of daily Chizuk and support. This disease can't be beat alone. It works best when you get out of isolation!

GuardYourEyes also offers various free anonymous phone conferences, where you can join a group of other frum Yidden, along with an experienced sponsor. See <u>this page</u> for four different options. Our conferences are taking place daily, throughout the week... This would be a We get cries for help every day, by e-mail and on the forum. *Tzuras Rabim Chatzi Nechama* tremendous step in the right direction for you and help you learn freedom from this addiction. Not only will you learn the secret of the 12-Steps - which is known to be the world's most powerful program for beating addiction having helped millions world wide, but joining the group will be another way of GETTING OUT OF ISOLATION and connecting with others who are going through what you are.

Let me tell you a little about the two GuardYourEyes handbooks. They lay down the cornerstone and foundation of our work, and they make our network much more effective and helpful for people.

Before the handbook people would often get "lost" when coming to our website, not knowing what tips and techniques to try. For example, someone with a low level addiction wouldn't jump straight into therapy or 12-Step groups, while someone whose addiction was more advanced wouldn't be helped by the standard tips of "making fences", putting in "filters" etc... For the first time ever, this handbook details all the techniques and tools dealing with this addiction in progressive order. Now, anyone can read it through and see what steps they've tried already, and if those steps haven't worked, they can continue on through the handbook to the next tools,

as the suggestions become progressively more "addiction-oriented".

And the second handbook, called the "Attitude" handbook, can also help anyone, no matter what level of addiction they may have. Often people write in to us saying that had they only known the proper outlook & attitude that we try and share on the GuardYourEyes network when they were younger, they would have never fallen into an addiction in the first place! So we hope that through this handbook, many addictions will be prevented.

The handbooks are PDF files, set up as eBooks, and they have bookmarks and hyper-links in the Index, to make them easy to navigate.

Note: You might want to print them out to read away from the computer. Keep in mind though, that if you do this, you won't be able to click on the many web links in the articles. But you can always come back to them later. The truth is, it's anyway good to go through the whole handbook once without clicking on links, just to get an overview of all the tools available. Once you did that, you can start again from tool #1 and read each tool through more carefully, click the links and study each technique and assess whether you have tried it fully yet or not...

Right click on the links below and select "Save Link/Target As" to download the handbooks to your computer.

1) The GuardYourEyes Handbook

This Handbook details 18 suggested tools and techniques, in progressive order, beginning with the most basic and fundamental approaches to dealing with this addiction, and continuing down through increasingly earnest and powerful methods. For the first time, we can gauge our level of addiction and find the appropriate tools for our particular situation. And no matter what level our addiction may have advanced to, we will be able to find the right tools to break free in this handbook!

2) The GuardYourEyes Attitude

The Attitude Handbook details 30 basic principles to help us maintain the proper attitude and perspective on this struggle. Here are some examples: Understanding what we are up against, what it is that Hashem wants from us, how we can use this struggle for tremendous growth, how we can deal with bad thoughts, discovering how to redirect the power of our souls,

understanding that every little bit counts, learning how to bounce back up after a fall, and so on and so forth...

May Hashem be with you!

Re: im just introducing myself! Posted by ur-a-jew - 22 Sep 2010 20:26

Welcome, congrats for joining and hatzlacha. There so much on the site to help you out with this struggle so poke around. You"II be amazed at how many people are facing the same struggles you are. Hatzlacha.

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