Hi from bochur14 Posted by Bochur14 - 07 Feb 2011 04:15

Hi everybody

I've been coming to this site for a little while and I decided to join the community. I don't think I've been clean for more than four or five days for the last couple years. But my problem got a lot worse a few months ago when I started looking at p**n. I keep on telling my self I have to stop but the yetzer hara usually wins. On the other hand I feel a lot better now that I have this site -- I don't know how long it's going to take but I know I *will* get rid of this addiction.

To the creators of this site: thank you so much -- I hope you realize the greatness of what you are doing for klal yisrael!

Re: Hi from bochur14 Posted by bendurdayah - 07 Feb 2011 04:32

Welcome Bochur!

May Hashem grant you much success in overcoming this test. May you be inspired, and inspire others.

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Re: Hi from bochur14 Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 07 Feb 2011 05:41

Dear Bochur14,

Welcome to our community! Once you've arrived, there's no turning back. Everyone here will just grab a hold of you and pull you up, up, up!

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 <u>over here</u>.

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 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 We get cries for help every day, by e-mail and on the forum. *Tzuras Rabim Chatzi Nechama* and foundation of our work, and they make our network much more effective and helpful for people.

You see, until now, people would often get "lost" when coming to our website, not knowing what tips and techniques to try. For example, a beginner wouldn't jump straight into therapy or 12-Step groups, while on the other hand, someone whose addiction was more advanced wouldn't be helped by the standard tips of "making fences" putting in "filters" etc... So it was essential to develop a handbook which details all the techniques and tools to dealing with this addiction in progressive order. Now with these handbooks, anyone can read through and see what steps they've tried already, and if those steps haven't worked, they can continue on through the handbook where the steps become progressively more powerful and "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) <u>The GuardYourEyes Handbook</u>

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) <u>The GuardYourEyes Attitude</u>

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: Hi from bochur14 Posted by pinokio - 07 Feb 2011 16:06

shalom aleichem, welcoma aboard bochur 14. maybe you can tell the tzaddikim here what's your sitch. and we can all go through it together. One big tip of advice-make sure to stick close to the community and frequently, and then you'll never regret it-by posting often and showing your face, we can all grow in this struggle and beat it together. And heed my words!-praiseworthy are you to beat this at your age-i beg if not promise you, that you'll want to make this goal a #1 priority (see gye attitude handbook), because if not, believe it or not, it can explode out of control-you dont want to know what it can lead to-alot of us have been there and were pretty fortunate-there are others whose lives are completely destroyed bec. of this addiction. Dont be scared-just have fun here and you'll grow in no time.

keep in touch with us!-

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Re: Hi from bochur14

Posted by ben durdayah - 07 Feb 2011 21:33

Howdy Bachur,

Not much left for me to add to the precious words of my dear friends...

Elazar ben Durdayah

Re: Hi from bochur14 Posted by mnman415 - 08 Feb 2011 03:07

welcome bachur! im also a bachur. Welcome! posting here is a great way to start to take controll.

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