The Time Has Come Posted by miracles - 16 Feb 2011 01:26

Alright,

I've been procrastinating this for a while. I've come up with 1000 excuses in my head as to why I don't need to write on the forum. However, the shit has hit the fan. I've been involved in the site for since around mid november. However, to be quite honest I haven't putting all my "Koach" into the fight...Don't get me wrong I've been fighting like hell, but I not fulfilling my true potential.

I'm not going to bore you with, how I became addicted to pornography/mast. (you should just know that if your a father never bring your shmutz into the house, cause ur children will find it and use it!)

I don't want to focus on that right now though. I've come to realize that you can't blame anyone else. This is the predicament that the "ribbono shel olam" wanted to put me in, and now I need to take his hand so he can lead me out of this mess.

The main thing that I wanted to put up here is that I wanted to find someone who could be my sponsor, someone who is able to guide me, a young single buchur. I want to be able to have someone to report to someone to talk to on regular basis. Also, I want that person to be a veteran someone who is experiences who could be a mentor for me. Also, it be really great if that person was in Duvid Chiam's luch time group (you would know me as Levtahor in the lunch time group).

Words can not describe my appreciation for the GYE community,

Thank you Hashem for leading me here.

With deep love,

Miracles a.k.a Levtahor

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Re: The Time Has Come Posted by Rising Up - 16 Feb 2011 01:29

Dear miracles,

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 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) 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!

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Re: The Time Has Come Posted by bringthemessiah - 16 Feb 2011 06:22

I'm not an expert of any sort on helping with the addiction itself, but I just wanted to tell you that i sincerely respect you for coming forward and trying to find help. Its very hard and very impressive to finally face it head on. You will be great, you already are for doing this much! REally!

Re: The Time Has Come Posted by gevurah - 16 Feb 2011 11:27 Nasseh lo k'heter.....

It's easy to be jaded and alow oneself the occasional "slip'

and say I'm OK

but despite the fact that Hashem placed in a world of preitzus

and made tumah just a click away- doesn't mean its ok

no not talking about guilt or fire & brimstone

just to realize that we have a great nisayon

and every time we watch.... IT IS WRONG!!!!

and to admit to it is the first step to teshuva

addict or not - it's only a question of time and circumstance

and choilelah who knows where it can go to

I know --been there- don't wait for rock bottom!!

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