

I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by Markz - 15 Feb 2017 03:50

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I have a reputation to say things how they are, and I don't intend ruining that

The truth will stand forever

We don't need 2 sections for addicts and non addicts, and if there would be, I'd reside on the addict section although I'm a non addict

We need 2 sections

- 1) Guys that want to break free on GYE terms
- 2) Guys that want to do so on their own terms and conditions

I can identify the few members that wish to reside on section 2, and I wish them well.

Cut it out this non addict business

If I would act out every 2 months and could not physically stop, I'd consider myself an addict

Is gye gonna have an addict test before being accepted to each forum?

I assure you not. Then who are we kidding?

Ourselves

When will we grow up?

Never

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Re: I am a non addict - ADDICTS MAY NOT POST HERE  
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 19 Feb 2017 13:56

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Re: I am a non addict - ADDICTS MAY NOT POST HERE  
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 19 Feb 2017 14:03

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[Markz wrote on 19 Feb 2017 13:04:](#)

Feel comfortable falling and doing teshuvah constantly and no one giving positive input to really help me break free?

Could be i am misunderstanding your words, but it appears you are saying the other way doesnt work. If you read my post you would read about an individual who without all this is clean for 1,000 days and spends lots of time daily on the phone helping others like himself (and me) break free and keep from falling. He just told me about a bochur that he put in touch with Dov that was in very rotten shape and Dov told him he is not an addict and needs to straighten out his life. It is now approx 500 days later and the guy is clean. Please clarify if i misunderstood. Thank you.

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Re: I am a non addict - ADDICTS MAY NOT POST HERE  
Posted by Markz - 19 Feb 2017 15:05

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[Watson wrote on 19 Feb 2017 13:36:](#)

I actually think non-addicts calling themselves addicts is a more serious problem.

In the final analysis there should be 4 websites, and my gestimated stats, how the current membership will be split and I'm not far off

- 1) GYE for Addicts by addicts. 40%**
- 2) GYE for Addicts by non addicts. 10%**
- 3) GYE for Non Addicts by truly non addicts. 15%**
- 4) GYE for Non Addicts by addicts. 35%**

THERE ARE MEMBERS I CAN LIST TO YOU THAT ARE CLEARLY WEBSITE #4. IF GYE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A PLAYGROUND WEBSITE LOVINGLY HELP GROUP 4 ON THE MERRYGOROUND CONTINUE MASTURBATING ETC... THEN I AGREE WE SHOULD MAKE A FEW MORE WEBSITES...

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It may help the 15% to have separate website, or it may not

It will DEFINITELY inhibit the 35% from recovering.

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by Workingguy - 19 Feb 2017 15:11

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I have to agree with Markz that I don't see the shaming or pushing usually- there was one pretty rough thread recently but I think that happened for other reasons- and I also agree that guarding your ego doesn't really work.

The only thing I could say is that perhaps there should be a disclaimer on the forum- there's real, raw, hardcore advice. Some of it you may find offensive so be careful.

But HHM, my point earlier is that addict or not is very non-scientific and you can be and whether you need or go to 12 step meetings isn't what defines it.

If you define it not by SA's unmanagability but by the more secular definition of engaging in a behavior that causes you distress but you can't stop, many people have some level of addiction.

My personal opinion- maybe the whole addiction thing is just different levels of habituation. I can't stop thinking certain things, I can't stop opening the fridge, I can't hold myself back from eating chicken nuggets if they're there-really, I can't- and I was so habituated to having a piece of cake with my coffee that I would stop by my office ten minutes out of the way on the way home from shacharis to get a piece of cake.

So so was I addicted? Or habituated? Don't know; I stopped the cake but not the chicken nuggets, but I wouldn't drive for chicken nuggets.

The vast majority on the forums hide, lie, engage secretly, and have tons of shame. Don't know about a separate forum.

And just FYI, the most impactful thing that helped me if there was one was just reading that Markz watched his eyes and stopped. I copied him, not as well but I did. Even though I was an addict who went to 12 steps.

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Re: I am a non addict - ADDICTS MAY NOT POST HERE  
Posted by Watson - 19 Feb 2017 15:12

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If only GYE had a magical sorting hat.

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by unanumun - 19 Feb 2017 15:37

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I still don't know if I was an addict.

I do know that alot of addicts helped me get to where I am.

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by Workingguy - 19 Feb 2017 17:20

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So here should be the slogan on the forum- "We love addicts!"

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by Shlomo24 - 19 Feb 2017 17:34

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I guess so. I wouldn't want Cordnoy's job.

This whole discussion is a bunch of boohucky. Who gives if someone's an addict or not. I know that SA helps. Zeh freaking hu. So I work the 12 steps. Half of the psychological world would say that I'm not an addict. Good for them. Doesn't affect me. I do what works and I don't do

what doesn't work. Who cares? Seriously. The idea of two websites is ludicrous. I've gained from many addicts and non-addicts and people who say they aren't addicts and people who say they are addicts. This whole theological stuff is just stupid.

(Btw, Mark originally posted this idea when he was a little tyke in GYE. Look how much he has grown!)

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by Watson - 19 Feb 2017 17:58

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

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Posted by Markz - 19 Feb 2017 18:47

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AND NOW SOME WORDS FROM OUR SPONSOR

[the.guard wrote on 29 Jun 2009 17:47:](#)

As far as the rest of your comments, that is what a secretary, here: reb Guard, is "payed the big bucks for"....

Dov, your input is PRICELESS to us all. It is worth a lot more than the big bucks I am paid  
) . I think you summed up beautifully here what the goal of our  
network is. It is TWO fold.

1)

So, for the kind of person who really is not sick enough to be addicted and their lives are not out of control, they need someplace to turn for Torah advice, chizzuk, and whatever, to get wise to the YH for pritzus, and to do teshuva, fast. This site does a great job of this, I figure.

2)



For the folks who really are hopelessly hooked, and their lives as they have known them are really over but they just do not realize it yet, they may hang on in their folly much, much longer, putting yet more band-aids on their cracked skulls. On the other hand, our posts may help those folks get their inhibitions down sufficiently to finally know that their problem is actually much more deep and serious than they cared to admit, that strong medicine is likely needed.

Because of number 2 above, that is why we make such a big deal about the 12-Steps here on GYE, and that is why we keep quoting people like Dov in our daily Chizuk e-mails. We are shouting: **Yidden!! Stop putting band-aids on your cracked skulls!!** If you are an addict, (and that means that when faced with lust you are pulled into it and can't control yourself - i.e. you don't have free choice anymore, once you taste it you can't stop), then we want you to be aware that, as Dov says "their problem is actually much more deep and serious than they cared to admit". We are shouting to these Yidden who think that "more of the same" will eventually get them out of their addiction "FIRE FIRE WAKE UP!!". The Torah can't help us if we aren't ready to let go. The Torah is a Be'ar Mayim Chaim, like a Mikva, but if you hold on to the SHERETZ it can't purify and heal you. The 12-Steps help us LET GO of the Sheretz for long enough that Torah can start to heal us. Once we regain sanity, we can THEN start to become "frummer" again...

Thank you Dov for taking so much time to post answers to us hopelessly tangled minds, and for giving it to us in SIMPLE enough terms to understand ;D

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I meant that it helps for me. But if someone isn't actually working and taking time and action to recover then this conversation is a waste of time. Again, if it's not working then try something else. I don't think the label really matters if someone is honest about themselves. I go to SA because it works for me. I'm sure there are non-addicts in SA. But who cares. And I'm sure there are addicts not in SA who have their own recovery program. (WG is who I'm thinking of).

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by Shlomo24 - 19 Feb 2017 19:00

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And in terms of the sponsored message, no one told me I'm an addict. I told me I'm an addict. What got me into SA was when a friend said he stopped masturbating for 9 months. The recovery sold me, not the addiction. I know so many guys who are completely blinded by their behavior. I was also, in the past. This is my opinion and the message was The Guard's opinion. Take it or leave it.

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Re: I AM A NON ADDICT

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 19 Feb 2017 20:55

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As i wrote on a different forum, i have no doubt that everyone is well intentioned. I reassured someone who was very offended that those who were criticizing him were doing so because they believed they were helping him. The fact that everyone who responded did so shows that they cared enough to do so and being that they feel they have a mehalech that works, they want to spare the newcomer the wasted time of trying things a different way which they feel does not work.

I am a big believer in yochid v'rabim halocho k'rabim. Obviously the writers on this forum who have been helpful to me and have intelligently commented on many many issues on other forums, feel very strongly that there only be one GYE system. You are the majority. There has been ample time allotted for anyone who wanted to speak up and say otherwise.

May everyone have continued hatzlocha with their own journeys and with assisting others.

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