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Posted by mebetter - 21 Oct 2024 20:04

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And then after those 3 weeks, there was a lull, suddenly I felt good, like liberated, as if it had ended. But it was a trap. From the Day 40 to the Day 50 the temptation came back stronger, I had never experienced this, I thought I was going to go crazy! I couldn't stand it anymore, I didn't see the end. Fortunately the only tool at my disposal was the application, and I stayed on the application for 1 hour a day, if not more. And Baruch Hachem it worked. After Day 60, it became much easier, less urge, easier to resist. And since Day 70 I have no more urge at all Baruch hachem. During the difficult period, I was sad to have to leave this "fun" p&m, but today I understand how being free makes me much happier. Yes, a life without P&M is obviously better and meaningful.

I wish it for all of us ! Hag sameah'!

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Re: i dit it ! after 14 years of addiction !  
Posted by odyossefchai - 22 Oct 2024 03:00

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Amazing.

Truly simchas hachag.

What an amazing display of gevurah.

How do you feel having left behind the life of challenge and heavy weights on your shoulders?

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Re: i dit it ! after 14 years of addiction !  
Posted by notezy - 27 Oct 2024 16:50

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Fantastic to hear.

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for now I feel relaxed, free. I enjoy discovering every normal moment, living it as a free man. For example, I go to the synagogue, I walk in the street, I'm in my shower, every time I think "here, look, I'm free there, it's crazy!".

So at first it was the euphoria, then the calm and peace of life. I feel that I will be able to devote myself to other challenges. Having overcome this mountain makes me able to work the other midot to work, beezrat hachem.

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Re: i dit it ! after 14 years of addiction !  
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Yes, to study the subject of kedusha, i read the battle of the generation, wich is an amazing book! It helped me a lot to get a lot of courage, to not despair, and to thank hachem for the challenge, to live a little better this situation of struggling... I also studied some hilchos ramban, messilat yecharim, or even a little book that i found behachgacha pratis in Uman, i forgot the name, but it was full of quotes of gmara and zohar about the importance of kedusha, the gravity of zera levatala etc... It helped to get at least motivated to stop.

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