

new here, old problem...

Posted by emmesdic - 05 Jan 2011 22:17

hi everyone,

firstly, i need to give a big thanks to all those involved in creating and running this amazing site!
tizku limitzvos!

ive had a problem w/ pritzus/ acting out for about 7 years; im 20 yrs old. ive gone to great yeshivas, im a "top" bochur, and i am probably looked up to by some people...not myself! i know i have a problem, i know it is wrong, and i want to change, but beshaas maaseh- its overwhelming... ive been able to go 2-3 days clean for as long as i can remember, but it always comes back and i dont stay strong... if anyone has any chizuk/ advice that would be great

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Re: new here, old problem...

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 05 Jan 2011 22:20

Dear emmesdic,

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 [90 day chart](#) 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 [this page](#) for one good filter option, along with instructions on how to install it best – and give away the password to our "filter Gabai"... See [this page](#) 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 [daily Chizuk e-mail lists](#) 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 from Yidden, along with an experienced sponsor. See [this page](#) 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) [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!

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Re: new here, old problem...
Posted by cantdoitmyself - 05 Jan 2011 23:31

All I can say is stick around, get to know some of the guys here, and read up on everything they have to offer. The GYE community is awesome!!!!

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Re: new here, old problem...
Posted by ss7107 - 06 Jan 2011 04:11

I applaud you for reaching out for help. Your courage is an inspiration. The hardest part of this whole issue for me is reaching out to others, in an open and honest way. You have taken a HUGE step towards getting the help that is needed. I will leave the ideas to others and share with you that I found my way into recovery at age 30, after acting out for 18 years. It really really really works. Keep coming....

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Re: new here, old problem...
Posted by im not alone - 06 Jan 2011 04:12

Hi emmesdic

first of all let me give an open and warm welcome

you are now part of the greatest most awesome group of people in the entire universe (including me)

How are you doing? How are things going?

just let me tell you, i just chapped a shtikel shmuz with the yetser hora, he cried bitterly that he lost a big fish

i just couldnt calm him, he told me ah if he went to GYE the game is over..

stick to this forum for..... ah.. oh

To be inspired and shaken up to the core

To laugh your butts off

so come on brother

lets do it together. we could do it. hold on tight.

form the bottom of my heart i wish you much hatslucha

your brother

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Re: new here, old problem...

Posted by jewinpain - 16 Jan 2011 01:44

Hi, I'm very glad to see u reach out @ this stage of life, u r very lucky, stick around here, don't look back just move forward day by day, or for a bucher in ur stage I'd say hour by hour , ask hashem to help u stay strong and aware

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