

My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 11 Oct 2012 00:34

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 09 Nov 2012 04:46

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Day 41. The past few days have been a new challenge. I'm away from home on business. I need to be extra vigilant because being out of my routine can easily spring unexpected challenges. BH I dealt with what came my way well.

It's crazy how I was learning on a train when the YH presented me with challenge. I closed my eyes and had to deal with the YH telling me to open them and look in the Gemara. Luckily, I've dealt with that little sonofogun before and knew to keep my eyes closed

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by Machshovo Tova - 09 Nov 2012 15:21

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Thanks for your inspiring behavior, tzaddik. It's impressive how you are 'mefatfait beyitzro', telling him "CHUDICHINBOOD!" (hope you speak heimish yiddish)

Kol hakavod! KUTGW!

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 09 Nov 2012 20:52

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Thank you for the chizuk.

Unfortunately my heimish Yiddish is limited but that really sounds effective.

Git shabbos

Eli

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 13 Nov 2012 03:16

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Day 45

It been a rough past few days. A few slips but no falls. Haven't been learning while on the road as much as I normally do. (Not that I normally learn a few hours a day but the past few days were *shvach* (I am not trying to blame my challenges on something other than myself)

I realized that I probably haven't made it 45 days clean since the clean streak I had 13 years ago when I got married.

I want to thank all of you for the chizuk and *chavershaft*.

I want to thank Hashem for believing in me and giving me the strength to get to this point.

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 25 Nov 2012 21:53

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Day 58

I think I am starting to feel that although I have been clean for 58 I have not get begun to live.  
Hmmmmm.

(Dov enters side stage)

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by Dov - 26 Nov 2012 00:05

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You aren't alone, chaver! **None** of us has begun to live tomorrow yet! This is a process, and being clean is the ground floor...nebach to the Kedusha-chasers who consider being clean the heights of holiness. Who cares if it **is** holiness? Is that our business at all whether we are on this madreiga or on another one? Angels dancing on the head of a pin...

It's still just the ground floor of real living - and that's great!

Alei v'hatzlach!

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 13 Dec 2012 04:44

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I fell today.

I intentionally viewed porn on an old smartphone that was lying around. The device that was used will no longer present a problem - ever again.

I'm under stress on more than one front. I think actively learning inyanei emunah might be beneficial. I'll keep you guys posted.

Eli

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere  
Posted by Dov - 13 Dec 2012 19:36

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Hey, Eli - Thanks for sharing that!

Your emunah was probably no worse the day you *used* the porn than it is now on this clean day. And focusing on emunah at all, is, I believe, a red herring. Rather, I think the problem we have is not one of emunah, but one of self-honesty. Being honest with myself about my true intentions, my true limitations, and being willing to actually share those facts openly with another safe, understanding person, is far more precious than any additional emunah you may 'get' from learning those sforim. So I am suggesting to you that working on emunah in response to your using porn is nothing but a distraction from the real work at hand....that's what we have *all* spent these past years and years doing, and that is why we never really got better.

Just think: if you ***yourself*** become more real, then all that you have ever learned from emunah sforim, yir'as Shomayim sforim, from watching tzaddikim, all becomes more real with you. Honesty and openness is far more precious than any madreigo, because our fakeness is what shrinks all our good qualities into near-impotence.

That is the main brocha of recovery!

You, Eli, are a growing so much already. Continued hatzlocha!!

- Dov

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 13 Dec 2012 19:45

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Thank you Dov,

Sorry for not being clear.

I agree with 100% (actually you just made it it 110%). I Learning inyanei emunah will not help an addiction. I feel I need to refresh my emunah in order to deal with the stress.

Eli

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by Dov - 13 Dec 2012 23:09

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Clear, schmear, it was geshmak anyhow.

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 14 Dec 2012 01:00

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Thanks.

Less stressful=more emunahful

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 15 Dec 2012 01:57

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I just fell again.

The "pesach where the "chatas" was rovetz" has been since permanently sealed.

I recently made it to seventy five day clean.

I can do it again - one day at a time

Good Shabbos dear chavirim

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 26 Dec 2012 02:29

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It's been too many day since I last posted. Unfortunately, it's not because I was knocking the

I fell too many times and was spiraling downward. I was too busy falling that I didn't try to stop Yetzer Hora out of the park.

I am committing (bli neder) to post on this forum twice daily for the next three weeks (excluding motazai shabbos). I hope that getting back to sharing with you guys will help me get back on

myself.  
I had a 75 day clean streak and I was beginning to think (I know, very arrogant and stupid) that maybe I wasn't an addict. Maybe I was just a guy who hasn't tried hard enough to control

(The chacham from the ma nishtana).

There's no question. I'm an addict, therefore my focus must be controlling my environment, not tangling with the Yetzer hora.  
track.

Tomorrow might be day one but right now... it's already hour 3

Thank you all for the chizuk.

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Eli

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere  
Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 26 Dec 2012 20:15

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they say around these parts:

Keep On Trucking!

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Re: My Story - Reallygettingthere

Posted by reallygettingthere - 26 Dec 2012 23:46

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thanks

Day 1

I feel like I have the will power to get through this. Not the will power to take the yetzer hora head on, but the will power to prevent myself from getting slippery situations. Nothing changed, just the fact that I stated my intentions publicly might have given me the push (more like a kick in the pants) that I needed.

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