

Singularity's Journey

Posted by Singularity - 12 Jul 2016 09:18

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Well here I am, aaaagain! Actually this is the first time I've posted in this forum but I've decided to give it a 90-days go. Again. Oh boy.

BH married, 2 wonderful kids and a good job. Good learning and constantly striving for closeness to Hashem. Now have to kick this habit.

I'm in two minds. One one hand, it's good to track progress and discuss your falls and high moments. It gives chizuk for the long haul ahead. However is there not also an idea that the less attention you give something, the less of a problem it is? Any ideas?

Well here I am on day 1. The bulk of Shavuot to Rosh Hashonah is about passed. We're in Bamidbar - a desolate stretch of Torah (from Beha'aloscha at least) where we as a nation fell gravely and were beaten time and time again, due to Ta'avah and Kavod. All put to an end by Pinchas's sole act of zealousness, the seal to all the impure outflow. And I feel it reflects in the time of year. Nothing's happening! No Chagim. Worse, 17th of Tammuz, 9th of Av. It's the Yetzer Hara's playing ground and I always get knocked down strongest here. It's a *metzi'us*. So I wish to be a phoenix rising from the ashes of a downtrodden nation. And let's all be that together iyH.

Elul will be a lot easier I feel. It's the desolate months of Tammuz and Av that pose the real challenge. But let's see how it goes. Day 1!

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Markz - 08 Feb 2017 17:26

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[Workingguy wrote on 08 Feb 2017 14:42:](#)

Markz, or actually now that I realize that I know you I can call you....Markz! much better than your real name Getzel. Two questions-

1) How have you been so matzliach at no searches, YouTube, etc? You haven't shared your process in a while; can you?

Click on "My story" below. It's basically the same

I have a full time job (with overtime) which I enjoy although tough at times. and I try learn a little, and hold a second part time job, and spend time with my Fam, and participate on gye, so my hands are too busy to be goggling

Sorry it's no long psychological discourse

All my love

Getzel

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Workingguy - 08 Feb 2017 17:28

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 08 Feb 2017 18:24

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Singularity:

Sorry to here about the hard time I feel your' pain and completely relate to it as my wife too tells me she wants to be my wall/rock or whatever. I usually do not initiate and when we do it she is happy doesn't matter who started and when she asks if I need it and I tell her that I do not want to push her she appreciates it

You just have to find the right balance for yourself no one can decide for you

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by cordnoy - 08 Feb 2017 19:17

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Shlomo24 - 08 Feb 2017 22:14

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There are many people who have "asking their wife for sex" as a bottom line. While I don't have experience with this at all, I understand the logic.

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Shlomo24 - 09 Feb 2017 02:41

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I would like to add, however, that this is true for addicts. Singularity, or whatever his real name is, is an addict. I've heard addicts say asking for sex is a bottom line of theirs. For people like Mark, it's a whole different story.

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More questions- asking really to understand and not "lekanter".

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by bb0212 - 09 Feb 2017 04:55

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Cords, kol hakavod to you. I'm guessing that's not what you want to hear but you give yourself credit where it's due. If you beat yourself up when you "slip", be fair to yourself and give yourself credit when you're strong. Even though I don't know the numbers (how often you actually do it) from the experience that I have, for a few months when my ex wouldn't go to the mik and I was going nuts. This was at a time when I was extremely depressed & had a very weak sex drive. I can't understand what you're going through, but keep at it, keep focusing on how much strength you've gained through the years of work that you've done.

Look back at the times that you fell. How much did you grow overall because of each fall? Please try to focus on how often you are winning and succeeding. If you need help, lmk I'll try to help you focus.

BB0212

ETA: Just realized this is Singularity's thread. Didn't mean to hijack it.

*We now return you to our regularly scheduled programming.*

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 09 Feb 2017 06:56

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[Markz wrote on 08 Feb 2017 14:09:](#)

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I'd imagine that's true to a point - if somebody's wife isn't interested in sex for two years, what then?

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Singularity - 09 Feb 2017 07:31

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Thanks everyone for the wonderful insights.

I feel I have a wife with very rare *middos* befitting a true *bas yisroel*. I thank Hashem for that, and thank you guys for helping me realise it.

On a lighter note, my wife and I had a fantastic day yesterday, had early supper with the kids. baked, sorted out clothing, made her feel accomplished. You know, normal things, things an addict dreams of.

And I didn't initiate this time! but there was a consensus, BH.

I understand I need to initiate sometimes. I don't believe my initiating or not affects my porn/masturbation addiction. That's just me. Just, I don't know the best way to go about it, and sometimes she really is tired, but I think it will be OK because is being tired an excuse? Every night is a different ball game; just gotta roll with it. It's hard to determine sometimes. And if I miscalculate, I end up feeling bad, and *that's* a potential trigger.

I need some more time to chew on it. But I'm in a better space, I feel, BH. Thanks everybody!

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by will Succeed Beh - 09 Feb 2017 11:09

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I agree that no matter how much I get from the Mrs, it will help nothing against porn and stuff.  
but in a *matzav* of being very aroused to the point of no control, what do ya do?

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