

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 Shavuos 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 Singularity - 22 Apr 2020 20:12

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Hi. I know it's been a while!

Just a short share. Really I mean it!\

This morning I was davening alone in our playroom (which I love!), groggy and upset about being up so early, haha. And I didn't feel at all close to my God. And I remembered I was sober the day before and yesterday morning I said a quick first-step prayer asking for sobriety for the day, and I reflected now that even though I was resentful to God and thought he was really a big Jerk, he *did* keep be sober yesterday, even though I was quite a baby. I smiled and thought maybe He could do it again today. So I said the same prayer, and hey it's going good so far!

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Singularity - 24 Apr 2020 11:49

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- When I look for porn I don't like the real stuff, it feels too plastic. I tell myself, "No I want to watch a scene from a movie or something instead, there's character investment, art, buildup, etc. It's more real". Then I laugh and realise NONE OF IT IS REAL man, I'm just kidding myself!!! Haha, I'm hopeless.

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Realestatemogul - 26 Apr 2020 03:56

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Hey it's really great to have you back!!

I'm not sure if I have more sobriety than you because you seem to have a lot of experience and really know how to deal with this challenge, but I will the say the key to my sobriety has been committing to never say I was hopeless and staying positive no matter how low I sunk. (Also, taking baby steps...)

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Trouble - 26 Apr 2020 04:29

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Well, at least you won't resent me!

And regarding the second point, I think the same way, except the part of being real.

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Ihavestrength - 26 Apr 2020 04:36

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buildup, etc. It's more real". Then I laugh and realise NONE OF IT IS REAL man, I'm just kidding myself!!! Haha, I'm hopeless.

Re 1: This made it difficult for me to be active on GYE after a while away. I was resentful of people with more sobriety, specifically those that treated me like a newcomer, even though I had way longer stretches of sobriety than they ever did.

Re 2: I'm much the same way, but I think there may be a silver lining there. It implies that I  
Thanks for sharing. I relate to these points a lot

Nice to see you posting again! I don't know if you remember, but HHM, you, and myself were

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Re: Singularity's Journey  
Posted by Singularity - 26 Apr 2020 14:33

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Yes, I remember all you, my homies! I love you all!  
recognize that porn is fake and that what I am are really looking for is real love

Onward!!!

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Re: Singularity's Journey  
Posted by Singularity - 27 Apr 2020 09:59  
getting their start on this site around the same time

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I don't know if I'm revisiting a step 1 of unmanageability, but here goes

I hate lying to my wife and I did twice in the last few weeks, straight to her face because first time I took her phone to the bathroom and acted out and she asked what I was doing in there and I said I was checking emails. Which was 100% false.

Damn I'm a fraud! Well, I don't want to lie to her today, she's too wonderful, and I can't stand myself when I'm dishonest, it's too sneaky. And I hate this lust and resent probably resent God for all my lust and how every day is just this ticking time bomb, and I relate to what Bill W says in his story, how he describes as the "whiskey rises to his head", that's how I feel lust is for me, it shatters through my body like a bee's string rips through its small build, and it consumes me and I'm left with nothing but these insane idea of how next to spend my time. It's crazy. But with God's help today will be okay. I just wanted to share.

I am stuck between my wife thinking I don't know any of the passwords and yet I do and I don't know what to do. Any experience on the matter?

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by TheFighter99 - 27 Apr 2020 12:13

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I feel you bro. I also know all the passwords to our devices, but my wife doesn't know about my struggle and I fear that telling her would do more harm then good. Don't have any advice for you, but I can empathize.

It's not clear to me from your post if your wife knows about your situation. If she does and is already in the loop and helping you fight this, couldn't you just tell her that you need her to change the passwords?

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Singularity - 27 Apr 2020 15:05

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Ihavestrength - 28 Apr 2020 04:06

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I relate to this. I've flitted back and forth between filtered and open. Usually after a fall I'd lean more towards the filtered camp. But in the end, open seems to work best for me. Is it perfect? No, but neither was filtered. It is highly individual. My advice would be to trust your gut and intuition. What do *you* think about the situation for *you*? Sometimes I let this battle undermine all my trust in myself and my ability to make good choices. While that was understandable, I realized that I could only improve by fully trusting myself to decide what to do, and yes probably making mistakes along the way. Sorry if that wasn't even remotely helpful, I'm really tired lol. Good luck!

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Realestatemogul - 28 Apr 2020 04:25

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It may seem like I have more days, but you clearly know more deeply what it means to be sober. Hatzlacha on deciding what to do!

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Singularity - 28 Apr 2020 05:53

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Thanks guys. Your words and help are inspiring!

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Hakolhevel - 28 Apr 2020 06:39

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The chase is sometimes more exciting then the actual "prize" we seek

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Singularity - 17 May 2020 04:19

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I am working in an OA framework as well now, and the sponsor I have is great. I am using a meal plan tool, so I write out what I can eat before the day begins, and it can even be unhealthy stuff too, just I can't eat any more than what I set out. I go to OA meetings on a sunday morning. It's a 10-second walk from my lounge to the playroom where my zoom pc is.

I feel it helps the lust too. I am connecting, being honest and accountable to someone.

I started reading from the beginning of my thread and cringed every time I posted. BH we all have the capacity to grow!!! But maybe in 5 years time I am gonna cringe at what I'm currently writing...

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\*reads about being fat in OA\*

"...This guy serious?" \*I say, as I flex my biceps and pump my abs\*

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