

Lets do this

Posted by yosef10 - 20 Apr 2020 00:26

Day 2, going strong BH

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by lhavestrength - 27 May 2020 02:03

Great post brother, KUTGW!

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by yosef10 - 31 May 2020 15:04

Update from pre-Shavuos.....

Last night I had a crazy headache, it started around 11pm, and through the night, and its effects, although not as harsh, still effect me. The whole day I was pretty much in a daze, I tried to take a nap to let it pass, one which I was in maybe the deepest sleep I had in a long time, slept through an alarm, and woke up 4 hours later. I was pretty much half asleep the rest of the day even though I was awake and functioning. Even as of type this now, a day and a half later, I still feel it a bit. In terms of porn and masturbation, although I think about it, it's not so much of an option anymore. I guess I've turned it into something, that I just don't do. I'm at the point where I learned from too many falls, that it never helps, I never feel good after, and it's just a revolving door that is hard to escape... So why enter? With this philosophy, and with ODAAT, surrender, Gye, and my overall continued efforts for recovery, BH I'm in a good place of recovery. I did a calculation recently and realized that over the past three weeks, between gye, articles, forums, fortify.... I probably spent about 5 hours a day on recovery... Over about 100+ hours. Since my first day of the streak. Though, I would say that my streak really started, even though I had falls since then, about a month plus ago... When I committed to working hard and smart. Rav Eytan said that any work done during the Omer counts as 2 years, so I guess I'm 2 years sober then;) who knows? It's not really relevant. The only thing that really is relevant is that I am getting better, and committed to getting better. I still have to keep strong and keep up my Gedarim, can't Gye, and surrendering etc.

I also recently had a revelation about Torah learning. How, now at this this point, since I ha e been Soor Mayra for this long, maybe it's time for some Asey tov. Maybe after this whole time, my tastebuds are in tune, and I can rea,,y feel the sweetness of learning... Who know? But the people who I look up to and trust tell me it's emes, so it must be there somewhere. For now I'm gonna try to Apple my surrendering, helping others, and IODAAT, for learning also. Hopefully that will take a lot of the pressure off that usually keeps me from it. Let's see.

Mashal: Why do we have to ask Hashem to make Torah sweet? "Veharev na". Isn't it naturally sweet?

When you drink a nice cup of Tropicana orange juice, it's the best... There's nothing in the competition, they just got it right. But, if you drink a tall glass of orange juice afternoon brushing your teeth... Ewwwwwww it tastes gross. But realize, it's not the juice that is gross, rather our tastebuds still have that toothpaste shmutz on it... They are tainted.

Nimshal: Sane with Torah, when we are involved in shmutz (whether on purpose or not) our tastebuds are off, and we can't taste the sweetness. But it's nit the Torah that is off, rather it's us... Who just aren't on the level to taste the sweetness. So we ask Hashem, Veharev Na, make it sweet for us, help us be in a state where our tastebuds are reall and authentic, so we can be kaylim that can be filled with your beautiful Torah.

It's a buetfuk thing to have in mind during birchas hatorah, and now that I'm about 3+ weeks clean of sur mayra, maybe now I can learn a bit... And enjoy it!!!

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Re: Lets do this
Posted by BHYY - 31 May 2020 19:20

Gorgeous Mashal!

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Re: Lets do this
Posted by yosef10 - 31 May 2020 21:15

Thanks so. I have, it's something that I have t really been able to resonate with until I was out of the filth... Now it has a whole we meaning... At firsts thoughts 'twas just judgmental.

Kabala's Hatorah... I tried to throw myself this past holiday of Shavuot. There was definitely a different feeling, when, pretty much most of the time, my goal was to learn... Even if it was a little. I tried to apply the one piece at a time to my learning. I did a mishna here and there, a daf, or half an amud here or there... Which emended up me to completing my goals of learning for over shavuot. Truthfully I didn't finish the full two daf that I wanted to, I've ahead in... But I did the last amud today... And nu Torah is Torah whether it's learned on shavuot or a random Sunday. I actually feel pretty accomplished. I also spent time with my sisters learning and going through the entire megillas Rus, a task that my old self would have NEVER EVER dreamed of... We always fought and were at odds with each other, now where learning Torah for a couple hours straight enjoying each other's company. That not to say we didn't have disagreements... But it is an experience that was so far flung from my mind a couple of years ago... I think at some point I actually hated on myself my sisters... Now there's love. I'm gonna continue to apply the one at a time ideology to Torah... And life of course, the more I flex that muscle the better I get... The more I get done. I really believe with this method alone I can have a chance to be mekabel Torah learning not only as a chiyuv, but also as an enjoyed hobby... To get hanaas Torah.

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by yosef10 - 01 Jun 2020 16:56

Yesterday was difficult. In other times I can see that my difficulties with porn were usually associated with low level thinking and sad thoughts of loneliness... Yesterday it was about porn. I was able to backtrack after that the stress was probably caused by my sisters getting into a huge fight. This made me feel a bit better, and there was a point in the day where I was calm and content... But it was still difficult. I did reach out to my psychologist, which was a beautiful thing that I asked for help, a huge kudos to myself for that. Also, the taphsik method is in my head, I think about it a bunch, and the knasim definitely do make me think twice before running to a computer.

Earlier in the day I watched a seminar ran by Eli Nash who spoke with spouses of addicts, and how they felt and recovered. Two big points that I have been hearing lately associated with addiction is SHAME, and asking for help. I want to understand a bit more what they mean when they talk about shame... And why there understanding of it helps.

Lately something I've been noticing in myself is "kosher triggers", although I'm not looking at anything crazy explicit, nothing explicit at all actually, not even models. But, if I feel I have the chance to get some sort of RUSH, whether it's reading over someone's story in a forum, or a pretty girl in a seminar... These are kosher, but I notice myself seeking them out. I want to stop

this, it's a path that will lead to destruction, either I'm gonna watch porn or I'm not. I can't control myself because of the disease I have, I'm not flawed, I just have something else to work on.

Another thing they spoke about is about planting seeds early on for people so eventually they can have a real and complete paradigm shift. Not everyone can handle change right away, so you got to break it down in to pieces slowly. Also, for yourself, your body is a great indicator of where you are holding mentally. In myself, I see I still have acid reflux, smelly breath, and teeth grinding, all associated with stress. I'm gonna ask my psychologist if he is holding anything back from me, and if so, just let it out and let me work on it. I want the emes.

Something I've noticed is that I have a crazy disgust for certain types of sexuality, I wonder what that means. I am at the point in my struggle where I'm not really afraid of anything anymore, if I feel it, I'm gonna talk about it.

List to talk with psychologist

Surrender

Shame

Sexuality

Holding info back?... Why am I stressed

p.s. As I type this, I have really strong desire to act out, I'm using my steps and running through

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by Hakolhevel - 01 Jun 2020 23:47

On your first point. Just one simple idea. Shame stops a lot of people from seeking help.

Other areas of shame is, when succeeding is not spoken about, yet it's there, it automatically brings to shame. In the free world, sexuality was not spoken about, yet almost all of us discovered it, which brings us to shame. More specifically toxic shame. Toxic shame happens

when we love with a big secret, something that is not spoken of. Kinda like mental illness was (and still is to a certain degree) it was always kept under the rug.

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Posted by Singularity - 02 Jun 2020 04:10

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Of course now ive got to put my money where my mouth is, every day is your first day... especially on your first day after a fall (duh). Time to reset, refresh, and see what worked, maybe sprinkle a bit more strategy on, maybe take some spice off... to eventually find the write combo for a great long lasting recipe for success.

Going through and looking back at my fall, this time i think was different than any other time ive had a fall. Im not sure what the main stressers were that pushed me over the top, but there was some fighting in my house, and the wet dreams ive had truthfully have been really triggering. I must have had over 10 dreams of looking up porn, masterbating... waking up to realize nothing happened, and im 15 days clean bh. Yesterday was difficult, but i reached out directly and doged a bullet i guess. I dd the same today, reached out for a bit. The taphsic definitalley got me to think about my decsions, i thought i was going to go strait to the computer, but because of the neder i went for a walk first, then i took the high rode and offered to drive my mom to the bank to get myself out of the house... wow was i commited. The cool thing also is that it wasnt really much of an exhaustng active effort, a lot of my decisions were calming and passive. After doing fortify, gye, and a little bit more... i gave in a little bit, and began browsing old tv shows that i used to watch, going back to old habits, and even though there is nothing crazy triggering, i got myself past the first rung, which was using an unfiltered computer. After maariv, learning, and another walk outside to get out of my neder, i had a fall.

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Re: Lets do this

DECHAYIMU:
Posted by Meyer M. - 02 Jun 2020 05:46

You know something crazy?

You're Normal

We all have desires, it's how we control them that defines us

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by Ihavestrength - 03 Jun 2020 02:12

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LECHAYIM!! :

Excellent post brother and great job on your success. I feel confident when I tell you that these slight detours are part of life and part of growing. KOT and keep up the awesome work and thoughtful posts!

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by yosef10 - 03 Jun 2020 17:18

Just was prompted by fortify to write a bit about my life before porn, just wrote up a quick memoir , and took out some explicit stuff as to nkt trigger anyone.

It's actually pretty cool to attempt to think about my life before porn. All I can really recall is being happy... But more than that a life that didn't involve porn is so alien to me... It has been almost a constant focus for the past 5 years of my life.

At first I didn't really know what I was doing, the porn I watched when I was much much younger, and then stopped for a bit... I'm not sure why, and curious why. Then I started again sometime in 6th or 7th grade I think. I also don't remember why I started again. I knew it was dirty, and I had small thoughts to keep clean, but I didn't, and I was sort of OK with that.

The first time I masterbate do and ejaculated, I was wearing jeans, which I didn't like, in grandmas den, I remember what I watched, it was a video where, I also remember the video progressing to actually sex, and being totally disgusted with that. Eventually after looking at the and rubbing for long enough, which also felt good... I ejaculated. I sort of knew what it was because I guessed from the porn I watched, but I was kind of freaked out someone else would find out. I guess that's where the addiction was really fortified... That was the real start.

I'm not sure if I did it because of seeking pleasure and hormonal bar mitzvah boy, or because a lot of stress in my life. At that point my parents had been divorced after a lot of fighting, my dad had been in jail, I didn't have a good sleep schedule because of YouTube, I was too invested in school, I has 4 parents telling me what to do... Mom dad grandma grandpa... And also at that point grandpa used to make me feel really bad about my father, he used to say how HE was a menuval and would look me right in the eye when he said it. It was terrible... He forced me to go to minyan even if I didn't want to Which caused fights with mommy... Same with bar mitzvah lessons. He used to yell at her, which probably also wasn't good for me.

At that time I used to fight a lot with my older sister, and she would curse at me, I was also starting to hate my younger sister, and my other sister was a non factor. This acting out was probably also because of the stress... Which was probably also why I acted out in third grade... Poor Mrs. She tried hard to make me feel connected, but I really resented all of it.

I also remember my second grade rebbe, and crying at random times in the classroom, probably because of what was going on at home. Also and I remember this vividly on a snow day... I just used to cry... Whether it was because I didn't feel accomplished or productive that day, or maybe some other stress that was going on at home, or because maybe I have a tendency toward depression... I used to cry and cry and feel bad.... And not even know why. (Similar crying so happened erev Shabbos, before I would say kidush I would brake out and sob, and not know why.

Wow I've been through a lot... And this isn't the half of it. Just a quick jot down of some of my

experiences.

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thanks so much, that's what I'm looking forward too... Day one in the books bh... Thanks for the response, really means a lot.

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by Realestatemogul - 04 Jun 2020 03:14

Keep up the great work! One day at a time you can accomplish a lot!

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Re: Lets do this

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 04 Jun 2020 12:54

I am humbled by your post. Some guys grow up with so much going against them. And look what you are doing despite all that. Wow. Iyh you will be one super husband and father.

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