

Hayom Yom

Posted by BHYY - 13 May 2020 03:20

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Hayom Yom Rishon...

I'm not so great at writing all this out but you have to start somewhere. I've been struggling with watching and masturbating for years. B"H over the past couple of years I've made major improvement by speaking with a close Rebbe, chashuve members of GYE, and seeing a therapist. But I still have never made it to 90 days.

Today I start my journey to 90 and beyond.

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Re: Hayom Yom

Posted by BHYY - 12 Jan 2021 21:44

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Thank you so much for your chizuk anonymousmillenial, it really means a lot to me and you hit several nails on the head.

And underneath it all perhaps the fear that I will be one of those left behind, never to get married. One of those sob stories where people said years of tehilim for my name etc etc

I have the same exact fear...perhaps irrational, who knows...

[Although I do try to keep in touch with both my single (sometimes younger) and my married friends (even though it truly is never the same after they're married.)]

So true...so true.

The loneliness is a real killer. Oh how I want to settle down. Move out of the Yeshiva dorm (and my parents' house for the matter) and have my own place. To have a wife, a rock, someone to lean on and share my feelings with, someone to encourage me, and someone to grow with together.

I'll keep your suggestions in mind and strengthen my bitachon that this is all from Hashem. Thank you again.

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Re: Hayom Yom  
Posted by BHYY - 13 Jan 2021 04:49

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Another day down B"H.

I know this violates ODAAT and

Today! Damn it! Today!

but I kind of feel that B"H I'm doing okay now but I'm just waiting like a ticking bomb for an urge and then what? Honestly, I started posting again to keep safe from porn when I went home and had access to unfiltered devices but now, mainly due to Grant's phenomenal story, I want to really work on quitting masturbating and this entire mindset. HHM has been telling me for literally years the same thing but, for a single guy, telling us is one thing. Illustrating like Grant did is another. I don't want to be Moe. But if I don't change I may very well be him.

I need a plan, don't I? Or is it just to white knuckle through the urges and by doing that I'll be rewiring my brain?

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Re: Hayom Yom  
Posted by starting - 13 Jan 2021 05:09

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White knuckling can get you through the urge but it's not a long term solution. It will not take away the habit.

But, you should think about the times that you did white knuckle through it and notice that you don't need it. It's just an extra 'luxury' which comes at with a huge price tag(s).

There is a lot to learn from a battle that you won.

You have been doing really well. How?

What has been your motivation till now?

Based on that you can plan how you will get past this whole 'having it at the front of your mind obsession' and not need to white knuckle very often if at all

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Re: Hayom Yom

Posted by BHYY - 13 Jan 2021 05:52

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[starting wrote on 13 Jan 2021 05:09:](#)

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Re: Hayom Yom

Posted by starting - 13 Jan 2021 06:29

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And a healthy, enjoyable and kosher marriage is only possible when you are thinking of what will make your wife happy.

Not what will make you happy. Not what will give you an outlet, a release. Not what you want should make her happy.

It has to be truly an act of giving, of thinking of her only, of making her feel loved and close to you.

Moe has a lot of work ahead.

He can't just give up that phone relationship and pornography.

He has to stop looking for outlets for his desires. Stop seeking his own pleasure. And start having a loving relationship with his wife. A giving relationship. Loving her as a person. As his wife.

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Posted by starting - 13 Jan 2021 06:39

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Seriously though, thanks for your post.

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Posted by BHYY - 13 Jan 2021 18:20

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Re: Hayom Yom

Posted by DavidT - 13 Jan 2021 21:44

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[BHYY wrote on 13 Jan 2021 18:20:](#)

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HELP!

The first (and best) thing you should do (as always) is **daven**. Daven that the Gedarim should work and that you should not break them. Daven that you should not see anything bad, even be'ones. Daven that you should not have nisyonos that are difficult to overcome. Daven that you should succeed in any Nisayon that may come your way.

We will all be davening for you as well!

Keep strong and keep us posted.

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Re: Hayom Yom

Posted by lionking - 14 Jan 2021 00:58

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Just thought I'd share.

I heard today in a Shiur from R' Chaim Eisenstein shlit"a (on torah anytime, one of his shalom bayit classes) that someone once came to Reb Yisroel Salanter Zt"l saying that he bought his wife a gift and she didn't appreciate it. So Reb Yisroel Salanter asked him, Did you buy your wife a gift, or yourself a gift?!

Sometimes, we think we are doing it for the wife, when really we are selfish.

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Re: Hayom Yom  
Posted by BHYY - 14 Jan 2021 04:03

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I spoke to the head of the filter company for a while about fixing the loophole I found. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like there is anything they can do (I suggested a few things but they wouldn't work). My only option was to install WebChaver in addition so random screenshots are being taken of my screen and being sent to my Rebbe and a GYE chaver. I am hoping this will dissuade me from doing anything bad.

Unfortunatly, having the two programs running has made my computer very slow. I know this is for my benefit and in the long run it will be worth it but for a computer guy this is rough. I work in IT and just got this shiny new fast computer...which is now slow. Ah well, worth it if it helps me move forward from lust. Gotta keep my eyes on the prize...a life free of shmutz.

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Re: Hayom Yom  
Posted by BHYY - 14 Jan 2021 15:37

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My plan for Shabbos:

1. Daven
2. I won't even touch an unfiltered device.
3. Post here at least once a day to update on my status (vchol hamarbeh harei zeh meshubach...)
4. Daven some more

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Re: Hayom Yom  
Posted by BHYY - 14 Jan 2021 22:53

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I'm home now.

Bez"H it should be a clean Shabbos.

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Re: Hayom Yom  
Posted by BHYY - 15 Jan 2021 18:29

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YES!!!!!!

I went to the barber this morning and he always has the TV going. Always a game show at that time and I usually watch along (it's a barber's waiting area...what are you supposed to do??) But I joined YESOD for Shovavim and wanted no extra triggers while I'm home this Shabbos. It wasn't easy but I went in and sat down, pulled out my phone and opened Uvlechtechah Baderech and did Shnayim Mikra.

These eyes didn't see a game show, no hosts, no contestants, no models. These eyes are clean!

YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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