

Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Meyer M. - 28 Feb 2021 06:02

So I haven't been very active on GYE in the last 6 months or so but I made a promise to start posting again and try to fix the damage in my life and help myself achieve **Freedom from the Pain**.

So before I chuck my resolution into the dustbin of history and call it a day I'll lay some ground rules for myself:

1) I will try to post at least once bi-weekly

2) My posts will be detailed about everything (The good, The bad and the in between.

?The goal of this thread is to hopefully heal myself of all my pain and hopefully Bezras Hashem reach 90 days.

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Snowflake - 30 May 2021 17:59

[Meyer M. wrote on 30 May 2021 04:57:](#)

Went out for a 40 day streak, longest in a while.

I have a lot of questions,

1) It doesn't say anywhere in the Torah that masturbating is assur (im not saying it should be done, it should be abstained from at all costs for other reasons) so where do we know that it is assur and what are the repercussions? (Whereas adultery is mentioned as assur)

2) Why me? Yeah it's a common question but why do I have to suffer when I look around and see people complaining about their troubles which consist of the following: "How come he has so much money?", "I NEED that piece of clothing", etc

3) I'm not happy and I can't put a finger on why, Learning doesn't make me happy, Socializing is temporary, as well as any new gimmick or whatnot that I buy. I used to get pleasure out of my side hustle in the trades now that I don't care for. Anything that gave me some happiness is now cumbersome and tiring to get through. Any ideas?

Summer is coming and that strikes a nerve in me, not going to be easy to walk, drive or go anywhere.

On the bright side, I finalized my plans to transfer to a different yeshivah for the coming year, hopefully that will turn out well

All the best,

Meyer

R' Meyer, welcome back!

1) I think the chevre here have posted a lot of maare mekomos. But I like Dov's Pshat better. Let's say it would be mutter. Would you still do it? For an alcoholic, drinking ad de lo yada in Purim is an aveire. Worse than an aveire, it takes away his dignity. Don't you think when you do it, you become a slave to it? It controls us instead of us controlling it. It takes away our most precious gift: our freedom. The central part of yiddishkeit, we say it in kiddish, and tons of places "asher hotzetanu me eretz mitzroyim". For me at least, this pshat is more effective than me thinking about giving birth to shin dalets and burning in gehenna. Also, we know it makes a difference in avodas Hashem. Our tefila and leyining grow a thousand fold when we are clean. We feel better in general. Is that not a good enough reason?

2) Hanistoros laHashem Elokeinu... But we can also see it the other way around. What if someone else had your YH? Maybe he wouldn't make it. He'd drop yiddishkeit and all else altogether. If G-d gave you this huge challenge, it's only because He trusts you can do it. Maybe

he doesn't expect perfection. But He expects you to give your best and surely the reward is proportional to the exertion.

3)Life and Torah can be fun. If it's not, maybe it's about changing our seder and or activities. The Almighty one surely wouldn't want to bore us. I think every person has a part of Torah he enjoys more than the rest. That's what the person should focus on more. The gemore says "mai mitzvo zahir tfei" (forgot the source and am probably quoting without precision). Zahir can mean not only zealousness, but brightness too. In other words, which mitzvo makes your soul spark.

I wish you all the best, and please keep posting. You inspire a lot of people here!!

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Markz - 31 May 2021 00:41

[ihadstringsbutnowimfree wrote on 30 May 2021 17:34:](#)

I also have a lot of resentments towards "the rabbis" or perhaps "the community", for blowing this stuff out of proportion. The message that I always got (or perceived through my distorted outlook on things) was that I shouldn't masturbate, but also I definitely shouldn't ask a rebbi for help, because if you masturbate then you're no good and very bad, and probably some sort of predator.

I wish every Rav would take a minute from their lectures that half the people sleep through and say: "Hey, if you're struggling with these issues, please come speak to me privately. It's ok. I will not judge you. I can help you."

But that doesn't happen, I assume because of fear or denial, or shame that they're doing the same things? I don't know

Why do I run after lust? Hmm, perhaps...

It's all the Rebetzins fault cos she of the way she **dressed**... or maybe...

It's all the Chefs fault cos he spiced up the **dressing**... if nothing else, then...

It's all the Rabbis fault for not **addressing** the issue...

Actually those are all the wrong **address**...

The rabbi is not Gd. You're giving him too much power. Yes, some maybe good at guiding people out of sexual tendencies, but to paint them all as knowledgeable in all matters? That's putting them too high on the pedestal...

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by the.guard - 31 May 2021 12:02

An excellent summary of all the mare mekomos and Halachos of ?????? ??? ??????.

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by ihadstringsbutnowimfree - 31 May 2021 15:38

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 31 May 2021 18:22

I think it can be summarized that you don't know a Rabbi that you trust to talk about this to and you wish there was one out there.

I agree that it is an issue, although it seems to be getting better and better as we become more aware and educated on this topic.

It's not their fault, (although the shame tied to it probably is) but it would be nice for Rabanim to show in someway that they are available and can be trusted. I have yet to have heard anyone I look up to say or even hint to the fact that this topic can be discussed with them. When I hear it, I am pretty sure I will bite the bait.

As of now, I am still waiting...

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by ihadstringsbutnowimfree - 31 May 2021 21:20

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 02 Jun 2021 22:28

Why don't you meet with one of the GYE chevra? Instead of being angry at everyone who you feel is unapproachable, go to one of the tzaddikim here who can really help you, really cares, and really wants to hear.

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Meyer M. - 13 Jun 2021 04:30

Alrighty, Update:

14 Days Clean, no masturbation. Walking in the street is problematic but I'm working on looking down, now if I would be able to do that while driving that would be a huge help.

Had a nocturnal emission last night which seems to be a recurring event every two weeks, I'm not sure why it happens but the most I can come up with is the possibility of my body (subconscious) not letting go of the addiction due to trauma and stress levels from all the abuse I sustained over the years.

Overall I hope to keep doing well and am looking forward to a productive month.

Peace out

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Meyer M. - 27 Jun 2021 13:16

Another 2 weeks gone by clean.

I feel happy, accomplished, and am doing well. I still had a nocturnal last night which is two weeks. Any way I can reduce or eliminate it?

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 27 Jun 2021 16:45

I think GYE wisdom says that you shouldn't worry about it that it is only natural - they will become less frequent as you go on.

From my thread:

[DavidT wrote on 18 Feb 2021 14:20:](#)

[EvedHashem1836 wrote on 18 Feb 2021 14:10:](#)

Update:

Feeling fine but been having a bunch of wet dreams recently - i know i can't control it but its pretty annoying. Anything to do about it (not lusting so much if at all during the day) or is this something that naturally diminishes?

Here are some tips:

1. limit drinking or overeating too close to bedtime ????? ??"?, ??' ??? ???' ?.
2. sleep on your side. ????? ??"?, ??' ??? ???' ?.
3. say kriyas Shema with kavannah.
4. learn Torah before going to sleep.

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5. Go to sleep on time-- Many of the problems come when people are hanging around at night, feeling bored. After a whole day, they have no strength to put up a fight, and with nothing to do, there's a vacuum that ends up being filled. Therefore, just setting an early bedtime could be very useful.

6. be careful about your thoughts during the day.

7. don't worry that an occurrence might happen-- If a person worries about such problems right before he goes to sleep, then they're much more likely to happen. The reason is because

thinking about not doing it brings the topic to the forefront of one's mind and causes it to resurface in a dream, leading one to become tamei at night. ????? ??????? ??' ????? ?????? ??"? ,???? ??,

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Meyer M. - 19 Jul 2021 04:07

Questions, questions, questions

Been two weeks and im doing great.

I read over the material of why wasting seed is assur. I still have questions, from the material it comes across to me that there is no issur min hatorah against wasting seed. The only passuk that talks about wasting seed is Onan having sex with his brothers wife (a married woman which is an issur min hatorah) and he pulled out early, the passuk goes on to say that hashem was angry with him and took his life, could it be he took his life over wasting seed? Im not God so it could very well be. However it is an issur to have relations with a married woman and logically/simply put it seems his life was taken for that reason.

to be clear I am not advocating for masturbating. I have come a long way in the past year and it is clear that masturbation is not good for a peron mentally, physically, and spiritually. However it seems that there is no issur min hatorah and to parade around saying it as such is not keeping in line on a moral/spiritual compass.

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Meyer M. - 19 Jul 2021 04:16

Another question,

im single, I had a girlfriend (and would like to have her again. I think about her **every single day**) in the past and I loved her very much. I lost contact over the years as I slipped into P and M. The problem comes as I am single when I walk in the street and I see a beautiful girl I want to feel close and have a relationship. Quite obviously this is problematic for me and I would like to know if anyone faces/faced a similar situation and what helps/helped. These feelings are exacerbated when interest is reciprocated.

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by starting - 19 Jul 2021 05:57

Hi Meyer

Glad to hear you are doing well or 'have come a long way'

In the article section of gye under q&a-halacha there is an important 3 part article titled The prohibition of masturbation for men and women which may answer your question

I do want to point out though that in order to know of an issur is min HaTorah you should be checking the shulchan aruch. Simply trying to understand raw pesukim can mislead you as many issurim are hidden in the words, for example, the issur of eating meat together with milk is actually written by repeating the prohibition of cooking meat with milk and the meforahim (gemara) explain that this is to include an issue min HaTorah to eat this together.

So when you read over the material on the issur the first place should be looking is the shulchan aruch

Another point that is important to realise is that onan had married his brothers wife after his brother had died without children and he therefore had a mitzvah to marry her and have a child with her. This (releasing outside her) was the only sin that the passuk mentions in relation to his death

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Re: Freedom from the Pain

Posted by Rt234 - 19 Jul 2021 06:27

ABout you're girlfriend...

it's Very rough I've never actually had a girlfriend bh but I've been intouch with girls but cut off contact before anything for that reason.

when i walk in The Street and see A girl alot of timeS I'll have the same feelings aS you described. It's Really hard!! But I think to myself that I gotta just hang on a little longer get myself clean then I can actually marry a good girl iyh!!

the right way aT the right time and it's a mitzvah.

And I just gotta keep really strong and keep my mind off it as much as possible.

that's The best I can do for myself.

Let me know if you have any other ideas.

All the best!!!!

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