

hopeful but cautious

Posted by daverose - 27 Apr 2025 09:21

Hi ive been on here for a little bit reading others post and I never thought that its for me. I didnt think i need everyone clapping for me to be strong. But now Im trying for the first time for real to reach 90 days I feel that maybe I should share.

I started watching when I was about 12 on a parents unfiltered device and later on a friend introduced me to M and thats been my history since .Im 25 now and I could never control myself for more than a couple days to a week I seriously see how this affects my learning davening. And even more than that my outlook in life the way I see other people even my wife is completely warped. Im hopeful that im on the road to recovery im 10 days in and feeling pretty good. And Im just begging hashem that I shouldnt veer off the path chas vshalom. If anyone has any helpful advice pls share.

Thanks for reading!

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Re: hopeful but cautious

Posted by chaimoigen - 29 May 2025 01:08

This is unbelievably valuable insight!!

recognizing those patterns of thought, and realizing that you **do** have a **choice**- this is invaluable growth!

Change is sweet. The courage to do so is sweeter!

Keep on trucking, Chaver!

Here's a warm hand,

Chaim Oigen

p.s. Tonight the ?????? said that we should be a **Mamaleches** Kohanim and a goy Kadosh. Why a **Mamleches**? Because it takes Malchus to become so. And your self-aware control is the Midda of **MALCHUS!!**

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Posted by daverose - 31 May 2025 20:06

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Re: hopeful but cautious

Posted by ?? ????? - 01 Jun 2025 02:43

Thanks so much for your post now I understand deeper what chazal meant when they said

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2. ????? ??? ????? ????? ?????

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Re: hopeful but cautious

Posted by daverose - 01 Jun 2025 08:10

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Posted by alex94 - 01 Jun 2025 10:58

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Beautiful.

At the same time, maybe all the Torah learned (albeit shelo lishma) up to this point, is the zchus that got you onto the road to recovery.

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Yes very true point, when I finish learning I usually say a small prayer that ?????? ??? ???????
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Posted by vehkam - 01 Jun 2025 20:11

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Incredible gevura!

Something that in the past has sometimes been helpful to me, is to take that all consuming urge and separate the feeling "that I need this" from the negative behavior that it is pulling you towards. You can redirect that neediness towards something that you really want such as davening for the bais hamikdash etc.

if you try this, please let me know if it works for you.

best regards

vehkam

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Re: hopeful but cautious

Posted by daverose - 04 Jun 2025 06:52

Hi BH the first day shavous was day 30 for me!!! I had a picture in my head what that day would feel like. But it doesnt feel like I thought. I just feel terrible the whole yom tov I was overwhelmed with desire BH I didnt P or M. But I let myself get aroused and I lusted on the street. I was assur with my wife for the past 2+ weeks and after the past couple days I lost control, I needed the release. I didnt let myself get it, although at the time thats what I wanted. Bh we became mutter and now I feel even worse. I couldnt control myself I needed it and even though I got it b'heter I feel like I gave in. I allowed myself to be overtaken with desire. And I allowed myself the release. Even though it was with my wife it still feels like I gave in. I can use chizzuk!!!

I know that its unreasonable to expect myself to be completely healed after just 32 days but it still feels like im back at day 1 even though the counter isnt reset.

Any advice???

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Re: hopeful but cautious

Posted by chaimoigen - 04 Jun 2025 15:26

Hey, here's a warm hand.

Hang on, don't fall into despondency- for now focus on your win, please, which is pretty impressive. The journey takes time. The other part of your question is worth a conversation- please reach out if you'd like to shmooze it through a bit...

In the meantime, here's a hug,

chaimoigen

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Posted by eerie - 04 Jun 2025 17:43

I second the motion of you having a conversation with CO. Grab the invite!

My friend, when we get stuck in our negative thinking, it becomes so hard to see the truth. And that's why we have friends, who can listen to us, and can help us see the truth, can help us see how amazing we are, how normal our urges are, how proud we should be of ourselves

Dave, you're doing wonderful work. Please reach out to a friend for a real tight hug.

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In the meantime, here's mine

If you've got CO and eerie at your side, you're a lucky man!

Grab that invite!

Don't let eerie go!

My friend, those "feelings" that you were expecting can come, but they take time...

KOMT!

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Re: hopeful but cautious

Posted by daverose - 11 Jun 2025 11:19

Bh ive been in a good place for the past week or so. Thank you everyone for your help!

be"h tomorrow will be day 40!!!

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