

Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 28 Feb 2010 02:09

I am an orthodox 14(turn 15 march 30) years old who home schools, i have come to the conclusion myself that homeschooling has nothing to do with my addiction because I don't have time to view porn during school hours do to homework. I first saw porn when I was nearing the end of 6th grade. I saw it accidentally while doing a book report for class. The character in the book was also the name of the porn star and pictures of her popped up. The first time i saw it I immediately closed down but i was curious and had just hit puberty so i opened it up again and looked. I did not know what s-x was at the time and only looked at nude pictures for a while but then I began looking for videos and could not find any for a while. I contented myself with opening multiple tabs at time viewing hundreds of non clothed females. One day I downloaded a virus thereby forcing my dad to buy a new computer. While at the store he bought me a laptop which until recently I never used because I did not want to betray my parents trust further. I found out the filters password and used it. I recently changed the password so I don't know it but no one knows it so hopefully that does not become a problem. There are still two other computers without filters. No one knows about my addiction not even my twin brother. I don't feel clean and I feel like I need to go to the Mikvah but I don't know how to go by asking without people becoming suspicious. I feel really bad because I have a slight break before learning Gemmara and a few times I have watched porn right before learning. I hope I can stop the addiction early in my life and continue to become a good Jew!

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 14 Jun 2010 16:18

I fell! :(All the depression and anger and frustration and anxiety and stress all came crashing down! My mom has a meeting today so i knew i had time to fall and not get behind when obviously i don't! Because i still have stuff to catch up on!! I am really considering the online 12 step program with Dov. I don't know what to do now but get to work...I let you guys down Hashem down and myself down i am off to give 20 dollars to tsedaka only 20 left after that...Help!

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 14 Jun 2010 18:13

I fell again...I chose to seek comfort from the first fall in the very thing which caused the pain! I am trying to do work now and am finding it very difficult...I guess i am going to hell then...and on

the way i will have terrible life because i won't be able to get married because i will be to busy watching por* and i am going to live in a card board box because i can't stop procrastinating... :'(

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by briut - 14 Jun 2010 19:00

Er, um, you DO know better, don't you? You're just trying to give an ironic version of how part of you is feeling down, right? 'Cause if that's even close to what reality is looking like, you've GOT to get your parents to get you to some help in getting through this.

And if you're really doing okay, please let us know so we can all stop biting our fingernails or even looking for some comfort ourselves .

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 14 Jun 2010 19:14

You know what? I have no idea how realistic these thoughts are! I think they are just me looking at the worst of things as i begin to do in these times and more recently, but i am glad you pointed it out because for the short time i have thought about this and i am thinking (i know i should have told you all to sit down first...my bad) obviously i am not in that poor of a situation because i AM getting work done and i am able to stay clean for a few days. This is just a lot to handle. I am doing better now still depressed but thinking more clearly, i am listening to RavMillerShmerasEynaim shiur and i listened to another one before it, it is making me feel a little better. i am really thinking about taking another approach the Dov 12 step conferences online. I am catching up on history now and as i catch up i feel a bit better so even though things are down i am looking up, I am not feeling well and that may have led to the fall(s) but I have to keep going...I have to stop getting depressed! It is not helping it is making matters worse. I would love input on whether the Dov 12 step program would be helpful for me, I think it would be but i am waiting to make my decision.

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by briut - 14 Jun 2010 19:32

[Chazak Amenu wrote on 14 Jun 2010 19:14:](#)

I have to stop getting depressed! It is not helping it is making matters worse.

Well, your words and not mine.

But, and it's a big but, "getting depressed" is not a matter of willpower. It's not a question of situations that get you down. It's not in any way some fault in the person's character. It's a case of the brain failing to fire in some areas. And it's fixable in many ways.

While stressful situations (school, GYE issues, putting things off) might be contributing to HOW some depressive thoughts might play out... they do not cause the depression. And fixing those situations, I'm sorry to say, wouldn't fix a genuine depression.

Modern medicine (and I've bought the tshirt) says that if it's lasting consistently over more than two weeks, it's probably worth finding a pro to talk to. Probably just to talk, although as you know we've got about 1 in 11 adults in this country on psychoactive meds.

If your words are more true than not-true, what you need to be talking to your parents about is not your P&M issues but your emotional state right now. Period.

Hello? Are you listening? Anyone out there, CA? And, you other forumers, anything to add?

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by the.guard - 14 Jun 2010 20:28

Chazak Ameinu, you're an amazing warrior. Don't let the fall get you down. The fact you are working on this already sets you apart from 99% of the world. The Yetzer Hara's biggest goal is to get you down. Don't let him.

Please read the last few principles of the Attitude Handbook.

Keep on trucking. You inspire us all!

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by briut - 14 Jun 2010 21:27

CA: Whoops, Guard's point is so so so clear that I had figured it didn't even bear repeating. He's right; I'm mistaken. Whoops. "I'm like totally maskim, Guard."

Anyhow, it's not JUST that 99% of the world hasn't reached the levels you have in choosing to be here, doing the work here, and inspiring others by being here. It's also that your willingness to take on the work of a seasoned old man, while not quite at old man status , shows a great deal of true grit. And ahavas Hashem, too, by the way.

You ARE a gibbur, buddy. And whether you're feeling down for a coupla days or Ch'V even longer, there is NO question that you're gonna be up there in the victory circle.

And of course, the victory circle is also the starting gate for the next cycle, because the work never really ends; it just moves on to the next higher level. Sigh.

[None of this negates my earlier suggestions that getting a professional's screening on how you're feeling could prove very helpful....]

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 15 Jun 2010 00:17

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I would appreciate if we could deviate from this topic for a moment, I would really like for people to tell me whether they think doing the Dov virtual 12 step program would be beneficial to me I think it might be but i am not sure i would appreciate feedback.

Also i can't get rid of the feeling (it might be more than a feeling) that i really want to have s*x i really want to "be" with a woman! I hate myself for it but i really want to! I don't know how to express the feeling but its there! Whats going on?! I know you guys are going to say its normal and all but how can i go till i am married without it! I feel like i need it, and what scares me is if one day (i feel like this is fantasizing) a girl came over and said lets "do" it i would say yes! HELP! I really dislike having these thoughts!

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by teenagehelp - 15 Jun 2010 01:29

hey CA,

i agree that its tough being a teen. heck, i've had thoughts pop into my head that i never wanted there in the first place. i think where we have it the hardest is just the simple fact that we have no one to be truly close with (both personally and physically). realistically its tough for us to find **physical** comfort in Hashem and i'm sure our hormones do nothing to help.

at least from my own experience and seeing others on the forum, its just a matter of muscling our way through this phase. this doesnt mean just grinding our teeth to make it. it means coming up with clever ways to do so, mainly finding ways to fill the gap (or chasm :-\). at least for me, it involves spending as much time with friends and family as possible, hopefully separately. it involves getting out of my own little isolated corner and being social, and trust me, i would definitely not describe myself as a social butterfly. regardless, its important to connect with other people in real life to get through this, despite whether or not they know your struggle with this.

i'm sure you'll find a way to make it out of this rut, you'll get past your record of 55 in no time and then its on to 90 (and beyond)!

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Dov - 15 Jun 2010 03:15

Black and **Blue** banana stew! (and just a bit of fun, too)

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Perhaps I'm disqualified, but I'd say it matters less *what* you do - as long as you do *something* honestly and thoroughly. Whatever you do - you will get what you put into it.

Also i can't get rid of the feeling (it might be more than a feeling) that i really want to have s*x i really want to "be" with a woman! It's overrated. Ha! Actually, being curious is so natural, but it's just a pity we all have to struggle so much with that and waste all that energy over something that doesn't solve our problem - We Feel Empty and Alone! And we really believe a woman can fix that. No aveiro can convince us otherwise, even if it succeeds in scaring us off! But I pity the woman/women we choose to use for that...I picked my wife, and I pity her for the hell she had to go through just to finally have *me* 'sane'.I hate myself for it Your YH hates you enough, like Osama...you really think you are joining *their* ranks? *Hating* yourself? Maybe you are **sick** of yourself...nothing new there. That's what the 4th step is about - learning how to accept yourself, cuz Hashem does. He isn't ignorant of your silliness, selfishness, fearfulness, and mistakes...he's not phased. Loves you anyway = He wants *you* to do His mitzvos! You! Amazing, no? but i really want to! I don't know how to express the feeling but its there! Whats going on?! I know you guys are going to say its normal and all but how can i go till i am married without it! Only one way: one day at a time...and soon you will find many more important things to concern yourself with than getting in places you don't belong. There really is another way than preoccupation with that thing.I feel like i need it, and what scares me is if one day (i feel like this is fantasizing) a girl came over and said lets "do" it i would say yes! Well, many of us would be in trouble there too. So?HELP! I really dislike having these thoughts!Have a good night. get busy and find friends and take it easy.

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 15 Jun 2010 03:33

I just heard something that has changed my outlook on life...I want to tell my parents what is going on with me i am tearing up now, Please tell me a few ideas on how to go by it, thank you.

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 15 Jun 2010 03:56

One idea I have had is that after i talk with my parents, someone like the guard or Dov could talk with them or something

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Dov - 15 Jun 2010 04:14

Gevalt! Hatzlocha with your parents. Chances are they really love you and want the best for you more than any other people in the entire world. But if they have a hard time understanding, better go with them to a shrink or rov who knows you. Why would they respect an addict? They know nothing of sobriety. Maybe you can ask them who they want to talk with about it and go from there. hatzlocha and our tefilos are with you whatever you do. easy does it.

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Re: Chazak Amenu's climb

Posted by Chazak Amenu - 15 Jun 2010 04:22

I don't have a rav who i am close with...I am reall thinking on how to go by it, i want to have a lot of confidence so i won't back out of it. should i show them GYE? I don't know but tomorrow i am going to write a draft of somethins similar to what i would say.

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