

Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 25 Oct 2010 17:37

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Would like to formally introduce myself here, even though it is a little late in the game.

I am married with a couple of kids b"h. ever since i started working on computers i would periodically seek out p\*\*\*. first with a dial-up connection, then later with hi-speed internet. for days i would zone out at work, doing the bare minimum, making sure no one saw my dark secret, and feeling all the time that i am probably the only one in my circle of people who has this terrible secret. i would feel bad and try to stop. especially on Yom Kippur i would decide to stop. usually it would last a few weeks but then i would fall back into it. years later i put in a filter and it helped a lot. but only my computer had a filter and even a filter is not fool-proof. i found things that got through the filter. i found opportunities to use other computers. i changed filters. i even shut off the filter at some points.

i found GYE in a round-about way, through a google search for a halacha. i slowly started reading more and more. then i put in k9 and gave the password to the filter gabai (what a zechus Guard and him have!). that helped a lot for the p\*\*\*. almost a year ago i registered for the forum and posted a little here and there. someone on the forum reached out to me and we became partners (thank you!). that gave me a lot of chizuk. i feel that someone understands my struggle and i spilled the beans about my dark secret. i feel that if i fall ch'v i can holler out to my partner to come dig me out. that is a great feeling. like wearing a life-jacket on a boat or a parachute on a plane.

since Pesach i am clean. thanks to Hashem and to GYE. i realize that since i did not do the steps or join any phone groups the level of change to my attitudes are not too drastic. i think it is the awareness and constant chizuk provided by the forum and chizuk emails that account for whatever time i was able to stay out of trouble. at least i know that the resources for further change are available if ch'v needed in the future.

i cannot thank Guard enough for putting up this Migdal Oz of kedusha and for showing me and others the way to living clean lives. Same goes to Dov, Bardichev, yechida, Kedusha, Kaneshner (remember him?), ImTrying25, Kollel Guy, RageATM, Briut, Silentbattle, Tried123 and many many others, more recently Ovadia, 1Daat, Frumfiend the Star, Yosef Hatzadik, ur-a-jew, jooboy, world, an honest mouse, HashemsSoldier, JIP and more. Special thanks to 1daat for pushing me (gently) to make my own thread. i read a lot more than i post and every time anyone posts about a victory, a fall, a thought, a struggle it is a chizuk just to see others who struggle and sometimes win and sometimes not and keep on going trucking. of course the lessons learned from the veterans here are precious beyond words.

I am by no means out of the woods. i constantly struggle to keep my eyes off things that they should not see both on and off the computer and i know that the dangers of p\*\*\* will never go away. but with Hashem's help and with GYE i hope to be clean and slowly change my attitudes for the better.

i chose the name zemiros shabbos because to me shabbos is the day we celebrate our relationship with Hashem and zemiros are one of the most beautiful ways of bring out the spirit of shabbos. it reminds me of what i have at stake in the struggle.

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 27 Sep 2011 16:29

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rebbe b, i am still waiting for the flogging and the lesson

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 27 Sep 2011 17:02

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please remind me again

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 27 Sep 2011 17:10

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this:

[bardichev wrote on 26 Sep 2011 20:12:](#)

zemmy if u were in bardstown i would give u a flogging

although i can identify

but.....

please see me after class

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by gibbor120 - 27 Sep 2011 17:19

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[bardichev wrote on 27 Sep 2011 17:02:](#)

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 27 Sep 2011 19:39

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ok here goes

says the chafets chaim

what should trigger the most joy by a human being

wealth/

health?

honor?

stability?

nononono

**LIFE ITSELF!!!**

the fact that u r alive should bring a person to utmost joy

he gives a mashal

there was a simple farmer

who saved the king's son's life

the king rewarded the man

he had the privilage to spend one day

24 hours

in the kings vault

he can take whatevr he wanted

this man was no fool he dint waste his time

he made off like a bandit

with his newfound wealth

he invested

he became very very rich

he aquired new freinds

he built himself a palace

etc etc

evry year on the day he became wealthy

he made a party

at one of these parties

he asked the assebled

waht was the happiest day of my life??

one feind said when you moved out of your hovel into your new palce

another said when you deposited a million dollars in the bank

the 3rd said when you were invited to the kings daughtes wedding

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the man retorted

the happiest day of my life

i was poor

i wore simple clothes

i was hungry i was tired

that waas the day i was in the kings vault

that day was an oppurtunity

NOTHING

NOTHING

bothered me

not my empty stomach

not my lack of sleep

not my simple clotheting

i knew i had a once in a lifetime chance to become rich

my freinds

THAT is rosh hashanna

we are not hungry

not tired

we are in hashems palace

we are getting life!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 27 Sep 2011 19:48

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shkoyach rebbe b!

that was better than Woodford

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 27 Sep 2011 19:50

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now i want to move to Bardstown

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 27 Sep 2011 19:52

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 27 Sep 2011 19:54

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even if you remember it for just 5 minutes on R"H you should be happy!

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Posted by bardichev - 27 Sep 2011 19:58

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me too

if we had 9 people from GUE im sure the hayligger Bardichevver would join our minyan

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by gibbor120 - 27 Sep 2011 20:09

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WOW reb b! Thanks!

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by obormottel - 27 Sep 2011 20:12

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Posted by gibbor120 - 27 Sep 2011 20:21

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maskim. i stand corrected

btw, i thought vodka was more popular at chasidisher farbrengens

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