

Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 25 Oct 2010 17:37

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 obormottel - 26 Dec 2011 22:53

it's for sale, though....

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by gibbor120 - 27 Dec 2011 18:33

[Back on Track wrote on 25 Dec 2011 04:28:](#)

yeah some of those lyrics are on the mark. Happen to think Dust in the wind is eveb more so... If you take it with the right spin.

Dust in the Wind

I close my eyes
only for a moment
and the moments gone
all my dreams
pass before my eyes a curiosity
dust in the wind
all we are dust in the wind

Same old song
just a drop of water
in the endless see
all we do
crumbles to the ground
though we refuse to see
dust in the wind

Now, don't hang on
nothing last forever
but the earth and sky
it slips away

And all your money
won't another minute buy

Dust in the wind

all we are dust in the wind

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Except we are not *dust* in the *wind*. We are *instruments* of Hashem's divine **will**. It only seems like *wind* to us.

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 27 Dec 2011 18:43

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And we can have a concert hall next to the museum and the zoo....

But don't make it in Kansas, it's too far from Kentucky ;D

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Posted by gibbor120 - 27 Dec 2011 18:53

[Gevura ShebYesod wrote on 27 Dec 2011 18:43:](#)

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ur-a-jew - 28 Dec 2011 16:21

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 28 Dec 2011 16:28

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 28 Dec 2011 16:34

and also a jelly-filled hamantash

(mechayil el chayil)

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by gibbor120 - 28 Dec 2011 16:45

I hope i was yotzei with CCCF (Chocolate Covered, Custard Filled) :o

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 28 Dec 2011 17:30

'someone' told me this:

Don't forget beansoaking day

Possum catching day

Loquat sipping day

Giraffe hunting day

Cardiokickboxingnorvardokkermussarmuffinday

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Gevura, i think a sound-museum-lounge is a great idea for GYE

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i heard these words in a song recently and a thought hit me (*lucky i was wearing my wool hat and ear-muffs*)

the richuk of the pesha'im is lateral, rather than in altitude. meaning i am not on a level higher than them, just further away from them. but not any more worthy or failproof.

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by gibbor120 - 28 Dec 2011 18:59

[ZemirosShabbos wrote on 28 Dec 2011 17:30:](#)

If you make em I'll eat em... maybe that is OM's area. Hey, where is OM... I miss his kitchen :'(

[ZemirosShabbos wrote on 28 Dec 2011 17:30:](#)

Giraffe hunting day

I hope they use a humane trap :-\ . What will they do with it once they catch it???

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Nice thought!

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Back on Track - 29 Dec 2011 03:44

Wow zemmmmy you mus write these down...your divrei torah I mean. You come up with some real chaim berlineresque, tiffekeiten muffinating chidushinators that should be written and .. Waitumminute... You DID write them down!!!! That's how I'm readin'em. GEVALLLDIIIiGGGg!!! (Small i in there to deliberately mitigate my ego and to note that I could never fill the now vacant voice of reb Bardy, sheyachzor v'yair bimheira byameni.

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Re: Zemmy's story

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 29 Dec 2011 20:34

amen!

thank you Gibor and BOT for your kind words, much appreciated

yesterday when i got the mail i saw there was a lingerie catalog from a famous company. i hadn't requested one, it seems a relative of mine who lives abroad used my address, hence we got it. i kept it between the rest of the mail pieces and brought it inside - instead of just trashing it, because i wanted to stop the subscription and not keep receiving it regularly. i asked the wife to take the contraband and kindly call them and unsubscribe or just change the address to 859745 Dead Possum Compote Trail, which she did (G-d bless her).

i am patting myself on the back. thank you HKBH and GYE!

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I'll pat you on the back too! HOOOORAY! GEVALDIGGGGGG!

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I'll have to remember to stay off the Dead Possum Compote Trail