

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 ZemirosShabbos - 28 Dec 2010 06:24

was being mavir sedra - parshas shemos - and i was struck by an idea.

Moshe Rabenu spent an ENTIRE WEEK arguing and refusing the mission the RBSO had for him and was asking and cajoling him to do (see Rashi).

I don't know about you but if the RBSO tapped me on the shoulder and said "sonny boy, you will be the knight in shining armor who will liberate my people from servitude" i would only be concerned with making sure the press is duly notified of this development. Even if He would tap me on the shoulder to tell me that He wants me to daven for the amud at mincha i would not think of refusing, let alone to refuse after the RBSO tries to convince me for a week.

Seems like Moshe Rabenu was adamant and was able and willing to 'stand up' to the RBSO. And yet he was the most humble person around. All I can say is wow.

There's more. When Moshe is finally appointed and ready to go to Pharaoh he takes leave of his father-in-law Yisro. One would think that a new son-in-law who was a shepherd and suddenly was promoted to being the head honcho of his nation might drop a hint or two to his FIL to that affect, if only to ensure that the monthly check is mailed on time. But Moshe tells

Yisro that he wants to go to Mitzrayim just to check on his people, nothing special, just to see how they're doing.

wow.

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by desperate_teddybear - 28 Dec 2010 15:50

Moses was awesome

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by 1daat - 29 Dec 2010 05:07

[ZemirosShabbos wrote on 28 Dec 2010 06:24:](#)

But Moshe tells Yisro that he wants to go to Mitzrayim just to check on his people, nothing special, just to see how they're doing.

Funny, I was just thinking how nice it was how you checked in on me the other day, nothing special, just to see how I was doing.

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 29 Dec 2010 15:36

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 30 Dec 2010 21:22

Yisro & Yosef Hatzadik shared the same nickname, Potiel.....

But you can't be **my** son-in-law. My SIL is sitting in Lakewood & shteiggin away!

A real Lakewooder wouldn't be on GYE!!!! ???

[kosher wrote on 07 Dec 2010 20:08:](#)

Wow, not a single member admits to being from Lakewood.

I guess the takanos in Lakewood work :-\

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 30 Dec 2010 21:33

[Yosef Hatzadik wrote on 30 Dec 2010 21:22:](#)

My SIL is sitting in Lakewood & shteiggin away!

did you check on him to see if that is really the case?

maybe he is a big personality on GYE? ver vaist?

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by briut - 30 Dec 2010 21:57

What a shame that the many folks from Lakewood who are posting, lurking, and r'l suffering in silence... feel they can't out themselves here.

I'm sure, though, that if a Lakew--der heard a sincere chant to reach out via PM, he would see the life-saving value in taking such a step.

Takkonos or not.

And I'm only half-jesting in this post, by the way.

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 30 Dec 2010 22:52

Caution:

Thread Hijacking in Progress

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 30 Dec 2010 23:08

where are the sky marshals?

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Shteeble - 31 Dec 2010 04:58

Maybe R' Bardichev will open up Bardy's of Lakewood.or Beis Bardichev Govoha... or...
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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 31 Dec 2010 05:13

LakeWoodFord

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Shteeble - 31 Dec 2010 05:15

OMG of course!!

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 31 Dec 2010 05:17

World where have u been?

I just asked zemmy about u

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 31 Dec 2010 05:21

i think he was under a snow drift and just got shoveled out

or maybe he is a snow-plow contractor and just finished plowing... forget it, the streets were not plowed

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