

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 - 18 Jan 2011 19:27

i am clean and sober today

Thank you Hashem for that

today is the yartzeit of the Lechovitcher Rebbe Reb Mordechai zy'a

he said:

The world is such a beautiful place for someone who is not sunken in it's indulgences

and such a dismal place for someone who is sunk in it

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ben durdayah - 18 Jan 2011 20:33

In one shtetl where there was a shteeble of Lechovitcher chassidim, the local butcher was caught selling treife meat as kosher.

Since the butcher -although he was no chassid - used to daven in the Lechovitcher Shteeble -and in general at that time in that area the Hisnagdus to Chassidus was rampant and rabid -the misnagdum used this as an excuse to persecute the Chassidim in general as Mechallelei Shem Shamayim R"L. Guilt by association. So the chassidim felt forced to disassociate with the guilty, and banished the butcher from their midst, denying him entry to the shteeble.

A little while after these events, one of the Lechovitcher chassidim from this shtetl traveled to Lechovitch to R' Mordechai. R' Mordechai inquired as to the welfare of each of his chassidim who resided in the town, and the chassid filled him in as to the happenings of each and every one. But when R' Mordechai asked him about the butcher, he tried to change the topic.

When R' Mordechai asked him again and got the same non-response, he thought that perhaps the butcher had passed away, and asked the chassid, "Ploini the butcher leibt nuch?".

"Yes, said the chassid.

"Nu, Voos macht er?"

And so, the chassid had no choice, so he told the Rebbe what had happened, and that the chassidim couldn't take the heat and ridicule aimed at them in light of the fact that the butcher frequented the shteeble and so they banned him from the shteeble.

"And who", asked the Lechovitcher, "gave them permission to do so? I am appointing you a personal messenger to the Gabboim and dignitaries of the shteeble, and you will tell them that I demand that they immediately approach the butcher and do whatever it takes to return him to the shteeble as a member in good standing!"

And so, upon receipt of the Rebbe's directive, the most respected chassidim and the Gabboim of the shteeble went to the disgraced butcher, and requested that he begin once again to daven in their midst.

The rationale behind this was obvious: Staying in the shteeble, meant a good chance that the butcher might do teshuvah sheleimah; whereas throwing him out afforded an even better chance that he would entirely leave Yiddishkeit.

Sefer 'Mizkenim Esbonan'

Zechiso Yugein Uleini

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 18 Jan 2011 20:35

any relation to chaim yankel?

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ben durdayah - 18 Jan 2011 20:42

No, Chaim Yankel only does road kill butchery -and so did all of his ancestors going back 5 doiros. So his schoirah is treif l'chatchilah.

Besides, he's a Galitzianer -Lechovitcher chassidim were in Lita!

You ever heard of a Litvishe Chaim Yankel or Moshe Yoisef?

An I don't mean today's Amerikkaner Litvak's, 97% of those are gevorrener....

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 18 Jan 2011 20:48

yupp in litta it was YAINKEFF CHAIM

actually on a serious note

one of last

remaining gedoilay litta

HAGAON HATZADDIK REC CHAIM YAAKOV BEN CHASYA MIRIAM LIRFUA SHILAIMA

REB CHAIM STIEN SHLITTA

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ben durdayah - 18 Jan 2011 20:59

I didn't know that he was a Chaim Yankev!

Refeeah Sheleima!

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 18 Jan 2011 21:20

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 18 Jan 2011 21:41

shkoyach for the gevaldige story reb EBD

and shkoyach rebbe b for mentioning one of the ziknei roshei yeshiva, lirefua shleimah bekarov

and btw, during WWII Rav Chaim Stein was in Samarkand in southern Russia together with Reb Levi Yitzchok Bender zt'l, one of the ziknei chasidei Breslov after the war

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ben durdayah - 19 Jan 2011 08:15

[ZemirosShabbos wrote on 18 Jan 2011 21:41:](#)

shkoyach for the gevaldige story reb EBD

Check out an even better (IMHO) story here

<http://www.guardyoureyes.org/forum/index.php?topic=3419.0>

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 19 Jan 2011 15:39

thanks very much!

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ur-a-jew - 19 Jan 2011 16:04

[ZemirosShabbos wrote on 19 Jan 2011 15:39:](#)

EBD, my humble opinion agrees with your humble opinion

thanks very much!

So in the days of the Lechovitcher when someone got KD'd they told him KOD. Keep On Donkeying.

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 24 Jan 2011 18:53

b"h i am clean and mostly sober today

very grateful to the RBSO for that and for everything else in my life

i feel very fortunate to have GYE and the very special people here, you have helped me so much and show me how to live, how to keep growing, how to get over myself and try to do something for another

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by bardichev - 24 Jan 2011 19:24

Zemmy

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"Mostly" in chaider??

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Re: Zemmy's story

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 24 Jan 2011 19:29

When some said "er ken k'maaseh". The response was, "K'maase iz nisht gut. K'maaseh eretz mitzraim lo saaseh!"

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