

Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

Posted by nezach - 09 Jul 2009 19:57

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Newbie

Posts: 2

Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

« on: July 08, 2009, 11:04:06 AM »

Day 2. I was not living in denial per-ca, and had occassionally come to the realisation that I had a form of addiction. It seemed that was not enough to prevent me from lapsing on many occasions. However, recently an administrator who has kindly provided support directly informed me that I am a lust addict. It was this straight-talking comment that has potential awaken me and immediately removed my pain and sadness and has been replaced with a inner sense of humility.

This is an enormously strange sensation as I am not an egotistical or haughty person, yet this comment has made the inner battle a reality. And it is exactly what I needed, because I have been struggling with finding or experiencing reality on a constant basis..you guest it, because I have been living a life of sheker (falsehood).

All of the kindness, truth/Torah learning, love within my relationships and inspiration that I have provided (all being gifts and blessings from HKBH) have been in vain at any time that I had mis-channelled any frustration, disappointment, impatience (lack of Emunah) or lack of ability to direct my emotions and spiritual aspirations..for the sake of vanity!

So here I am on my quest to quench my thirst to live a life of integrity, dignity and truth!!

I write the following verse since the realisation has already brought an aspect of clarity to my mind and with humility and strength my mindset and perception of Emet (truth) will become clearer and stronger each day throughout my life.

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Thank you for welcoming and supporting me at these testing times in my life.

My bracha (blessing) is that we all will realise on day in the future that we needed to struggle, suffer and experience pain and despair in order to have the clarity of mind and purity in our souls so that we can rejoice in the salvation and light of the Shechinah. Tzikedenu bimhera viyamenu amen.

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Administrator

Hero Member

Posts: 1928

Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

« Reply #1 on: July 08, 2009, 11:38:23 AM »

Nezach, it's great to have you here. Keep posting on the "Wall of Honor" thread each day, use it as a journal for your journey to 90 days clean - you'll get tons of support!

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Webmaster of [www.guardureyes.com](http://www.guardureyes.com) - Maintaining Moral Purity in Today's World

We're here on a quest ; it's really all a test. Just do your best and G-d will do the rest.

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« on: July 07, 2009, 04:26:32 AM »

I have just joined this forum and hope that it will provide me the strength and determination to break through and overcome the issues which have kept my life on hold for many years now.

Apparently I have a lust addiction, rather than the normal battle of freewill. It is almost surreal as I feel 'free' during times when I am temporary clean and separate from the compulsive behaviour, although this frequently causes complacency and a lapse. It therefore feels like a viscous circle with intense darkness.

Despite feeling low and sick within me, I pray to show commitment to using the resources and

support that is available on a daily basis. It is important to take one day at a time, with goals and strategy even if it requires patience and pain in facing my personal reality.

After all, I have nothing really to loose. For a long time there has been struggle in advancing and making progress with personal dreams and aspirations in regards to relationships and income.

I wish for my dreams to become part of my reality, to rejuvenate and heal completely.

Please Hashem may it be your will that from now on I will live in accordance to your ratzon (eternal will) by guarding my eyes and being shomer habrit, and experience bracha, hatzlacha and a personal redemption.

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Trustworthy

Full Member

Posts: 214

Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

« Reply #1 on: July 07, 2009, 04:29:23 AM »

Nezach,

Welcome to the family!

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battleworn

Global Moderator

Sr. Member

Posts: 464

Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

« Reply #2 on: July 07, 2009, 05:17:46 AM »

Hello Netzach! Welcome home. This is where you belong and this is where you'll get chizuk from people who understand you and love you with all their hearts! By joining us you're strengthening not only yourself but all of us, because the more we are doing this together the stronger we are.

I'm sure that our beloved "Rabeinu Guard" will be here soon to welcome you. He'll post links to the Handbooks. Make sure to take his advice seriously and get busy with those handbooks. Their great!

Also please read "The Torah Approach" over here: [rehab-my-site.com/guardureyes/forum/index.php?topic=602.0](http://rehab-my-site.com/guardureyes/forum/index.php?topic=602.0)

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Administrator

Hero Member

Posts: 1928

Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

« Reply #3 on: July 07, 2009, 01:21:34 PM »

Hi Nezach,

I've welcomed you and sent you links to the handbooks already by e-mail. We've been in touch since the beginning of the year, and I am happy to finally see you here on the forum.

Like I suggested to you by e-mail this morning, please join the 12-Step phone group. See this page for the info and the phone numbers. You will gain a LOT.

P.S. Were you perhaps on the line already today? Some guy mentioned the Tikkun Klali and I thought it might be you

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Jr. Member

Posts: 84

Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

« Reply #4 on: July 07, 2009, 03:18:55 PM »

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May HaShem answer your beautiful prayer!

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

Posted by Chaim - 13 Aug 2009 13:32

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I like what you said about priority! Yes this SUR MeRa is the most important thing I can do. Even if I learn less, give up on some Chumras and such - I will have gained victory if I don't go after lust. and if I DO (Chas vShalom) I will be deemed a loser in lust in life, no matter what "great" learning I did.

For example, If I stay up all night and learn - I could become so exhausted that I might look for some relaxing pictures... this actually happened in the past! So in the end - was the mishmar worth it? Did I gain in my avodas HaShem?!

Keep strong!

Chaim

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

Posted by nezach - 14 Aug 2009 10:35

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Joy - The main place of joy is in the heart (Likutey Moharan 1, 24:2)

(Extract)

Of all man's emotions, joy is the most exhilarating, as well as the most elusive. One who feels joy in one's marriage, job and environment will be eager to continue productively on his or her chosen path. On the other hand, depression, the opposite of joy, is man's worst enemy and the greater stumbling block to his achievements.

Rebbe Nachman teaches that joy and happiness can free a person from the restraints that bind him to the material world. "One cannot attain yishuv haDaat (mental calm, serenity of mind, sober judgment) unless one first attains a joyous state of mind". It must be a powerful joy that penetrates the barricades which have been established by the many problems and confusions in life, and that can find its way into the heart. The verse tells us (Isaiah 55.12), "You shall depart (the exile) with joy.." - With joy we can leave behind our frustrations and anticipate God's help and salvation.

The power of joy is so intense that it can bring one to a revelation of Godliness within one's heart. One who perform the mitzvot with joy elevates the Divine Presence from its exile, and one is able to "see" God, for His Presence becomes revealed.

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by Noorah BAmram - 14 Aug 2009 13:51

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On the other hand, depression, the opposite of joy, is man's worst enemy

How TRUE!!

I struggle greatly in this area of attaining simchas hachaim. One of those things that are a



The menuvel's main battle is not to get us to sin rather to rob ous of the the simchas hachaim!

He will do anything to make us loose our "mut",

cause that is when he won!!

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

Posted by nezach - 14 Aug 2009 14:16

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I agree that it is easier said than done, although probably the best method to actualise this expression of joy (inner or external joy) is from focusing ourselves towards the benefit of other people; nurturing our relationships with our family and friends and making more effort to care and love them. All the more so, to focus our every decisions and behaviours towards Hashem.

I have written several posts with mention of depression because I was struggling to attain a true state of joy. Not that I was depressed per-ca but had not realised inner peace and serenity.

A great deal of effort has helped me in reversing such a state to finding more joy and whilst it can take time (subjectively) it should be a goal in and of itself. The consequences of finding this inner joy are incredible (although I am nearly there, I am writing more from previous

It should help us all in overcoming any lust temptations and in overcoming our addictions as we strive to serve Hashem to the fullest of our abilities.

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

Posted by nezach - 18 Aug 2009 13:53

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As I selected my "Message icon" by accident it was the "thumb down". boruch Hashem I feel privileged and zocher to choose it to "thumb up" lol

My inner reality and mindset is tenacious and focused so although my extremity/discipline of keeping well away from anything inappropriate or forbidden has been reduced to a 'normal' level, it is still very disciplined to the point that I know the tests that are being handed my way are being passed. But it is by no means easy and requires constant attention, awareness and concentration. It is important to remind ourselves that each and every time we remain strong and seek Divine assistance we are a step closer to teshuvah shleima and combating any remaining lust.

Yesterday, as I was in the local library, very much suddenly a huge wave of taiva (desire) overcame me; it was so unreal but it was so powerful that it caused me tremendous confusion. In a public place, after three weeks of being fully (strictly) clean and holy this random spontaneous desire full of improper thoughts overcame me. Then and there, I was battling with myself trying to vanish such confusion.

The best part; I survived. Not only survived, overall there were feeling of victory. Hashem helped me (I did ask Him to) : )

and any improper thoughts were transformed into strength and determination b/c experience has shown me that had I merely ignored such feeling it may not have been so good afterwards. The lesson is to be very self-aware and to keep reminding ourselves what we want and the reasons behind it.

I feel that as I start to make the most progress in this area in a long time, the stronger the feeling of 'wanting something inappropriate'. But omg, its amazing how badly the yetzer hara is losing this battle!! : )

Nezach (Victory Forever)

May Hashem help us always - and may we all constantly ask and pray to Hashem for His wonderful guidance and protection.

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by nezach - 21 Aug 2009 10:54

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Elul is here - Chodesh tov!!

We have such an awesome opportunity over the coming days and weeks. My brothers & sisters, this is the time to "let go and let God". Now is the time to resolve in the holiest manner, to literally change our ways b'Tehuva Shaleima.

Let Hashem help us, so that we can help ourselves. We all want to break free but we cannot do it alone. We are never alone!!

Every day throughout the month of Elul, may Hashem give us the courage, the strength and the words to express ourselves to Him in prayer - and in niggun (song). If we can reach this lofty level of joy then surely teshuva is close and welcoming for us to return to Hashem different to how we have been in the past.

Lets make each and every day count. For this is our life

Enjoy this Niggun and let is strengthen ourselves:

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by Will - 22 Aug 2009 18:56

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[nezach wrote on 21 Aug 2009 10:54:](#)

Lets make each and every day count. For this is our life

As a wise turtle once said..."Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but **today is a gift**...Thats why it's called 'The Present'."

In fact, I'm making this my signature...

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by nezach - 23 Aug 2009 20:47

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1 month & proud.

Everyone should have an amazing week ahead

Stay strong

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by Sturggle - 23 Aug 2009 21:38

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[nezach wrote on 23 Aug 2009 20:47:](#)

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Shkoyach! And you too!

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by the.guard - 24 Aug 2009 12:02

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Nezach, you are a true inspiration to us all! Keep up the great work, and keep giving it over to Hashem - while you keep doing YOUR part.

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by Tomim2B - 26 Aug 2009 04:58

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Netzach, I've been reading up on your progress and I am so proud of your victories. Keep going strong and don't let anything stand in the way of your iron resolve and determination.

Your mention about making each day count reminds me of a line I once read from Dov: "Instead of counting days, make each day count". Beautiful!

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Great posts. Don't stop writing!

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean

Posted by nezach - 30 Aug 2009 21:55

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Hello Everyone..I have been away on holiday and now i'm back!! And I have missed writing but have managed to read some of the recent Chizuk emails which I am grateful for.

My initial goal has been to reach 30 days, and now that I have managed the full month the aim is to push for 40 days, which is achievable b'ezrat Hashem.

Guys, it has been such a crazy past week I do not even know where to start (apart from having a great vacation lol). Please read the following as an initial post following some of the tests which have come my way over the past few days:

It was no coincidence that the apartment that I was staying in was located in close proximity to certain types of clubs; there were people trying to hand out leaflets to invite me in! Although my immediate response was to refuse (there was no desire as it is morally so low and we strive for dignity and truth), this has me thinking of the similarities to such content on the internet - this was an objective approach to our situation and once again strengthened my resolve and determination to be clean forever more. b'Hashem my friends who were with me have strength and discipline in shemirat einayim and this was great chizuk for me.

Whilst this occurred several time, it did not end there. One morning I entered a lift alone (without

my friends) and a women point-blank invited me to her place! Now that's pretty crazy!

Without even having a thought or hesitation, I believe Hashem saved me as the words "No" almost upset and surprised her. I said "bye" to her and walked straight out.

Again, there was no 'desire for lust' but my point is not about my strengths etc - but that we are all capable of 'walking away' from a dangerous situation even without a fight!!

The challenges that I had to fight afterwards, on each occasions, was not having inappropriate thoughts or fantasy about 'what could have happened'. Hashem protected and saved me and I am eternally grateful.

I am pleased that I have experience personal growth and resolve as even on the occasions when I would look at a women for a few seconds my thoughts would return to Hashem, to Teshuvah and to my determination to break free and be clean.

Nezach.

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by the.guard - 31 Aug 2009 11:37

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I have no words. Tzadikim, Kedoshim! ***Ashrei Chelkecha be'Olam hazeh u'be'olam Haba!***

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Re: Nezach - My determination to break free and be clean  
Posted by bardichev - 31 Aug 2009 14:06

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