

how were you first inspired?

Posted by coby613 - 28 Aug 2009 21:16

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i started getting the idea that i should be changing some things from a friend. I did not know him very well at that point, but over time he proved to be a lamed vav. we started a chavrusah on mesilat yesharim, and he seemed to know how to apply it to me specifically, even though he knew nothing of whats going on. that was over two years ago. we haven't finished the sefer (in fact we're thinking about starting a new one) and I'm starting to hint to him what my problem was, at least one of them. the sefer helped a lot. so, what made you decide to drop the habits forever?

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Re: how were you first inspired?

Posted by Tomim2B - 28 Aug 2009 21:41

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[coby613 wrote on 28 Aug 2009 21:16:](#)

so, what made you decide to drop the habits forever?

The realization that if I don't, I may turn out to be like my father. And that's a scary thought!

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Re: how were you first inspired?

Posted by coby613 - 28 Aug 2009 21:48

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i had no idea my father was doing it until much later in my life. He keeps candy under his bed (we're both diabetics) and I was looking for some M&Ms when I found a penthouse. I got

excited, as i had never had a yetzer in such a form before. i immediately took it, went to the bathroom and fell (before i even had any idea of the repercussions, It didnt even feel wrong yet). I opened it up and there was a picture of my Aunt on the first page, pull out. I mean, my aunt is very pretty, but it was just....no. awkward is an understatement. That was a sign from Hashem I think. I never picked up a magazine again.

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Re: how were you first inspired?  
Posted by Tomim2B - 28 Aug 2009 21:51

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[coby613 wrote on 28 Aug 2009 21:48:](#)

I opened it up and there was a picture of my Aunt on the first page, pull out. I mean, my aunt is very pretty, but it was just....no.

That's messed up! I can't imagine your reaction.

I'd never be able to look my father square in the eyes after that.

[Running to the bathroom to vomit... Excuse me.]

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Re: how were you first inspired?  
Posted by cobyl613 - 28 Aug 2009 21:52

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yeah, kinda like that.

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