

Getting started

Posted by helpless - 04 Sep 2009 20:13

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I am brand new and getting started. Having been 'sick' for many years, the road to recovery appears to be out of reach. However, the thought of being 'clean' brings a huge smile to my face.

I have printed out some of the material from the site and get the daily email. I think my next/first step is to get some form of Internet Filter for the home.

What is the best advice for a filter considering my wife uses the computer sometimes and I need the internet at home for work?

Thanks

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Re: Getting started

Posted by helpless - 07 Sep 2009 14:23

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[Noorah BAmram wrote on 06 Sep 2009 16:01:](#)

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- rather we share what worked for

Not to be rude but I did not come here to make friends. I am here to get better. Tell it like it is. Dont hold back.

[Noorah BAmram wrote on 06 Sep 2009 16:01:](#)

I wasn't succesfull in sobriety until I gave the password to my wife and told her that the I just that the halacha is, it is "yichud" for a man to be. with an unfiltered internet conection.

I need to figure out a way to do this. I think this would add an extra fence that would be helpful.

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[Noorah BAmram wrote on 06 Sep 2009 16:01:](#)

Since then thru the kindness of the Almighty it has been 5 months that I'm clean! one day @ a

Extremely impressive. I am on day 3 and am really struggling. I listened to Rabbi Reismans shiur last night and found it encouraging. I now realize I was/am not in control of myself.

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Re: Getting started

Posted by Kedusha - 07 Sep 2009 14:55

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Hatzlacha!

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Re: Getting started  
Posted by helpless - 08 Sep 2009 02:25

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I will figure out a way to get the K9 pass word to my wife. I agree that is an important fence.

Because I have unfiltered access at work I am vulnerable during the day. I am going to try and install K9 on that computer but it might not be that simple.

**I am closing in on finishing day 3 clean.** I did slip a little today but was stopped (there is no doubt in my mind that I was sent a hand to pick me up as I was falling. Pretty incredible) before I fell down.

I found that I 'gave up' and decided to fall down after getting upset at my wife. I am sure that will happen again in the future and am not sure how to build that fence.

How some of you have made it a few weeks, let alone 90 days, is beyond me. Very inspiring.

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Re: Getting started

Posted by Kedusha - 08 Sep 2009 03:05

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Re: Getting started

Posted by helpless - 08 Sep 2009 18:35

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I am now halfway through day 4. The feeling is tremendous.

What scares me is how quick I can fall. I know that when that feeling arrives I am not in control anymore. I also know that I will always be able to find a way to get some help in my fall. K9 on my home computer? so what? I have a phone to use, places to go, etc.

How do we stop ourselves then?

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Re: Getting started  
Posted by Kedusha - 08 Sep 2009 19:10

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You're allowed to fall. **TOMORROW.**

Imagine that if you fall today, you will forfeit your house, your car, and all your property. You will be sent into exile, never to see your family and friends again. Your daily lot, for the rest of your life will be hard labor and torture. On GOOD days, you will have a crust of bread to eat and a few ounces of water. Anyone have anything to add?

On the other hand, if you fall tomorrow, there are no consequences. Take your pick.

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Re: Getting started  
Posted by helpless - 09 Sep 2009 12:46

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I fell.

I could just walk away from GYE and give up but I really do not want to do that. I need to continue to build those fences. I did make it a few days. Next stretch will be longer.

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Re: Getting started

Posted by Kedusha - 09 Sep 2009 13:59

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Dear Blessed,

Your positive attitude is important for getting right back on track.

By the way, when I gave you permission yesterday to fall "tomorrow," I was hoping you'd realize that, once "tomorrow" is here, it becomes today!

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From reading many of the posts on this forum I question if I can do this in a similar way as everyone else. While I want to do "Teshuva", I am here to get better so I can be a happier person and have a better marriage/life.

Maybe I should say more Tehilim and see if eventually it has an impact on me.....

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Re: Getting started

Posted by battleworn - 09 Sep 2009 15:33

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Holy brother blessed! First of all, you should realize that you were BLESSED with a very holy neshomoh, and you will see that the more you get involved the more it will shine!

Second of all, the spirit here is contagious. It has a varying incubation period, but it always brakes out sonner or later **JUST DON'T RUN AWAY!!!**

Thirdly, lust addiction is a total KILLER; stopping is not a luxury it's your life!!!

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Posted by bardichev - 09 Sep 2009 16:46

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IMAGINE YOU ARE RIDING A BIKE

REGULAR BIKE

IF YOU STOPPP TO PEDAL YOU FALL

KEEP ON PEDDLING

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Posted by UTS - 05 Oct 2009 03:39

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Dear Kedusha,

I am not aware of *countless* rabbonim who hold that there is an actual issur of yichud. (However, that does not diminish the problem.) If you are,

please let me know who they may be. Thanks.

Regarding adding issurim, please see what the Chaye Odom brings down about potatoes. I don't have it in front of me, but he brings down, on the bottom, from a seifer, "Boruch Hashem that there were no potatoes (ed. at least known) in the times of Chazal, because they then would have assured them as kitniyos".

To me it's mashma that even though they *would* have, since they *did* not[i], there is no problem - as far as kitniyos goes.

Again, it cannot be stressed enough that there are other reasons to treat the internet as *if* indeed it was a problem with yichud --- and then some!

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