

Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 16 Aug 2015 22:06

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Guys I need some ideas how to overcome my yetzer for tonite. As I have posted before I normally fall asleep via J/O. And if I wake up in middle of the nite I'll do it again. Any ideas how not to? So far for starteres read something clean before sleeping.

I will be on only for another hour or two. I do not want log in to the internet once I get home from shul even if its just for GYE. Its just too dangerous.Thus the urgency

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by Shlomo24 - 16 Sep 2015 18:09

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one day at a time, one day at a time. yom kippur is in 1000 years for all you know. mashiach will come by then, we have no idea what will happen tomorrow.

if you feel that this is a lust issue, then yom kippur is just another day, this isn't about taharah anymore, this is about having a life. hashem loves you no matter what, you aren't a product of your actions, hashem doesn't love you less because of your sobriety date. if he judged his love based on your days then he is a pretty twisted god, not a god that is full of rachamim.

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Posted by waydown - 16 Sep 2015 19:11

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by waydown - 16 Sep 2015 20:18

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Shlomo,

Some goyim have open marriages and divorce is more accepted as well. Its accepted by many to fall in love with another women as well. Plus I wouldn't have a wife and kids necesarly certainly not at a young age. So I am who I am because I am frum.

Yes I can't deny that these stuff took over my life and made it unmangable. But again thats not my only drive. Part of what made it unmangable is because I am jewish and it ate away on my consciscious as well.

I think rationally one must throw judiasm into the equation. I don't think you can detach the two. I must admit that I probably wouldn't be here if the only unmanagble aspect of it was physical and not religious combined. If a prerequisite for recovery is just to feel you life is unmanagable from a non religious aspect then I don't know that I have reached that feeling yet.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight

Posted by MBJ - 16 Sep 2015 20:41

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It is an interesting point that you make. On the one hand lusting has nearly destroyed my marriage and made me crazy, not because I am a frum jew, but because lust destroys. On the other hand I also have an addiction to food. It is humiliating and unhealthy and also makes me do crazy things. But it bothers me far less because eating is not an eveira punishable by mita biydei shomayim.

Though I must take exception as well that goyim don't care about their families or that having an affair is acceptable behavior. I thing that is typical religious jewish elitism. While I believe there is an extra mailah for jewish neshamos, that does not make goyim animals.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight  
Posted by waydown - 16 Sep 2015 21:07

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MBJ,

I totally agree. In fact I hate when my kids say goyim this goyim that. There are lots of fine and upstanding goyim too. I work with many fine upstanding goyim. But 1) Its more accepted and Ok to get divorced. 2) open marriages by some make that acceptable. 3) I probaly wouldn't of married and had kids if I was secular. I'd "live it up" as many do at my work. Yes I suppose once married with kids its time to settle down. (even on a goysa standard) But I probably wouldn't be where I am if not for being a frum yid.

So life is unmanagable partly becuase I am frum.

I'll add one more personal story. I have flirted on-line with goyim. But when I bumped into an OTD jewish married lady and flirted with her it somehow hit a raw nerve. Why? Its the same flirting. But no something about breaching on one of the worse issurim in the torah somehow shook me up. It made my life much more unmanageble. My concious didn't let me eat or sleep normally. (People commented on my wieght loss). That was one of my tipping points. Something about religion did make it more unmanageable.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 16 Sep 2015 21:27

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so your religion makes your life unmanageable? that kinda sux

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Re: Solutions for Tonight  
Posted by waydown - 16 Sep 2015 21:38

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Posted by cordnoy - 16 Sep 2015 22:31

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On my phone....

Catching up.....

I like a lot of this post

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This one I really like, and he wrote a short one!

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I don't want to quibble over words and that is not my intent. But I think it isnot religion that makes your life unmanagable, it just makes you more sensitive to the problems with lust. Ithink that is a good thing. Living a life that is frei would not make you happier, just mask the discontent better. When I said before that I was more sensetive to lust because it is an issur, I was not complaining. I wish I was as determined to fix my food problems as I was to fix my lust



ones.

The end result is that I see my lust as a burden to carry, but one that gets me closer to Hashem by forcing me to rely on Him on levels I never imagined. It is the sensitivity that my religion provides that forces me to do that. So both my addiction and my religion are huge blessings.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 16 Sep 2015 23:14

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[MBJ wrote:](#)

Living a life that is frei would not make you happier, just mask the discontent better.

That is an excellent quote. I have seen far too many non-frum, non-jewish people in program to know that as the truth. Life is hard for an addict in his active addiction (and sometimes also non-active addiction). The party, the glamour, the glitz, it fades after a while. I know that if i was a non-jew, i would definitely not be where i am, i would be living an openly gay lifestyle, but my life would suck. even without the aveiros. it is not a fulfilling lifestyle, constantly pursuing the objects of our pleasure and never being able to settle.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight  
Posted by serenity - 17 Sep 2015 01:22

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You may be interested to learn that non-Jews care about those issues as well.

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Re: Solutions for Tonight  
Posted by serenity - 17 Sep 2015 02:06

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Also chaver, pls think about this. My experience was that I had to let go of the idea that I needed sobriety for religion. I don't just mean in that in the usual way it sometimes is talked about here. I mean that even if I wasn't religious, I want to live a clean sober life. Maybe friend, the thing you need to surrender is the idea that if you were not a frum Yid, you could have all that lust.

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