

Back again for another try

Posted by fr33et - 22 Nov 2020 02:10

Hello everyone, I've been gone too long but I'm back trying again to break free.

I've been struggling with motivation and ambivalence. I made list of the reasons not to act out, but it doesn't seem to be enough. When I made the list, it's the part of me that wants to break free speaking. I wrote down pros and cons, but I knew that the reason I wrote them down was to convince myself to stop. So the part of me that wants to keep watching p... doesn't believe it. That part of me says, "You just made that list with an agenda, it's not an honest list of pros and cons, it's just a trick to make the cons side win. I don't believe it!" I don't understand how to get that part of me on board. If I internally yell at him and attack him, he just fights back harder. But I don't know what else to do. My behavior is unacceptable, so how can I accept the part of me that wants to do it? But if I refuse to accept him, he just fights back harder.

I hope this makes some sense and it doesn't sound too crazy.

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Posted by fr33et - 23 May 2021 19:31

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Posted by DavidT - 23 May 2021 19:45

[fr33et wrote on 23 May 2021 19:31:](#)

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I once heard that when a person has big worries, he knows that he has to rely on Hashem, but the small worries, he thinks he can control by himself... So the small ones cause more stress. Give them ALL over to Hashem...

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Re: Back again for another try
Posted by fr33et - 28 May 2021 00:17

I'm still clean from porn and masturbation, but I have been struggling with time wasting.

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Re: Back again for another try
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 28 May 2021 11:22

Let's celebrate the accomplishment. Feeling good about yourself will iyh bring to other positive developments and upgrades in your daily life.

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Re: Back again for another try
Posted by fr33et - 30 May 2021 02:28

Tonight I was about to waste some time on the internet. I told myself, "ok, but first write this down in my journal." Then when I went on the time-wasting website, I spent about ten minutes, noticed it was unsatisfying, and stopped. Then I wrote that down. Sometime I used to waste

hours there. Thank you HaShem! This really brings home that I don't need it.

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Posted by fr33et - 03 Jun 2021 01:30

These past few days I've been wasting time. Last night I wasted some time before going to bed. I didn't repeat the Sh'ma and I was late for shul this morning. But after davening I got my act together and I had a more productive day at work than I've had in a very long time. Now it is time for me to get ready for bed and repeat the Sh'ma. Why waste even a little time?

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Posted by fr33et - 04 Jun 2021 01:34

I had another productive day today, thank G-d, much like yesterday. This morning I was on time for shul though. I was focused at work and at home I spent my time on learning and chores. Like last night I need to get ready for bed now and repeat the Sh'ma without getting distracted. That way I can arrive at shul on time tomorrow.

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Posted by fr33et - 10 Jun 2021 23:01

These past few days I've had some ups and downs in terms of time wasting but overall I can see an improvement. I've been careful with my evening time to make sure I can say shma and have a good nights sleep. I did waste about 15 minutes on YouTube one night. I think this week is the most often I've made it to shacharit in one week (every day so far). Yesterday I was a little slow and distractible at work but for the most part I've been quite focused and I had a chance to get "in the zone." Plus I've added to my learning schedule. And of course I've stayed away from porn and masturbation. I'd like to find some more time for exercise, hobbies and taking care of my apartment. One thing at a time though! I'm very pleased with my progress.

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Posted by fr33et - 18 Jun 2021 00:12

In the week since my last post, I've been staying consistent with davening and learning and keeping away from porn and masturbation. I have been struggling with time wasting at work and in the evenings when I get home from learning. I hope that I will be able to guard my eyes from intellectual junk food too, not just sexual junk food. If there is something I really want to read, then I can set some time aside to focus on it instead of stealing minutes from something more important like my employer or exercise. Or better yet find a friend to talk it over. I'm hoping that if I can redirect my time and attention to better things I can improve my fitness, apartment, and/or hobbies.

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Posted by ?????? - 18 Jun 2021 10:53

Hey Fr33et

I just read through your thread. I find that I can relate to it very much. Not only do I struggle with porn and masturbation, but I also struggle with procrastinating on the internet. In fact I've wasted so much time on the internet (even with "kosher" stuff) that it's basically ruined my life.

Please feel free to pm me- I'd love to talk to you some more and hopefully devise some ways to

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Re: Back again for another try

Posted by fr33et - 24 Jun 2021 01:47

Half way to 90 days. I'm still struggling with time-wasting, but each day is getting a little better this week.

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Re: Back again for another try
Posted by fr33et - 02 Jul 2021 00:41

I've had a lot of ups and downs with time wasting this week. Somedays I spent very little time on the internet and some days it was a big distraction at work and at home. I've been able to keep away from inappropriate content, BH.

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Re: Back again for another try
Posted by Meyer M. - 04 Jul 2021 04:27

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Re: Back again for another try
Posted by fr33et - 05 Jul 2021 22:55

I had a little time off from work and Baruch HaShem I've been doing very well. I haven't spent terribly much time on the internet and I got caught up on some maintenance work and projects I've been putting off.

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Keep up the good work!