

The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 12 Apr 2010 13:31

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I had been 21 days clean till friday then i fell and i just fell again, I was doing so well, looking forward to being back with my wife after nearly a year without being with her properly (coz of sickness during pregnancy and post pregnancy), i should've been clean for nearly a month when the time comes but i blew it and I feel really bad about it.

as soon as pesach finished and the summer came i felt like a protective shield had been removed, i felt exposed and vulnerable and now i've fallen lower than I have for a while. How do i get started over again ? pesach and long cleanliness for my wife where incentives which I've lost.

some thoughts and chizuk would be greatly appreciated, thanks!

p.s just posting here and knowing that others are tackling this problem too is really helpful, thanks to you all!

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 29 Dec 2010 23:01

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wow, really good to hear so much good stuff!

thanks for the good news AHM

keep up your great work

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 30 Dec 2010 21:48

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[an honest mouse wrote on 29 Dec 2010 22:50:](#)

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 30 Dec 2010 22:26

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today was a tough day - i was overtired and grumpy in the morning and then anxious and nervous in the evening. both cases of RID which were pushing me towards lust.

so i tried to work out the ego behind them both - because we all know that our ego is what leads to RID.

The morning was because my kids had a bad night but i still got up at 645 while my wife got up at 9 (coz the kids slept in) and i was sulking that she had more sleep than me! - what a baby!! that deflated that RID bH.

The evening, is something i have to do in public and im afraid to mess up so its making me all RIDY - well thats my ego again.

EGO = Edge G-d Out, so both times I brought G-d in and strengthened my connection with Him, which made me feel calmer - coz i realised that the world wont explode if my life isnt perfect.

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 30 Dec 2010 22:49

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[an honest mouse wrote on 30 Dec 2010 22:26:](#)

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& who told you that??? I pray that your life Should be PERFECT!!!! [PERFECTLY clean, PERFECTLY organized, PERFECTLY serene, etc.]

But for the main reply, I will just quote my chavrusa:[an honest mouse wrote on 29 Dec 2010 22:50:](#)

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 03 Jan 2011 21:44

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so, the thing i had to do in public came and went and leading up to it - i got stressed, anxious and nervous and the lust was very much on the radar. BH i didnt utilise it but i did notice that it went away after the event was over. The event wasnt perfect but im still alive - amazing.

a major lesson im taking away from this (even though i didnt fall i can still learn!) is that the uncomfortable feelings clearly lead to lust in such an obvious way that i cant believe i didnt notice before. Like rabbeinu sb often says, you need to get some distance between you and the madness to see more clearly.

anyway, i can see that my default position is still to run to lust when the going gets tough although i have been able to find the tools to not run bH - i have a long way to go- odaat

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 04 Jan 2011 15:33

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you are doing great!

honest, perfectly imperfect, and growing

good for you

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 04 Jan 2011 20:28

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Try to imagine how it would have felt to be that in public knowing that you succumbed to temptation just a short time ago.

Shame? Guilt? Now, compare that with your present feelings.... (Even though it wasn't as  
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We are all proud of you! [Especially me!]

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perfect as **YOU** would have liked it be  
Re: The mouse being honest  
Posted by Shteeble - 05 Jan 2011 09:24

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Re: The mouse being honest  
Posted by silentbattle - 05 Jan 2011 11:06

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Glad to hear it - and thank you for the title, I've been waiting for a long time for everyone to  
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I would also add a reminder that we often have an equation in our heads, a script that tells us  
"when under stress, I act out." And we've followed that script for years, sometimes decades.  
You've taught yourself that you don't have to follow that script. You can realize that the urges  
are just that outdated script, and you can follow your own script!

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 05 Jan 2011 17:21

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it only took 3175 posts for us to realize ;D

are we quick on the pickup?

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Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by an honest mouse - 06 Jan 2011 23:04  
realize how truly great I am! :

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i realised the 1st week i was here...

anyways, im afraid to report that i fell today. resentment and discomfort built up too much for me  
at work, i reached out in the begining but then i went for it instead but...

whereas the the yetser/addiction will try to convince me that i have to start all over again - i  
know that to be totally false - the last 2 1/2 weeks were by far my best quality recovery so far  
and the fall cant take that away from me.

2 people have helped re-enforce this within me. 1stly, my good chaver reb yosef hatzadik who  
once told over a moshul - if you're building a tower and your blown off, it doesnt mean the tower  
fell down, its still there and u just have to get back to the place which already exists. In other  
words, i dont have to blaze a new path in my brain, because, its there already, i just have to  
start using it again (which i have bH).

secondly - as quoted from 'shnook' on the email a few days ago - its the general upward climb that's the main thing - not just the sobriety. I could relate to that very much coz i have also bouned up and down the 90 day chart like a yo-yo and honestly, ive never made it past 25 days but my partner will tell you, im a very different mouse than i was even a month ago, let alone a

perhaps Hashem piled up more than im capable of at this point to see how i will react, i dont know but if so, well i believe i have reacted like a mouse in recovery...

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year ago, so yetser, you cant fool me - im still very much growing and in recovery! -  
Re: The mouse being honest

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 06 Jan 2011 23:15

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If you would hear the comments your partners tells me about you you would have a nisayon of gaava. You would be the haughtiest mouse on the planet!

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I am proud to be associated with you!

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Re: The mouse being honest  
Posted by Shteeble - 07 Jan 2011 00:48

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shtarkeh trucking!!

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Re: The mouse being honest  
Posted by silentbattle - 07 Jan 2011 08:32

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Sorry to hear about the fall, but fell, shmell.

More importantly, what did you learn? About yourself, about how your addiction works, what you can do differently?

Every test, whether we succeed or fail, gives us an opportunity to learn more, so that we can be better prepared in the future.

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