

Where I'm at

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 16 Jul 2009 19:45

To whom it may concern,

My name is Uri.I live in the jerusalem area and i am a sex and love addict.This took me a long time to come to terms with,to say the least.But that we'll get to in a second.

I am finishing now my third year in beis medrash.While i have had success in my learning b'h,i have a source of shame and anguish that has caused me great depression on a constant basis.I lived (live really) two lives;my yeshiva/religious life which is the source of much admiration and pride from my parents and rebbeim.And then there is my "secret life", where I spend time ranging from 10 minutes a day to almost full off days fantasizing and worse acting out of all sorts.I feel like the worlds biggest hypocrite.It bothers me even more cause i find sincerity and honesty of the utmost importance, and i have to stand and watch myself trample all over these traits.After several years of therapy i have recently come to the realization that basically all of my "major" issues have come from this place.I have major issues in getting close to people and keeping friends once i feel that they know me too well.i have a hard time sitting by myself due to my uncomfortability of sitting with a unsatiable sex addict(however ironic that might sound).The need creeps up all too often,followed by a crazy need to satisfy it.There are several paths to this:porn,masturbation,contact with a sexual girl,and, strangely enough,eating out at restaurants,but that well get to a diff time.Anyway,there is one main girl,as there always is.we have had the weirdest on and off relationship,to say the least.the jealousy and overprotection i had with her is still a shock to me even.anyway im tired so i shall continue this

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 01 Sep 2009 08:57

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by the.guard - 01 Sep 2009 08:58

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Yes, YES and YESSSSS!!

What are you PAYING him for? To tell him you're all better now, or to show him how SICK you are?

We're dealing with an ILLNESS here. There's no room here for SHAME. Bring the disease out into the open with someone who can help you. Show him your TRUE self. Show him how CRAZY this addiction makes you act. He knows, he knows. **Believe me**, he knows.

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 01 Sep 2009 09:09

Uri:Hello Rav Shlachter

Rav:SPEaking

Uri:Yea,so I just wanted to inform you that I spent the last day and night watching countless amounts of porn and masturbating

Rav:Very good.Uri.Thanks for sharing.

Uri:So what should I do now?

Rav:Well,we're meeting next monday so meanwhile stick in there.

Uri:K.

(Uri resumes porn and mas** marathon)

an hour later...

Uri:Yea hi Rav.I just wanted to let you that I can't stop.

Rav:Let go and let G-d.

Uri:K.

(Uri resumes porn and mas** marathon)

3 hours later...

Uri:So I think I just set an all time strak on **\$@#.com for the most porn videos watched in one day.

Rav:Congratulations,Uri.I'll see you Monday.Now can you please stop calling me to inform me that you masturbated.I sort of am trying to work here.

Half hour later...

Uri:Rabbi I just can't stop looking at porn videos!

Rav:Uri.....

Uri:I've been living in one sexual fantasy after another for the past 15 hours!

Rav:Uri...

Uri:Why can't I stop masturbating!!!!

Rav:URI!

Uri:Yes?What?

Rav:I'm driving right now with my family.You're on speakerphone.

Pause....

Uri:How you doin Rebbetzin Shlachter?Pleased to meet you.Kids?Don't repeat anything I just said.Ever.

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Re: Where I'm at
Posted by Tomim2B - 01 Sep 2009 09:20

[Uri wrote on 01 Sep 2009 09:09:](#)

Rav:I'm driving right now with my family.You're on speakerphone.

Pause....

Uri:How you doin Rebbetzin Shlachter?Pleased to meet you.Kids?Don't repeat anything I just said.Ever.

I'm laughing my head off! That's nuts! :D

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Re: Where I'm at
Posted by the.guard - 01 Sep 2009 10:10

That's not how it would go in real life. Here is something more like it:

Uri:Hello Rav Shlachter

Rav:SPeaking

Uri:Yea,so I just wanted to inform you that I spent the last day and night watching countless amounts of porn and masturbating

Rav: Until we meet next, here is what I want you to do. 1) X 2) Y 3) Z

Uri: That makes sense. I'll do my best. You know, come to think of it, I think I'll go play a song on my guitar. Thank you!

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Re: Where I'm at
LOL that's really funny. Maybe make a song out of that
Posted by kulan - 01 Sep 2009 11:57

Uri,

Listen to Guard. What have you got to lose? Worst comes to worst, you'll have this therapist rolling on the floor with tears of laughter coming from his eyes.

Just like me.

Its very healthy, you know, so I'm sure he'll appreciate it.

Just like me.

Uri, thanks for the hearty laugh. I usually have to wait till Dr. Bardichev wakes up, now that 7up is permanently behind the mechitza.

Very fondly yours,

Kutan

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Re: Where I'm at
Posted by chl - 01 Sep 2009 12:01

bs"d

Uri,

it broke my heart to read about your struggles. I hope you're doing better now. Maybe you can determine a course of action with your therapist what to do in a case like this. When online, reading people's threads always helps me.

May HaShem bless you to beat this!

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 01 Sep 2009 12:04

OK

my thread has beomce wayy too depressing so i will share what happened to me last night.

i came home and immediately went to my room cause i didnt want to answer my mothers questions about why i wasnt in yeshiva.she had no idea that i was home.

after a bit,i got hungry,and i grabbed my pair of keys and took the car to get a bite to eat.

i returned a half hour later,satiated and with a smile on my face,only to see my brothers sitting on the couch looking really tense and scared.

they're eyes opened wide with shock when they saw me there.one went yelling "mommy!!"

i was like huh?

see,apparently my mother had went outside to take the car to the pharmacy and when she saw the car wasnt there,she was frightened.she was sure it was a theif that took the car.

so she called the cops.

and so it came to be that the entrance to my town was clogged up to who knows where because the cops were checking every car that went by.

we all had a good laugh afterwards though(after my mom had a drink).

anyway,that was my night last night(before the marathon started of course)

-uri

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by Momo - 01 Sep 2009 12:08

Uri, I'm sorry you're going through a rough time. Your pain comes across in your writing.

I'm also sorry I just read this now after you told me about it in the new songs thread. I've been really busy with work and haven't had time to read most of the posts.

Anyway, first, your last post of dialogue with the therapist is really funny. Laughter is healthy.

Second, if you binged, don't get depressed about it, that just leads you in a downward spiral. Tell the Y"H, "OK, I gave you the korban that you needed, but from now I'm giving myself to HaShem."

After the binge, when you're tired out and feeling sick and sorry for yourself, remind yourself that your falls when you worked on yourself were no where near this last fall. Use the binge to motivate you to battle against the Y"H because you reminded yourself how bad the alternative is (when you give up the battle just for a day or two). Realize that even when you act out when trying not to, you are doing better than you were doing before you found GYE or when you give up from fighting it completely. This should prove to you that trying and falling is better objectively and in HaShem's eyes than not trying at all. I know this from personal experience. I know what I'm saying.

You are right, you aren't "normal", but none of us at GYE are either. We are members of a "special" club, the club of addicts. We have an allergy to lust, and must try to get better, if that means calling in to Duvid Chaim, a therapist, or going to an SA meeting. Whatever it takes.

(By the way, what is a normal Yeshiva guy? You have no idea what your friends are doing in their private spaces. Don't they think you're "normal"? It's sad to think this, but maybe you're more the norm than you think and the lust-healthy Yeshiva guy is a rare breed.)

Uri, read this next part carefully. NO matter what you do, or see, or act out, or fall, we (your GYE family) will always be here for you, love you, and think you're a very special guy. You are no longer alone. I think all of us not only understand, but also identify first hand with what you're feeling, done, and written (I certainly do).

Your friend,

Momo

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 01 Sep 2009 13:21

I called rav shlachter (sex addict therapist) and he gave me the following peice of advice.

He said i am probably really drained.I said yes.

He said so take a break.

Take a break and do something that you feel is very worthwhile.

Then when I finish,i can go back to whatever i was doing.

I said fine but how about one last time?

He said go for it.

He basically was saying that we cant think about not looking at porn ever again.We cant fight it head on.We just have to start leading more fulfilling lives as we are fighting the inside battle.
momo-i really love you man.youre a good guy

Every time in the past 16 hours or so that i told myself that i have to stop,i started getting really anxious.and i couldnt stop.but i think his point was very good.

So here I go.Im gonna try translating some parts of his book that have not yet been translated on the site.Well see how i am holding after.until i finish what im setting out to do,no porn and no mas***!!

-uri

btw guard he told me that i should only call him during his hotline hours or email him or wait till

the meeting.i felt stupid and there was an awkward silence for a second,and then i was like

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"guard told me to!"Hes like oh.

Re: Where I'm at

Posted by hoping - 01 Sep 2009 13:46

I was rolling while reading your imaginary dialogue with the therapist.

I just wanted to say that we have been dealing with this addiction for years. The recovery is
(). Lust is the symptom. Forget about
how bad you are at fighting the symptom and follow the steps toward **recovery**.

With lots of love,

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by the.guard - 01 Sep 2009 14:13

Uri, thanks for sharing the good news that at least his kids didn't hear anything ;D...

bound to take more than a few weeks (Dov taught me that

When I told you to call him I assumed he had given you his hotline number and I wasn't sure
what the times were, sorry. But you can use that FREE hotline to call him even every day, if you
need to!

Stick with him, you'll go far fast, G-d willing. His approach may be hard to swallow for some, but
he knows what he is doing and he understands you far better than you understand yourself (at
this point).

Keep sharing your phone calls and meetings with him. I myself learn a lot from them!!

And please do share the translations you do too. (You remind me a lot of Yerachmiel from the story).

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by habib613 - 01 Sep 2009 14:56

uri, how is it that every time you post you make me laugh and cry at the same time?

a marathon? You must have needed a lot of comfort. you're in my tefillos.

and please don't come to college in america. even the frummost college would be a major lust trigger for many guys. believe me, please

hatzlacha!

oh, and too bad if you're curious about me. can't say cuz if i did there may be a chance someone would put two and two together and figure out who i am. and i cannot risk that. sorry. but don't worry. it wasn't all that bad, and Hashem knew what He was doing when He gave me

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Re: Where I'm at

Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 01 Sep 2009 15:49

psst...

shhh...

im messing with the y'h big time...

i dont want him to overhear...

i made a deal with him that ill do a short project and then go right back to the porn

but i told him that were not going back till we finish

he forgot one thing..

im lazy as hell

and im gonna keep pushing this project off

90 days here i come!

just kidding

but really

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