

I thought I can do this alone.

Posted by realsimcha - 11 Mar 2011 20:07

This is really hard for me. I feel nervous and uncomfortable as I am posting this . I have been struggling for over twelve years. Twelve nightmarish long years. Some have been better and some have been worse. All have been painful. I have never reached out like this before. Its really hard for me, as I always convinced myself that I can do this alone. I was wrong. I hope that I can get what it seems like others on this website have. Strength. Simcha. Clarity. I don't have any more strength for this addiction, and I want to face the world around me with simcha and without feeling embarassed. Can you help?

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.

Posted by Yesod - 21 Feb 2016 02:45

RS, OTR, are spreading the kedusha, keep it up.

So glad that you are feeling a little bit of satisfaction from all your good work.

It should just get better.

When yall report good days, it gives everyone who reads it a push on the right direction, so take a look and see how many views your thread has, that's alot of positive encouragement you're giving others.

G Bless you both,

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.

Posted by realsimcha - 21 Feb 2016 13:31

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.
Posted by gyejew - 21 Feb 2016 14:20

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Posted by cordnoy - 21 Feb 2016 14:28

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I totally here this. The 'peek,' or the 'new's site is often the first step for me into the abyss. I think cord is right about counting not being the only motivator. But that said, this point of 'just a sip' is something we all know as one of lust's most powerful assaults. Just a sip of cyanide.... If you need to reach out today I should be around....

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Not the only tool. Just the newest one (for me). You see, before i rejoined GYE i was not sitting on my .. doing nothing. I was working and working and working. And i do have lots of things in place. I have a partner who i call when things are rough, i have outlets i put into place that are helpful. But i needed another weapon. Another tool. and this time wound on GYE i am finding counting within Gye to be more powerful than just a personal count, and also i am finding that posting every day is giving me a huge boost. Also people - like you - commenting, chizuking, or are keeping me focused.

Anyway.... Cord, what works for you? What have you been doing lately that works for you. I would love to hear some new ideas.

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.

Posted by cordnoy - 21 Feb 2016 21:01

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Let it expire.

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.

Posted by Yesod - 21 Feb 2016 22:10

For everything else there is Mastercard

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Posted by realsimcha - 22 Feb 2016 18:15

Day 14: Things are so different. Davening is better. Work is better. Actually getting things done. Marriage is better - actually seeing out of my own narrow field of vision.

Now I find myself terrified of it all ending. I feel like I am on a bubble. The bubble can pop at any second. Aht can I do to keep myself HERE?!?!?!?!?!?

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Re: I thought I can do this alone.

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There is a point, but to gain recovery, it is a much bigger step when it is real.

It probably can be done without it.

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Posted by OTR - 22 Feb 2016 20:25

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I agree with everythin' except with the absolutes stated in the beginnin'.

There are many ways for an addict to recover.

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