

after 10 years i hope i have found real help  
Posted by totallynew - 21 Jan 2012 20:40

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hi im a 24 year old religious male and ive been addicted for the past 10 years.  
its crazy to say it and im so ashamed to admit it. there have been so many ups and  
many more downs.i know how much it hurt me but  
nothing i did helped. as i write this i feel the urge. is there real hope to my situation?  
can this website really have the answers?

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Re: after 10 years i hope i have found real help  
Posted by mechazek - 21 Jan 2012 23:01

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welcome.There is hope.I can not believe I am where I am after all the craziness of my past.So  
hop on aboard.

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Re: after 10 years i hope i have found real help  
Posted by KEEPSTRONG - 22 Jan 2012 00:38

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I HAVE THE SAME EXACT STORY AS YOU, 24, RELIGIOUS, STRUGGLING **MORE** THAN 10  
YEARS. AND YES THERE IS A LOT TO GAIN FROM THIS WEBSITE. THE BIGGEST HELP  
FOR ME WAS REALIZING THAT I WASNT THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WITH THIS  
ISSUE. HATZLACHA.

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Re: after 10 years i hope i have found real help  
Posted by Tzvi S. - 22 Jan 2012 02:54

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**Welcome to our community, you have finally come home!**

GuardYourEyes (GYE) is a vibrant network and fellowship of Jews of all affiliations, struggling to purify themselves and break free of lust related behaviors. For the first time, there is somewhere to turn to for help in these areas. We're all in the same boat here. *Tzuras Rabim Chatzi*

. Once you've arrived, there's no turning back. Everyone here will just grab a hold of you and pull you up with them!

In the last couple of years, the GYE network has helped roughly 1,000 Jews get back on a path of sanity, self-control and healing and has touched the lives of thousands more. GYE has become known throughout the Jewish world as the number one address for dealing with these challenges which have reached epidemic proportions.

*Nechama*

The tools of our recovery program were developed with guidance from the best experts in the field, such as Rabbi Dr. Avraham J. Twerski, and through the personal experience of hundreds of Jews who successfully broke free. We use a unique approach that recognizes that there are many different levels in these struggles.

Our network is comprised of a website, a pulsating forum, phone conferences, daily Chizuk e-mails, support hotlines, therapists, live 12-Step groups and a program of recovery for all levels of this struggle/addiction.

All our work is free of charge and we zealously protect the complete anonymity of all our members.

**Here are some quick things you can do to help you jump straight into your journey:**

1) See the "[GYE Program in a Nutshell](#)" (*Right Click the link and press "Save Link/Target As" to save the PDF file to your computer*) that can help you quickly identify at what level of the struggle you are at, and which tools and features would help you most at your particular level.

2) Install a strong filter (see [this page](#) for more info). It is hard to break free of this while having all the garbage within a mouse click away. The filter gabai at [filter.gye@gmail.com](mailto:filter.gye@gmail.com) will hold the passwords for you. We also highly advise installing "Reporting Software" such as

[webchaver.org](http://webchaver.org) to give you some accountability.

3) Join the daily [Chizuk e-mail lists](#) to get fresh chizuk every day.

4) Join the [90 Day Challenge](#). Scientific studies have shown that it takes 90 days to change the neuron pathways created by addictive behaviors in the brain.

5) Post away on this forum, where hundreds of yidden like you exchange chizuk and post logs of their journey to recovery. You will internalize that you are not alone, and you will learn the techniques and attitude that work for so many others.

6) Join our free anonymous [phone conferences](#), led by an experienced sponsor.

7) If you need more general guidance, write to GYE's helpline at [gye.help@gmail.com](mailto:gye.help@gmail.com) or call the hotline at 646-600-8100.

8.) Download and read the "[Guard Your Eyes Handbook](#)" (a hard copy can be purchased for cost price [over here](#)). This handbook outlines the GYE approach in detail, and makes our network much more effective and helpful for people. **The handbook has two parts:**

A) The first part, "The 20 Tools", detail suggested tools and techniques, in progressive order, beginning with the most basic and fundamental approaches to dealing with this addiction, and continuing down through increasingly earnest and powerful methods. No matter what level our addiction may have advanced to, we will be able to find the right tools to break free in this handbook!

The second part, "Attitude & Perspective", detail 30 basic principles to help us maintain the proper attitude and perspective on this struggle. Here are some examples: Understanding what we are up against, what it is that Hashem wants from us, how we can use this struggle for tremendous growth, how we can deal with bad thoughts, discovering how to redirect the power of our souls, understanding that every little bit counts, learning how to bounce back up after a fall, and so on and so forth...

Our souls cry inside of us, but we have accustomed ourselves to block out that cry. Today we can begin to be who we really want to be.

We are here for you.

[www.GuardYourEyes.org](http://www.GuardYourEyes.org)

GYE E-Mail Helpline: [gye.help@gmail.com](mailto:gye.help@gmail.com)

GYE Phone Hotline: 646-600-8100

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Re: after 10 years i hope i have found real help  
Posted by chaimyakov - 22 Jan 2012 15:44

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My story is different, 43, BT, married, kids, position in "Klei Kodesh", 30 years addicted and B'chasdei Hashem after a short time, i now have the longest clean streak i ever had. YES, GYE CAN HELP !! but only if you put in your effort as well.

Hatzlacha in all things GOOD.

chaimyakov

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Re: after 10 years i hope i have found real help  
Posted by gibbor120 - 23 Jan 2012 22:12

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. Many here are in recovery, and you can be too. The details are different, but we all struggle with the same thing. So welcome, fellow struggler!

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