

New member - Colin

Posted by ColinColin - 04 Nov 2015 22:50

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Hi

Am here because I want to change and beat my Yetzer Horah.

Single man.

As for avoiding masturbation, nothing has worked for me longer than 10 weeks.

I started with teenage masturbation.

Pornographic magazines.

Then internet porn.

Prostitutes.

One night stands.

Swingers sites.

I want to be healthy and find a meaningful monogamous relationship and please G-D get married one day.

My trigger is very much a deep emotional loneliness, when I feel this, then nothing stands in the way of my Yetzer Harah.

I need closeness and need to avoid that inner pain.

So I seek respite from it in ways which are sinful.

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Re: New member - Colin

Posted by ColinColin - 25 Oct 2020 01:55

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Lonely

Tired

then you are likely to fall, because you feel down and seek a quick high.

This method is an early warning system.

2.) MINDFULNESS

Treat the urge to fall as an external thought, not an intrinsic part of you.

Like a cloud, which floats away.

This method is very useful.

### 3.) REPLACEMENT

Distract the urge by doing something positive.

Call a friend whom you know is lonely, study, go for a walk.

### 4.) WILLPOWER

Only in emergencies and only once or twice per year.

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 25 Oct 2020 03:47

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Mazel tov! Beautiful milestone and thanks for posting what worked for you.

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by Grant400 - 25 Oct 2020 12:51

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Congratulations! Amazing! You are an inspiration! Thanks for sharing!

May you succeed to remain clean for year after year lasting a lifetime.

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by Dave M - 25 Oct 2020 13:36

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Mazol Tov! So nice to hear from you. Missed having you around here.

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 21 Dec 2020 06:13

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Wow! Hope I'm not too late to say MAZEL TOV!

You are a tremendous chizuk and inspiration!

It would be a zechus to have you around more often, we can use more veteran expertise...

Anyway, Keep shteiging!

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Re: New member - Colin

Posted by ColinColin - 25 Jan 2021 23:05

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Onwards and upwards!

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by Grant400 - 25 Jan 2021 23:29

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Wow! 461 clean days. Please don't slash all your tires because of one flat. Ahead!

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by Captain - 08 Feb 2021 14:11

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Hey ColinColin, how's it going?

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by ColinColin - 02 Aug 2021 21:40

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Fell after 187 days clean.



I was Tired.

I was also very Resentful (Angry) at unfair treatment by my boss at work.

It lead me to feel very low, and to seek a fake "high."

In future I must remember to be nicer to myself and seek a high of genuine goodness.

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Re: New member - Colin

Posted by DavidT - 03 Aug 2021 02:03

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Colin, I was reading the first post in this thread and I'm genuinely amazed at your progress in this difficult struggle. I would encourage any newcomer to follow your story and gain inspiration as to how much a person can grow and change to the better. Keep it up!

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Re: New member - Colin

Posted by ColinColin - 18 Oct 2021 23:06

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Fell after 74 days.

I was Resentful and Tired.

Two simultaneously out of the four key HALT triggers -

Hungry

Angry (Resentful)

Loney

Tired

The scary things are:

1.) I did not even try to stop myself from falling.

2.) And I was resentful against Hashem for something that did not go "my way".

I feel ashamed.

I have to now be humble and thankful for what Hashem has given me and know that the thing I wanted was not meant for me, for reasons I cannot understand and am not meant to know.

I have a lot of Teshuva to do.

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by Mshalouh - 06 Dec 2021 17:50

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I have a question for you, I spoke about this problem to my Rebbi once and I started working on myself, about a year later I started feeling dizzy and unbalanced like physical pain so I went to many doctors and they said nothing was wrong, but the pain is still there it's like weird like whenever I walk I feel like I'm going to fall or something it's like the weirdest feeling so I heard about Dr sarno and tried that but not too much success then I met someone that said it's from this problem that I feel the physical pain, he said it's because of all the regret and shame I had and felt do you know anything about this?

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Re: New member - Colin  
Posted by ColinColin - 22 May 2022 23:41

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I am on a clean run at the moment.

But have had a few stumbles this week.

Loneliness and resentment are the cause.

I have to be grateful for time alone, that I can use to study.

But most importantly, to use to be nice to myself.

I will try to ring a friend that I have not seen in a while.

But since lockdown, loneliness has been a real issue.

My close friends are distant, even when geographically near.

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Re: New member - Colin

Posted by Dave M - 24 May 2022 13:20

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