

Re-introducing myself

Posted by shomereyni - 19 Nov 2015 11:47

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I first heard about GYE about 5 years ago. At the time I was starting to become frum and was really struggling with p\*\*nography addiction. I introduced myself somewhere on the forum around that time, but BH things have changed and I'm in a much different position, and I'd like to get advice on how I should proceed now

Mainly through the daily chizuk emails (which were not read even close to daily by me) and my own taphsic method, I have BH gotten the addiction more under control. Whereas two years ago I was nichshal probably 3-4 times a week, now down to about once every 2 months or so.

My question is: How should I view myself? Am I an addict? While all the work that's been done on GYE is incredible and has save mine and many other lives, at times I can find it all overwhelming. Should I be going to meetings? Do I need a sponsor? Phone conference?

I've been meaning to write this post for months ago, and Baruch Hashem I finally got the koach to do it!

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by cordnoy - 19 Nov 2015 12:38

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B'hatzlachah

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by gibbor120 - 19 Nov 2015 16:00

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welocme! what is happening between acting out? Is there a lot of lusting that culminates in acting out every so often, or is it more "out of the blue".

Can you pinpoint what things tend to lead to acting out? Your mood, stresses, etc.?

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by eslaasos - 19 Nov 2015 17:55

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by Shlomo24 - 20 Nov 2015 03:45

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I don't think that someone else can answer those questions for you. I think that you would have to see in yourself. Although I have heard the phrase, "only an addict wonders if he's an addict".

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by cordnoy - 20 Nov 2015 03:50

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Maybe he is, maybe he isn't. He posted once. He asked several questions. I answered one directly, and the others, I answered in general. As he continues to post, we will see what it is he wants. I don't have all the answers anyway....as a matter of fact, I have few.

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by yiraishamaim - 20 Nov 2015 04:33

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I hear cords mehalech, sure his questions are legitimate and ultimately they need to be answered.

let him warm up to the guys here. post more. engage in discussion. Listen to others. give opinions , make some mistakes, and become all the wiser.

Like the rest of us - in the course of time he will find his way and get his answers.

Remember, he is acting out every 2 months. Of course this needs to be addressed but he is not chasing his tail in the way he was when he acted out 3-4 times a week.

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Re: Re-introducing myself  
Posted by shomereyni - 26 Nov 2015 16:10

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I appreciate you saying this. The responses I've been getting spell out exactly why I feel overwhelmed. I feel very confused as to what steps I should take to get to the next level.

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Re: Re-introducing myself  
Posted by Bigmoish - 26 Nov 2015 16:38

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Re: Re-introducing myself  
Posted by markz - 26 Nov 2015 18:19

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BigMoish I asked you once already - you have not answered me about your EMPTY FAQ!

In the meanwhile Shomereyni you can try the links in my signature

KOT!

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by Bigmoish - 26 Nov 2015 23:56

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I didn't notice any issues with the link.

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by markz - 27 Nov 2015 00:03

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This is the link that I get sent to. There's absolutely nothing there

[www.guardyoureyes.com/breakingfree/faq](http://www.guardyoureyes.com/breakingfree/faq)

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Re: Re-introducing myself

Posted by markz - 27 Nov 2015 00:09

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And while you're at it pls tell our good friend Skep. He has the same blank page link

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Re: Re-introducing myself  
Posted by Bigmoish - 27 Nov 2015 00:55

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On my computer and phone it works fine. Maybe it's you.

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Re: Re-introducing myself  
Posted by cordnoy - 27 Nov 2015 01:08

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It might appear as a download, so look at the top of your screen where the downloads appear.

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