

OnTheRoad is BackonTrack is OTR is....

Posted by OTR - 18 Feb 2016 15:34

Ok, I had opened a new screen ID because I had forgotten how to get into this one. But This is who I started GYE (or GUE at that time for old timers) as originally, and this is the screen name I want to use. I have never posted in THIS forum using OTR as I was here in the past when we were on the old forum platform. But OTR for anyone who remembers me is who I was, am and will be here going forward.

- Getting to the matter at hand because who really cares about the significance of an anonymous screen name..... What's different this time?

-My wife does NOT know that I am joining the forum now. Actually she is not aware too much of my current condition.

- I am not here because I was embarrassed into coming, or (as previously) because my wife caught me and I knew I needed to do 'something'.

There was something very cutesy and supportive about my previous experience. You know... my wife was proud that I was on the forum, I told her about some of the jokes... etc.... And I think, had I continued keeping myself out of isolation, that I would have probably remained in recovery for longer. Especially seeing how the tools on this forum have grown....

But this time I am here because I want to be here. I am not necessarily looking to share my experience here with my wife, because this is about me and my life and my desire to leave this side of me behind.

What drove me to come back? I have nothing else to offer myself to improve, broken nedarim that worked well for a really long time but then eventually I transgressed.;... I took apart and put together my faith, my understanding of my higher power. At about 40 years old, I said ok what am I doing with my life, is this what I want? What do I want.... It was not Hashem as we call it in yiddishkeit, it was Truth- emmess. wanting to be a person of the truth and connect to the truth because that is the only thing that is stable in life.

And one thing it requires is being good to your word- which I wasn't... So what did I have left to say for myself? Not much.....

Through this I realized (again) that I have no other recourse but to reach out to others and get help with this. I called an old GYE buddy or two... got no reply. So I need to start again....

In a way the fact that I am here now, not because of external shame, but because I want to be a person of truth, true to myself, true to who I want to be... I think that makes this a little more real.

That is one thought that I have.... There are so many interesting things to get out in writing, I can't get them all down at once..... But I am starting on my 3 preliminary days toward getting on the 90 day chart, installing proper filters and getting back on the road or on track or whatever you call it to get straight and become who I really want and am supposed to be.

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Posted by thanks613 - 18 May 2016 05:15

[OTR wrote on 23 Mar 2016 16:34:](#)

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THanks... I never realized how peculiar the taste when I eat my own words. ;) . You know that is the healthiest thing to eat every now and then... your own words....

Yesterday while thinking about this, and feeling like I am heading toward a weaker time- I did read some more of my previous writing again in a file which I journaled in and on GYE. I took a look at my 90 day diary, and all of this was helpful in getting me more of a perspective on what what I want to do. I like posting on the forum, and although it is anonymous, I don't feel comfortable writing down everything that is happening with me. In my private journal on my G drive, I wrote some things that were floating around in my mind and felt better. I think apart from the forum, I need to write just for myself as well, where I can face everything without thought of how others will react- at all... Truthfully as I wrote I still had fear "how can i write this"... "what if my wife sees it" "what if my kids discover it one day"...

But I wrote what I was thinking about the urges inside me- and got it out. And boy what a sad picture it was. I felt like a real loser when I wrote out what I was really thinking. Not depressed- I don't mean that. I mean, that I am a lot better than what those urges are telling me to do. Connecting with people who I really think are a bunch of losers, and then feeling myself needing

them... to fulfill some my addiction... yich. I felt that folowing that path of desire would make me feel like a loser as it has in the past. (I am competing with Trump to see who can use the word Loser in their dialogue more btw ;))

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Re: OnTheRoad is BackonTrack is OTR is....

Posted by cordnoy - 18 May 2016 18:58

Lots of "G's."

I won't delineate.

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Re: OnTheRoad is BackonTrack is OTR is....

Posted by OTR - 19 May 2016 04:10

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Re: OnTheRoad is BackonTrack is OTR is....

Posted by cordnoy - 19 May 2016 11:32

Not worth it.

Don't worry.

Keep up the good work.

B'hatzlachah

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Re: OnTheRoad is BackonTrack is OTR is....

Posted by thanks613 - 19 May 2016 13:10

I never did figure out the whole G thing, but anyways..

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I understand not sharing everything on the forum. Totally. But do you think it might be helpful to you to have **somebody** to share those things with?

May Hashem help you and me both.

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Posted by realsimcha - 19 May 2016 13:27

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Great post.

Yes it was in the tryin' thread and it was Dov talking and it blew my mind as well. The way that you described the contradiction in the way that we can relate to these people is something to think about.

Alot of people feel that if they had the freedom of not being frum then they wouldnt feel such an urge to act out. Its an overwhelming and sometimes scary feeling. I don't feel the clarity right now to write about that even though I've given it lots of thought over the years. Just one point: I am a FFB who was brought up in a home of FFB's. Anyone like me who went to regular yeshivos and lived in regular frum communities needs to realize that WE HAVE NO IDEA what being not frum or not jewish is like. Our entire exposure is through tv and movies. Hollywood is not a great source of real information. After all, it exists to provide fantasy. I don't know if you are like me in this regard. But for me it was important to to confuse real secular life with the fantasy sold by hollywood. There are lots of lonely guys out there in the darkness of their bedrooms - as you described - and they are not jewish.

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Posted by Yesod - 19 May 2016 13:58

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Re: OnTheRoad is BackonTrack is OTR is....

Posted by OTR - 19 May 2016 19:17

lol yesod. funny ending to that post. I have also heard that concept before. It sounds to me like the guys who posted above as saying they think they would not be bothered by acting out if they were not Jewish. This seems to indicate that the main source of feeling bad is the religious guilt.

To me that is not the issue. I ask you guys to consider, if you were addicted to alcohol, which is not against the Torah, would it bother you? Or addicted to eating which is not even something that makes you drunk.... There are millions of addicts out there who are desperate for a cure from these addictions and not bec. they feel the Rabbi would look down on them. Addiction gets me to do things that I know are bad for me, and if left unchecked things which are progressively worse and dangerous to me, my lifestyle and eventually my life. I feel debased when I act on my addiction not only because it is animalistic and I am embarassed by it, but because I am totally out of control and it scares me.

Beena while since I got that out. It is important to do so every now and then.

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Re: OnTheRoad is BackonTrack is OTR is....

Posted by thanks613 - 19 May 2016 20:16

Good point(s) OTR. Thanks!

On one of the recordings, Dov mentioned that most nonjews he sees in SA meetings are there because their addiction to internet pornography is ruining their lives. That was a bit of a shock

to me, but I think it speaks to this point. (of course, there is also non-jewish religious guilt and other taboos, etc.)

For me, using porn addictively is a problem like any other addiction **when** it wrecks my life by interfering in all sorts of areas - school, work, family, friends, - and like you mentioned, causes me to feel like I have no control. But if I could use alcohol, food, even drugs (sort of) without all of these side effects, I might do them with a good and clear conscience. Why should I feel bad about who I am as a person, as a Jew, as a friend, son, brother, husband (I'm not actually married, but...) for enjoying my liquor or joint (even in secret)? As long as it's within reason and well managed. Sex/porn/masturbation/fantasy are not like this for me. They contradict everything that I think I am and want to be. Maybe drugs/alcohol are the same in a way, but I think lust addiction is unique for this reason.

Either way, I'm here because my lust is not well managed. And I don't overdo drugs.alcohol as a rule. And I don't get "OA" so much (eating disorders are a separate problem, which I do understand). So this is mostly academic.

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Some powerful stuff yesod. On the same note over thinking and worrying or any obsessive thought that's taking you out of reality is in essence the same idea of taking God given energy and wasting it on thoughts that are not producing anything.

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Yeah, we'll see when you get the call,.....

"Soooooooooo mr working guy, your last name is actually Rockefeller. ..., wanna come home? "

Working guy response

"Noooooooo!!!, chas vchalila, feh, and besides can't you see I'm gratteh in the middle of asher yotsar from a siddur, leave me alone!, oh no, i talked in the middle, oh no, oh no, someone give me malkus, please, ok gotta go bye, thanks anyways for calling", click

Yeahhhh, riiiiiiight

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