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Posted by Poshuteryid - 05 Apr 2016 04:46

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Re: The struggle

Posted by markz - 05 Apr 2016 10:38

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Welcome!!!

You were born into a tough world, and are making the best of the situation

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If you wouldn't have willpower you would not have signed up 3 months ago

The fact that you can't break free is usually not due to lack of willpower at all, rather because of a shortage of sobriety tools without gye - that was my experience.

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Do you mean talk on the phone / in person?

If so, is there a trustworthy rebbe in your yeshiva you can speak to?

It's one of the most productive things one can do, if you're ready for it

Keep on Trucking

and Don't look back!!!

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Re: The struggle

Posted by doingtshuva - 05 Apr 2016 11:08

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Welcome Poshuteryid,

if you are on gye, you are not so pushet anymore.

Read the Hanbook, and get connected to real and right people.

You should stay committed to overcome your battle no matter how hard it is.

your young, and now is the best time to recover.

You deserve a much better life

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Re: The struggle

Posted by skeptical - 05 Apr 2016 12:44

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Posted by markz - 05 Apr 2016 13:31

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Re: The struggle

Posted by BenTorah.BaalHabayis - 05 Apr 2016 14:16

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Welcome!

I relate very much to your story, particularly to the issue of people thinking you're just a "normal" guy. I have a distinct memory of standing in the dorm hallway in my Yeshiva next to 2 guys who were shmoozing and somehow the conversation evolved and one of the guys said an inappropriate joke (it was actually pretty funny!). He then looked at me and said "You're too holy, you shouldn't be listening to this...".

I felt very frustrated because unfortunately I was not acting very holy privately and I was actually desperate for some validation. As long as people had that perception of me as this "holy" guy I would never get any sort of validation. And I think that to begin dealing with this struggle it requires some validation: You're not crazy or a Rasha for struggling with these taavos and even falling for them. Most men struggle with this, albeit in different degrees of intensity. And without learning the right tools how to deal with it one is quite likely to fall.

Joining GYE was a good start. This was the first time I felt validated and was really able to focus on working my way out of this mess. You can do it too!

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Re: The struggle

Posted by Shlomo24 - 05 Apr 2016 14:35

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I relate, fellow "normal" 20 yr old here.

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Posted by cordnoy - 05 Apr 2016 14:36

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Posted by markz - 05 Apr 2016 17:27

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Re: The struggle

Posted by jake08 - 05 Apr 2016 18:09

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Hi Poshuteryid,

I can relate to every word. Porn at ten, M soon thereafter etc... did some bad things over the years. I even have the distinction of having been actually caught by my parents! Though guess what.. that is just one more thing you can try that wont help. ( My parents did nothing except to lock one of several comp. for a while and to lecture me that I have to fight this. One lecture. 3 minute duration.) I'm still in kollel and people think I'm normal too (I think, I hope).

Its great that you found GYE at 20. I found it at 27 and the extra years make it all that much harder. And no, marriage does not help. Read the handbook. I found joining a call and connecting that way to be very helpful for me.

Hatzlocha rabbah.

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Re: The struggle

Posted by Sasha 2 - 05 Apr 2016 18:37

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Welcome!

Most of us can relate to a lot of what you wrote, I am 23 and I am so happy that I found this site a year ago... Get involved and you will soon be very happy as well!

Hatzlacha!!

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Re: The struggle

Posted by shmiraachaim - 05 Apr 2016 19:18

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Welcome Poshuteryid, take advantage of the advice from the gedoleim (like Cordoy, Skeptical, and Markz for ex.) who brief the sight and take advantage of the ability to connect with others who are still struggling (like me). Don't lose sight of your goal and staying connected!



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Re: The struggle

Posted by thanks613 - 05 Apr 2016 20:25

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Hey Poshuter. I'm pretty sure we can all relate (if you don't believe me, you can read their [stories](#)). I know I can. I'm 28 now, but I remember when I was around 10 and overheard my older brother telling my father about a loophole in the parental controls. I was curious to see what he meant and I tried it out. Well as it turned out, my father hadn't plugged it up yet and... you know the rest. If you want to talk or find out more, maybe post some questions or thoughts you have, or send a private message to some of the people who responded.

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Re: The struggle

Posted by Shlomo24 - 06 Apr 2016 02:12

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Mark: You know 45.474336896436% of statistics are made up.

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Posted by markz - 06 Apr 2016 04:20

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Shlomo that stat of yours was just made up, mine are factual - checkit out yourself

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