

MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 23 Apr 2017 17:35

Hi Everyone,

I have just registered as a new user since I wanted to really start a new leaf. I have been in and out of GYE for the past 5 years. For the most part I've been a lurker with approximately 70-80 posts in that timeframe. I feel like I can use a new identity which hopefully can inspire a real change within me.

I really don't need any standard introduction packages which are usually sent to newcomers, since I've been here browsing through the forums for years. Before I share my story, I would like to thank a bunch of members for their inspiration and especially cordnoy for his honest down to earth posts which are a great inspiration to all of us.

First a little background about me, I aspire to be a Chassidishe Yingerman in actions and spirit not only in affiliation. I'm currently happily married with kids for close to a decade. I have been introduced to sex and porn when I was a small child of about 10-11 by some classmates. Being that I never had a close personal relationship with anyone, I never shared this with anyone. I was too scared to open up to my Parents about it. I became accustomed (addicted?) to masturbating and occasionally looking at porn. I must end this post now, this is too much sharing for one sitting. I'm afraid if I keep going I'll press the cancel button instead of submit. I will try to keep posting and truckin'.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by ieeyc - 26 Feb 2018 01:33

hi lionking, it sounds like your on the downs of the ups and downs see-saw that were all on ,maybe make a goal in gemara on a topic that really interests you,there are alot of online gemara shiurim that are very geshmack like LiveDaf.net ,hes a very geshmaka magid shiur and very uplifting personality ,and there are archives on a lot of mesechtas ,hatzlacha and a

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 26 Feb 2018 14:18

Thanks for the suggestion. I currently have a geshmake chavrusashaft, and I am B"H learning

well. (There is always room for improvement...)

It wasn't a spiritual low I was feeling. It was more of an emotional low. B"H the feeling has passed, and I am back on track.

Hatzlocha Rabba!

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by eslaasos - 26 Feb 2018 16:09

Hi lionking,

You could have been writing for me.

I also have more than one satisfying seder limud, and I am getting sipuk out of many areas of life that I have a lot to be grateful for, but there is still a massive emptiness that needs filling. Sometimes it gets filled with the garbage on YWN, sometimes the garbage on Netflix. I don't know which is worse. Sometimes it gets filled with worse stuff. I wonder if it is an emotional or a spiritual emptiness, and how to fill it productively.

Appreciate your clarity that helped me see this in myself, and look forward to any additional insights you want to share.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by HakolMilimala - 26 Feb 2018 16:32

[eslaasos wrote on 26 Feb 2018 16:09:](#)

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 26 Feb 2018 16:44

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I agree totally to the above. I know it is just numbing methods...

I thought alot about the second statement of yours. Problem is I do not have clarity to know what Hashem's Plan for me is. It is hard to surrender something which you don't know about.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by HakolMilimala - 26 Feb 2018 16:54

I'm at a stage in life where it can go quite a few different ways and that's very confusing also. I definitely don't know Hashem's plan for me.

i think that that's exactly what I have to surrender to.

i will not know Hashem's exact plan for me

i do know that exactly where I am today is exactly where he wants me to be

all I can do is make today the best day, this week the best week, and the coming year the best year that I can

because I can't see the plan but where I am right now is where Hashem planned for me to be

Thought process: (and this idea is only a few weeks old to me, so we can work on this together its hard, even as I write this. There's resistance.

but aaaahhhhhh just leetttt goooo

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by eslaasos - 26 Feb 2018 16:54

So first I'm like, what's with this Hakolmilimala guy, of course it doesn't really fill the hole, it's just escapism. Then I realized that even though it's obvious, when you delude yourself over and over again, you lose sight of the obvious, and the delusion becomes reality. So thanks for the refresher.

Sometimes I think the hole is just in my head, and if I worked a little harder I would be able to make it go away. Not by thinking. I sound like a cliché but for real I was a deep thinker from all the way back when I was a teenager. I used to love having what my kids now call DMC's. Guess what? I ended up deeper and deeper down the rabbit hole. The only way I made any progress towards sobriety and serenity was by taking actions of sobriety, that are scary and painful before, and provide calm and serenity after.

On the other hand, my headspace has been entrenched in the "hole" for so many decades, it's going to take a lot of exercise to change it. And meanwhile I don't know if I'm barking up the wrong tree, but it's all I got.

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Haha, I'm nuts. Don't mind me :p

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 06 Mar 2018 01:55

Just fell. After 18 days clean. Still fuzzy. Going to try to sleep first and start fresh tomorrow.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by ieeyc - 06 Mar 2018 08:02

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 06 Mar 2018 14:19

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Hi l.k. ,just fell too.

rotten egg

Thanks!

This is not a race, it is life.

Next one to fall is Human.

Next one to not get back up is the rotten egg.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by ieeyc - 06 Mar 2018 18:34

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lionking - 16 Apr 2018 03:59

I have been doing well for a while. I totally wasn't white knuckling. Just plain living life for over 30 days clean. Pre-pesach, and pesach flew through smoothly, then bam, I fell hard.

I acted out, in the past week, not once or twice, but eight times. Dozens of hours wasted.

The biggest problem is I don't even feel the want to stop.

I'm not feeling the loss so eloquently described by Dov in one of the recent emails.

B"H my life is not in shambles.

I am not B"H progressing to worse or more riskier behaviours.

Sadly the fact that it is assur, and I am going against Hashem's will, has not made much of a difference in the past. Perhaps I just have a major deficiency in Yiras Shmayim, or perhaps it is Naase Loi K'Heter already...

Rationally, I can't come up with a strong enough reason to stop.

I have been doing a lot of thinking, I read here on the forums, stories of people's hardships. Some were abused, others lived through pain and suffering. My heart goes out for them. I started thinking, I can understand them acting out. They have a pressing issue to want to escape from. What can I say about myself, what is my excuse?

B"H I am blessed with a good life. No one in my immediate family is chronically ill, no one is OTD, I am happily married. I manage to squeeze through the month more or less. (Usually much less... But B"H, I can pay my rent and put food on the table). Why do I act out? Why do I focus on the little bits of negativity in my life, rather than count the immense blessings I am blessed with?

I have come to the conclusion that just as my acting out is irrational, so to my recovery should be irrational. I cannot reason why not to act out. I just need to say NO, no reasoning at all.

My main source of connection (false connection...) is my phone and it was out of service since Pesach, I had a temporary device with no access to my GYE account, email accounts, contacts. They were all just saved on the other phone. It did have access to porn and I used it freely to act out.

B"H, I don't have it any more and have my regular phone back. Will try to reestablish connections, and set up boundaries.

Day 1 of "just say no", Will keep this thread updated IY"H.

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Re: MY PATH TO SANITY

Posted by lifebound - 16 Apr 2018 04:39

I relate to much of what you wrote. Especially the bits about not feeling the desire to stop, or major loss/progression, lack of "excuse"...

I sometimes wonder if I'll ever have complete recovery, without knowing what rock bottom is like. Probably unwise to purposely go down that path, though...

May God give us clarity.

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