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Posted by TryingToChange1 - 01 Jan 2020 23:06

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Re: Struggling... I know too much

Posted by 360gye - 02 Jan 2020 00:45

Hey Tryingtochange1,

Welcome to GYE, and it really shows strength and courage on your part to join and open up about your issues. There are many helpful tools around GYE and i suggest you stay connected and try to keep posting.

I believe that everyone struggling with porn addiction is really using it because of some underlying issue they have-and since they've used it so much it becomes route. Even though you are able to find loopholes in filters, i suggest keeping one installed, and maybe report to someone whenever you struggle/fall/slip.

I am happy to discuss this more with you at length and stay in touch with you if you are [interested...360gye@gmail.com](mailto:360gye@gmail.com)

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Re: Struggling... I know too much

Posted by Hakolhevel - 02 Jan 2020 04:39

Welcome TTT. What else have you done besides for filters?

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Re: Struggling... I know too much
Posted by DavidT - 02 Jan 2020 15:36

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I've found that filters are very important but are never the whole solution.

You did the right first step by coming here and opening up. Please try to make some meaningful
connections here and with Hashem's help you'll pull out like many many other people here.

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Posted by stillgoing - 02 Jan 2020 22:25
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Yes, that's what I'm sayin', doesn't mean it's true however.

And yes, it would be easier to kick such a habit. There are those who simply like doin' these kinds of bad stuff and then they get hooked on it.

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Re: Struggling... I know too much
Posted by N8 - 03 Jan 2020 05:36

Its good to know that there's another techie out there who see's the flaws in todays filters. What I recommend is not whitelist, but completely restricting webpages on your iphone. I've had a idea for a few years about how to solve the filter problem but someone beat me to it. I hope to work on this project over my free time.

If your looking for a alternative to your Iphone, check out the Kosher OS phone, and the light phone 2.

Another good thing to do is to learn a sefer called ??? ?????, or iObserve. It has a great mussar section that really shows you what you can accomplish by being shomer einayim and shomer habris.

I wish you a lot of hatzlochoh in your journey.

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Re: Struggling... I know too much
Posted by i-man - 03 Jan 2020 07:58

Cordnoy

I would imagine you have corresponded,spoke, met, etc. with a large number of us , in your estimation what percentage was using porn&co bec of it just being enjoyable vs using it to deal with a different problem ?

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Re: Struggling... I know too much
Posted by i-man - 03 Jan 2020 07:59

Awaiting official CBS response..

(Cordnoy Bureau of Statistics)

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Re: Struggling... I know too much
Posted by stillgoing - 03 Jan 2020 15:17

If someone really wants to watch pornography, I'm not going to tell them to stop.

Chances are that if someone is acting out simply because they enjoy it without any underlying reasons, they'll never bother coming to gye. Life's good.

But if someone *is* struggling to stop, and they *don't* want to continue for whatever reason, but they find themselves repeatedly getting sucked back into the sweet (yes, sweet sticky molasses) again and again, something tells me that there is more beneath the surface.

simply from an enjoyment perspective, we do something as long as we like the results that we are getting. If we don't like the results - we stop doing it.

If we 'can't' stop despite not liking the results of the action, there must be another reason that is driving us to continue.

One man's take...

...take it or leave it.

Have a great shabbos :-)

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Re: Struggling... I know too much
Posted by Hakolhevel - 03 Jan 2020 17:36

Great post SG.

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Nailed it!

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Re: Struggling... I know too much
Posted by Yidyidyid - 22 Jan 2020 01:04

I've identified myself as having a porn problem...but as much Ive tried (been trying since joining GYE years ago) I honestly have not pinpointed any "underlying issues" in my life. My life is great - other than my problem with porn.

Am I....

a) not being honest?

?b) haven't looked hard enough?

c) just a guy who really enjoys looking at shmutz and can't break a bad habit?

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