

I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 02 Nov 2021 13:52

Hey all.

I'm strugglingWithMyself, and I've been struggling for five or six years. I found GYE a few years ago and didn't use it for about a year. When I first used it properly I was on the teen forum, and I managed to get a few weeks clean, but whenever I fell I would then spend the next few weeks lying about it. This time though the streak was about a month, then I kept falling for months. Now I'm back.

My day to day struggle is with masturbation - but when I have devices without filters I end up watching very quickly.

I'm hoping to get some accountability from this thread and to maybe get some tips.

Thanks to everyone on GYE, who the reading of their posts have helped me so much so far.

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 14 Nov 2021 17:58

I fell again a few hours ago.

Had an unfiltered device.

Watched some stuff that I haven't seen for a while

In two minds right now

I feel terrible - that's not what I should do, all the reasons I should stop

On the other hand - I enjoyed it

It felt good

I could escape from the world

(Ironically it was a great escape from my other falls)

Whats to do?

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by DavidT - 14 Nov 2021 18:26

I was just thinking that in this parsha, Yakov stayed alone and suddenly the angel started fighting with him.

It seems that being in a struggle alone is a recipe for failure.

PLEASE get someone in "real life" that can help you with accountability.

As we all know, I'll say it again:

The opposite of addiction is not sobriety - it's CONNECTION. Addiction thrives on isolation! Find someone that you can share your pain and struggles with. And finally, have someone who can cheer you on and celebrate your both big and small wins with you!

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 14 Nov 2021 20:19

I'm happy to find someone to stay in contact with. Unfortunately, my father may not be so happy to find a conversation with a stranger about these issues on my phone - I already hide a lot of GYE, from him.

Maybe next year in yeshivah, I can do something. But until then, there is little I can do - I think.

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey

Posted by Markz - 15 Nov 2021 02:25

[strugglingWithMyself wrote on 14 Nov 2021 20:19:](#)

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Sometimes it's better not to be doing so much thinking

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 16 Nov 2021 12:22

Buddy, you are completely normal. all of these conflicting thoughts are commonplace in guys trying to break free. Please do not panic. Accept yourself and move on.

If your relationship with your father is a healthy one, and you are confident that your father is caring and devoted to your well being, read the next paragraph:

Why not speak straight to your father about this and ask him to help you find a local mentor who deals with this stuff. every yeshiva nowadays has someone (Boruch Hashem for that). Your father will not look down at you for being honest about an issue that he knows most guys struggle with. Not having to hide removes so much unnecessary tension. After an initial uncomfortable conversation, iyh you will have much more menuchas hanefesh.

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey

Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 22 Nov 2021 11:09

DAY 1!

I'm gonna post days here for a bit - hopefully the extra accountability will help me stay strong, in this cycle I'm in right now of falling.

I haven't spoken to my father yet, although I am working up the courage to someday hopefully.

I am organising to speak to a rebbe about this again (I have spoken to him before). Will see what happens.

Also, I am planning on spending some time writing a full CBA (Cost-Benefit Analysis) to see if it will help.

Im yirtzeh hashem very soon I will be a GYE success story - fully clean, and helping others.

Thanks to everyone who reached out to me.

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Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 23 Nov 2021 12:38

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Posted by Shmuel - 23 Nov 2021 14:46

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Something I learned in my life is that nothing "just happens" out of the blue. More often than not, the challenging situations appear because I allowed them to, or better yet I INVITED them to happen (whether I want to admit it or not).

What I need to do is be conscious of my realities. What are my challenges, what's my pattern etc. and then plan accordingly.

turning it off. I didn't even manage to download what I needed.

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 23 Nov 2021 21:36

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I don't know what the right move forward needs to be. But I can tell you that for me this recognition that tempting/challenging situations don't exist in a vacuum is a HUGE piece of the puzzle!

Wishing you much hatzlacha!

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 24 Nov 2021 21:10

@Shmuel, I know what you mean. Will have to work on that.

On the other hand, had to use a less filtered computer than usual, but I emailed HHM, and after, and managed to stay clean (although I didn't do any work in that lesson)

Day 1

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 27 Nov 2021 19:54

Lots of exam stress and bad feelings for various reasons. My laptop broke - so I need to use less filtered computers sometimes. Almost had a fall on a friend's computer.

Won't be online for a bit, coz my laptop is broken. Feeling like I'm ok for a few days. Will try and post/email someone when I have a big challenge.

Will talk to a rebbe soon - now an appointment is set up, so will see if I can fix up some issues in my life

day 3!

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey
Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 28 Nov 2021 13:12

Unfortunately, I fell. Not watching but I was lying in bed and said to myself "What's wrong with this anyway?" and then I masturbated.

I wrote up a CBA - I couldn't think of anything else, so please tell me if I am missing something:

Watching:

Pros:

- **Feels good**
- **Removes stress**

- **Break from problems**
- **Releases sexual tension**

Cons:

- **Cheating on my (future) wife**
- **Leads to masturbation**

Against the Torah

- **Wastes time**
- **Does Not fit with the values I believe in**

Masturbation:

Pros:

- **Feels good**
- **Releases sexual tension**
- **Allows me to ignore problems**
- **Allows me to ignore real life**

Cons:

- **Cheating on my (future) wife**
- **Against the Torah**
- **Feels horrible after**
- **Wasting time**
- **Leads to lying to parents, and causes lots of problems**
- **Does Not fit with the values I believe in**

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Re: I can make this time different?- A Bochurs journey

Posted by strugglingWithMyself - 29 Nov 2021 13:31

I spoke to my rebbe. I have worked out a plan for reducing stress from schoolwork, and for sleeping better. will see what happens

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