

Newcomer

Posted by bradley smith - 17 Feb 2023 05:26

Hi everyone. I just discovered this site today and couldn't believe I hadn't heard of it before. I immediately signed up, how could I not? I've always wanted to share my story and I never found the opportunity. Here goes (deep breath..)

I am bH a married man with several yummy delicious children ka"h and an amazing stellar wife. I could go on and on about how blessed my life is. I have friends, chavrusas, parnassa, great family and in-laws, everyone's healthy bH etc.

As a bochur, I was a good boy. ("huh? what are you doing here??")

I basically never looked at anything improper (besides for maybe one or two times that I saw a pretty immodestly clad lady and thought innocently "hey she looks nice" and moved on without a second thought). It was always "beneath me"; something that I knew was prohibited and would become permitted and holy when I married. So my brain was kind of shut off to it. However, for as long as I can remember, I felt attracted to other boys in my class. Not everyone, just the really good looking ones. It got more and more intense as I got older and I would find myself having erections, sometimes daily, and I hadn't a clue as to what it was. Starting in my mid-teen years I would occasionally wake up wet, also totally unaware what it meant (need I mention I was quite sheltered?) Eventually, I learned about sexual attraction and would hear my classmates talking about girls. I suddenly realized that my, um, "obsession" with certain boys was not really the natural order of things. It drove me into sort of a panic, to the point that I was once relieved to wake up wet remembering that the dream from the night before featured girls instead of boys.

I don't remember when, but sometime in my mid to late teen years I watched a movie with an immodest pretty lady in it to convince myself that I could be attracted to girls (ummm...it worked).

I never had any form of sexual contact with anyone (boy or girl) until marriage. Neither have I self pleased.

After getting married to an amazing wonderful wife, things started changing slowly. We had a rocky start to our marriage and especially with intimacy. Here we are years later and it's still a struggle although much more stable due to intense therapy. However, the consistent lack of marital intimacy, and the stress of moving, leaving kollel to get a new job (a *wrenching* experience for many), having a new baby bH, and dealing with several frisky little ones with no idea how to parent, has driven me to find an outlet. I started going to the local libraries to find images and videos of girls doing things that I found arousing. Then, I got a job that necessitated having a computer and knowing the struggles I started having, I IMMEDIATELY put a filter on it. But somehow some things got through and the self pleasuring continued. My

Sometimes the driving force was anger. I was such a good boy! I didn't do anything wrong as a child! I was confronted with homosexual thoughts for YEARS and didn't act on them ONCE!! I

had never tasted sexual pleasure! And now after getting married and I saw and experienced it, it was abruptly taken away from me?! Why did Hashem do this to me?? It seemed like letting a kid have his first taste of ice cream and then grabbing it away.

I know these thoughts are heretical, but those were the thoughts I was having. I was so angry I acted out of desperation to get "Heavenly attention". Ironically, my wife had gotten more interested in intimacy and I was less interested because of my "excursions".

So now I find myself masturbating with just the memories of what I've seen. Each day that goes by without it feels like a week.

I want to scream and cry out to Hashem but I feel like the gates of Heaven are closed in my face. Hashem gives me so much and this is what I do?? I never thought it was possible for me to sink so low! I never suffered abuse as a child so theres no reason I should be struggling with this. Now its just pleasure. Sure, sometimes its to escape stress etc but many times its just pleasure. Like an animal! I wish I could cry, why am I not? Why isnt my heart filled with regret? I scared of all the demons I have created with wasted seed. I know teshuva is always possible but how can I do teshuva for real if I dont feel any deep regret?

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by Vehkam - 27 Feb 2023 21:44

Very sorry that you had that experience. It hurts. We care.

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by Bennyh - 27 Feb 2023 21:52

[Yeshayahu 41:6 wrote on 27 Feb 2023 21:18:](#)

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The boy i learn with has social issues and he was actually with a different yungerman at the beginning of the year and it was a complete disaster because he was trying to "change" him to make him "fit in". Then he was switched to me and after a few days he was much happier. Because i respected him and didnt try to change anything. He still had many issues with other guys. The rebbe told me a while ago that the kid said he wanted to kill everyone including the rebbe, but that if rabbi "Yeshayahu" was there he wouldnt do it! Did he express any respect or appreciation that i was the only one who knew how to "deal" with this kid (nothing to deal with, just a little respect)? nope. How about the times i came during the afternoon or on shabbos when i didnt have to and wasnt getting paid? no mention. He doesnt know how to manage this kid, so if i dont show up hes at a loss of what to do. When i DO show up, he forgets that either of us exist. When im not there, he suddenly remembers that he has a difficult kid on his hands.

I tried challenging him on the 15% thing, and he cut me off again saying "i dont want to be midakdek on the numbers". WHAT??? if i came 85% of the time and he said 83%, ok thats not being midakdek, but to say something so outlandishly false is just completely disrespectful and hurtful.

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Uh, "Rebbi" needs to take a chill. Sounds like a horrible experience! Is he your "boss"? Meaning, is he the one with the power to hire and fire the chavrusas? If not, then maybe you can just ignore him. If yes, then you need a long term strategy on how to deal with him... Do you have a relationship with the boy's father? Maybe have a conversation with him and have him speak to the Rebbi to back off from you...

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by simchastorah - 27 Feb 2023 21:57

Sorry that sounds very hurtful and unnapreciative. It's downright false to say that anything more than two three nights is unnecessary

when your wife has a baby. There are so many variables. It could be anywhere from days to months really.

It's also very easy to 'not be medakdek' on someone else's cheshbon. Like you called me out, and I have nothing to answer, so let's just

'not be medakdek'

But this bochur is gaining from you. This bochur said that only your presence would calm him down. You were able to

understand what he needed. So that's definitely something to feel good about, regardless of whether the Rebbe

is able to appreciate it for whatever reason.

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by eraygrand - 28 Feb 2023 00:11

My wife of 30 years has no clue about this, ironic to use icongnito on my cell phone to go on GYE

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Posted by Eerie - 28 Feb 2023 00:45

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My friend, I'm so sorry for your pain. Between all the stresses of a new baby, the kids and wife not feeling well, to have to deal with a wrongfully angry rebbe, that's painful. Remember that you are right, you know like sometimes when we have pain for a few minutes it can feel like hours, and the rebbe can't handle this boy, and when he has to deal with him he feels like a failure. So from his pain he cried out. He's wrong, but remind yourself that this has nothing to do with you. Aderaba, his outburst shows what a good job you are doing, that your absence makes a huge difference. So just write it off as a man crying in pain, who's pain is not your fault. When a person is in pain, they say silly things like don't nit-pick between 15 and 85 percent.

Unfortunately, we will meet up with angry people many times throughout our lives. We gotta remember that it's not us, it's them. It's painful, I know my friend. And part of the way to deal with the pain is realize, they don't mean you. We are here for you my friend, please share and vent all you want. We want to hear everything. And maybe you want to learn with one of my

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 28 Feb 2023 03:46

I really appreciate all the outpouring of support. I'll just put a GYE spin on it as well. As I've mentioned, stress is my main push towards doing the wrong things. I work on the computer for an organization (without being specific!!) and today my internet was down. So i had to go to a library, where i have previously "explored" on their open computers. I had my filtered laptop with me, but i still heard the library computers calling my name (somehow THEY know my REAL name!!). They tried reasoning with me, "look how you were so hurt today...come to us...we'll

make you feel better...."

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by chancy - 28 Feb 2023 17:36

Yeshyahu, You nailed it!

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by Bennyh - 28 Feb 2023 19:06

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Posted by jackthejew - 28 Feb 2023 20:11

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Rebbe's problem. Might explain some of what the bochur is dealing with?...

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I was a fan of Rush Limbaugh myself, boy do i miss him...

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 02 Mar 2023 04:52

2 milestones today:

1) 12 days clean

2) i got my first ticket!!

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by simchastorah - 02 Mar 2023 05:15

Mazal tov on 12 days clean, many more!

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by Yeshayahu 41:6 - 05 Mar 2023 23:50

Hi guys, it wasnt too long ago that I posted about getting beat over the head by the 9th grade. Today I was told by a different employer of mine that I messed up *his* work too!

Yeshayahu is feeling pretty worthless right now, and wants to go forget his troubles the same way he always did..

Am i just a human wrecking ball who messes up everything he comes in contact with??

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Re: Newcomer

Posted by doingtshuva - 06 Mar 2023 00:07

No, not at all.

We sometimes make mistakes and we should learn from them.

That's life

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