

First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 26 Feb 2023 07:05

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by Eerie - 26 Feb 2023 07:18

Welcome to the family! Here we are all brothers looking after each other, we want to hear from
Stick around my friend,
there are a lot of good things to learn here, so keep posting and keep trucking!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by simchastorah - 26 Feb 2023 07:34

It is such a chizuk to internalize that there really are many 'normal' people who struggle with these issues. It's especially powerful to speak with others directly, through email, but especially on the phone or in person. Hatzlacha Rabba with your battle. I'm at the beginning of mine myself.

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by doingtshuva - 26 Feb 2023 11:17

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Welcome and its never ever to late to change! No matter what you have done.

Feel free to share and learn, many good guys who can offer real help.

It might be that you even have some children or grandchildren on GYE.

Welcome to the family

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Posted by jackthejew - 26 Feb 2023 11:41

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Welcome! Much Hatzlacha! These Headlines shows have been a push to many to join GYE, myself included. Much Hatzlacha!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...
Posted by Vehkam - 26 Feb 2023 20:07

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Feel free to reach out. I am in my 50s as well. If you read my thread I am sure you will see some similarities .

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...
Posted by chancy - 27 Feb 2023 01:12

Hello and welcome to GYE. You have come to the right place.

although I'm still in my 30s I think we would both agree on one thing. Thank God there was no internet when we were growing up.

at least I only started looking at P when I was a teenager and not younger. Lucky you that you didn't have this until you were much older.

I understand that you still struggle and there are other outlets, but as you can see that the ease of access it's just impossible not to fall.

That's why I gave up my smartphone and I filtered all my other devices to the tenth level, whitelists and everything.

the battle get much easier when you know that you don't have anything in your house and

nearby that will trigger you.

for me that made a world of difference.

Anyway, stick around you can learn tons from all the wonderful members and the tools that GYE provides.

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by simchastorah - 27 Feb 2023 04:39

myself included as well, what a zchus R' Dovid Lichtenstein has

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 27 Feb 2023 23:58

Thank you all for the kind words and chizuk. Unfortunately I was home alone yesterday and found an old smartphone that was not filtered and lost the struggle to fight the urge. The good news is that today after reading these messages I found the strength to get rid of that phone something that works have been extremely difficult in the past. Looking forward to starting a new streak and continuing down the road to a new life!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 28 Feb 2023 00:18

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by Vehkam - 28 Feb 2023 00:21

Hi. He great question! By far what works best for me is preparation in advance. Many here have reported success with an accountability partner that you can call in such situations.

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by Eerie - 28 Feb 2023 00:52

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Get connected with somebody safe, and you can call him to talk about what's going on. The best guy by far is HHM. Or maybe you have somebody you know that can be your accountability partner

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 01 Mar 2023 04:45

Finished day 2. Today was relatively easy, I am still riding the high of being able to get rid of the device that caused the fall without a second thought. Definitely need a mentor. Also would love to find a Rov in the area that I can open up to. Not quite brave enough to open up to either of the local rabannim that I have a relationship with.

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by shlomo99 - 01 Mar 2023 05:14

keep it going

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Besides the forums you have guardyoureyes.com/articles/featured/category/features

Have you read the handbook ?

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