

First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 26 Feb 2023 07:05

I just joined GYE after listening to Halacha Headlines and getting a better sense that I'm not alone. I'm in my 50s with kids and grandchildren. Like many others I've had my ups and downs but other than this major issue of porn and masturbation definitely more ups. This has been going on since I was 15, started with magazines, then to theaters and VCR. As a bachur in Israel I would even take a bus once a month to Tel Aviv because there was a theater right near the bus stop! However nothing compares to the ease of access on the internet and the daily urges. The lack of ability to control myself has brought shame and lack of self confidence. The amount of tears that I have shed every Yom kippur... I feel the words of the brocha of mechayei hameisim in shmonei esrei, especially matir asurim, are all about me! I have been clean for 9 days now.

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 22 Mar 2023 02:33

Just my semi-regular virtual shout out at 23 (and 31 out of 32). Hard to imagine that it has been over a month since I joined this amazing chevra.

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by excellence - 23 Mar 2023 10:35

Incredible!! Generally the longer the fall the harder it is to get up, but uv'e proven us here that we can all do it!!

Chazk v'eemotz!!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 28 Mar 2023 01:20

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by Eerie - 28 Mar 2023 18:29

[eraygrand wrote on 28 Mar 2023 01:20:](#)

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You are an unreal inspiration! Amazing, keep it up and keep sharing!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by Emes-a-Yid - 30 Mar 2023 11:21

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Hey just saw this, sweet shoutout! To many more of course and onwards!! B'Hatzlachah!!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 04 Apr 2023 04:18

Being in this space and getting chizzuk has created a small light which I'm hoping leads to "Pischu li **PESACH** k'chudo shel machat". My short term goal is to keep the streak through Pesach and be zocheh to sit at a seder enjoy a Yom Tov with my children, grandchildren and parents in a whole new and larger light.

36 Days! Looks like BH I will achieve my first short-term goal of making it to Pesach (very confident that I will be too busy with last minute preparation for Pesach and around too many people). Thank you again to all the chevra who have provided support here, over the phone and PMs. There is no way I could have made it here w/o every one of you. Chag Kosher V'Sameach (Wow! Even those words take on a whole new meaning!)

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by chancy - 04 Apr 2023 16:21

Chazak Chazak V'nischazeik!!

This year you will be able to understand a little deeper the meaning of Ytzias Mitzrayim, we are all in our own little prisons that the YH created for us and we are all looking to escape from it. You have learned the last 36 days how to escape one of your prisons, it will never be the same, as you see now that its possible to escape..... the trick is to see that there is a way out.

Bchol Dor vudor chayiv udon lrois as atzmoi k'ili HE Yutzo Mimitzrayim!

Chag Kosher V'sumayach!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 16 Apr 2023 04:32

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Wow! still at it BH - very proud to see! Givaldik Hatzlacha Rabah

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 30 Apr 2023 07:25

62 days still and counting and fighting! Every time I think it's all in the past the YH sneaks in and whispers in my ear. This past week I was home all alone and very tempted to try to find someway. I told myself to just wait 5 minutes and that was sufficient to get past it!

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by yud909 - 30 Apr 2023 10:58

Following this thread, keep up the great work, you have a fan club here.

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by eraygrand - 15 May 2023 02:51

My bi-weekly check in shout out - 76 days (and 85 out of 86).

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Re: First time on GYE long time ...

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 15 May 2023 10:41

My bi-weekly check in shout out - 76 days (and 85 out of 86). Super!

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