

This time for real

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 15 Sep 2023 07:18

I've been 'signed up' with gye for a while now (since covid), but i haven't really used the site. Now I've reached a place where i'm ready to jump in and kick this addiction for good.

i got the gye app and started reading, starting the f2f program and the 90 day challenge. Now i'm posting here.

I've struggled with p&m for about 6/7 years now. At first it was p when i was home and m when i was in yeshiva. I did have a smartphone for a few months in mesivta, but i got rid of it when i thought i was going to get caught.

then i got a new ('kosher') phone and found a loophole. And it was p&m daily for many years. [the loophole was literally just for p i wasn't able to access gye or anything else]

i got in touch with a partner through gye and got the loophole taken care of. For about 8 months it was only m and every time i went home i would 'catch up'. Then i found a new loophole and back to square one.

now I've been in Israel for a while and don't have that loophole, but i still desperately needed my fix. So i found a new loophole/backdoor.

now that i'm getting ready to go back to america i realized what a mess I've been making out of my life (finally see how p&m were at the root of getting kicked out of a few yeshivas, not 'overbearing rabbis who were out to get me')

i got back in touch with my partner, i spoke to my father, blocked all the loopholes/backdoors and i downloaded the gye app. I'm going home for bein hazmanim soon and looking forward to the first one in years without YouTube, movies, forums and porn.

i started talking with hashemhelpme and look forward to being part of the gye community.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 14 Nov 2023 18:23

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longer feel destined for failure. Im not 'healed' or somehow removed from the struggle. But i have the ability to stay clean. I still have to keep putting in work, but i now feel confident. I can think about never using porn ever again without feeling a panic. I now understand the idea that chaimoigen talks about, that i am a non-porn person. Porn is not part of my life. Its an external thing to avoid. I know that there will inevitably be times i will have urges, but i don't feel that its a part of my being. I hope everyone can join me in a l'chaim for this milestone.

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Re: This time for real
Posted by chancy - 14 Nov 2023 18:28

[ainshumyeiush wrote on 14 Nov 2023 18:23:](#)

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L' Chaim! L' Chaim! L' Chaim Toivem V'Shuloim

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Re: This time for real
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 14 Nov 2023 22:23

Because you were honest yesterday and got your thoughts out - clearly expressed in your post, you were able to move on and move away from them. So many nice fellows keep all the feelings bottled up inside and never process them, and keep on falling. Being able to get a feeling out, define it, clarify what it is and what it is not, helps one conquer it.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 14 Nov 2023 22:25

[foolie wrote on 14 Nov 2023 02:43:](#)

You may not be in the mood for it however real people live in the real world, and the real word sucks sometimes, especially when there is a lot of confusion in your life. That's when life sucks meets life is to overwhelming and the two of them attempt to bury you. However if you stick it out and work through it you eventually get to punch them in the face.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by HeChochma - 15 Nov 2023 00:56

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WOW. That is so deep, so honest and so powerful.

I just keep re-reading:

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What an amazing accomplishment!!! You are my inspiration for the week R' ASY!!!

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Re: This time for real

Posted by chaimoigen - 15 Nov 2023 01:18

LiChayim! Bottoms up!

Here's to the non-smokerporner chabura! Here's to life: No longer shackled to the constant niggling awareness of if/when I should get/use the ~~cigarettes~~device or not. Free of the endless internal debate about what I want or dont want. Released from the weight of identifying with a living of oppressive secrecy and scuttling, fumbling around, grief, and blah/numbness.

You, my friend, have risen. And have landed in real Chayim. It hurts like hell sometimes. But once your eyes have seen that horizon it's hard to want to go back....

I think that **feeling** the difficulties and angst in situations, without access to numbing escapes, can help us be forced to go on to actually figure out how to genuinely deal with some of the issues.

Instead of just continuing the cycle of - Hurt. Numb. Repeat.

You're impressive! Here's another shot of tequila!

LiChayim!

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Re: This time for real

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 16 Nov 2023 20:05

Si vis pacem - parabellum

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today, after speaking it over with foolie and hehochma, i realize i need to change my perspective. Im now heading home to finally break free of the cycle of falling every time im there. If i can stay strong this time, every time will be so much easier. Im facing a challenge i haven't faced in my 32 days of being clean, thereby solidifying that i can do it no matter the circumstances. I plan on expanding the list of people i have to update daily for this time, and i plan on only updating with good news.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 17 Nov 2023 07:56

Im blown away. Just listened to Eli Nash and rabbi yy Jacobson talking about porn addiction. Thank you to hehochma for telling me about it.

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Posted by HeChochma - 17 Nov 2023 18:30

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Way to take the bull by the horns - you just totally changed the rules of the game!!! We're rooting for you - Get in there and riff (Ignoramus attempt at guitar jargon)!!!

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Re: This time for real

Posted by adam2014 - 18 Nov 2023 10:47

That is the right approach. You need to making "Going Home" a positive and a place where you can live your true self. I have the same type of situation when I go away on a business trip or in some cases, just when my wife leaves the house for a few hours. I have to see those times as potential opportunities to be clean to be free to be the person I know that I am.. It is truly about perspective.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 19 Nov 2023 15:28

Sorry guys i fell. Not letting myself slide all the way back.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by ainshumyeiush - 19 Nov 2023 19:30

Im sitting here in a parking lot, in the car is a shopping bag with a bunch of smashed smartphones i kept after destroying. Some of them are 4 years old. I don't know why i kept them, maybe my thinking was that i would see them and remind myself not to get another. Regardless, i think its time to get rid of them. I don't know why, but for some reason im getting emotional about it. Its literally just a bag of broken computer chips, warped plastic and shattered screens.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by eerie - 19 Nov 2023 20:46

"Its literally just a bag of broken computer chips, warped plastic and shattered screens." and holiness, greatness, dreams of continued growth, your neshama's beautiful songs, and the list goes on

My friend, it sounds like you are doing great. Keep on trucking! And please let us know about it:)

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Re: This time for real

Posted by adam2014 - 20 Nov 2023 10:39

It is more than a bunch of electronic parts. It is a big part of your past and while you should throw them in the trash, the YH wants you to keep them and have you look at them and remind you of your past. He wants you miserable and weak and throwing them away is a sign of strength.

I currently have a cell phone in the drawer that I bought at one of my lowest points and that phone was strictly used for chatting with girls and watching porn. I literally never did anything else with that phone. It was my smut phone. I have not powered it up in a few years, but something is having me keep it. I am looking at it right now as I type this. I am throwing it away today.. I am taking it and smashing it, it let it takes its rightful place in the trash bin of history. I am not that person anymore and neither are you..... Be emotional, cry, scream or do whatever is inside you... let it out and then let it go.... Let today be the first day of the rest of your life. a clean and positive life!!

Thank you for sharing...I am following your lead

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