

Raboisai - I'm Living Real!

Posted by iwannalivereal - 17 Oct 2023 01:44

So... after lurking around a while I decided to introduce myself so as to be able to celebrate 2 new milestones that I just reached.

I'm a 27 year old yungerman learning in bmg, and I've been struggling with porn and masturbation since I was 12 when I discovered pornography on my parents' (then) unfiltered computer. Since then I've been "doing the cycle", I fall, then I get up with a new stronger kabbalah, and then I fall once again. Throughout my years in yeshiva I had access only when at home during bein hazmanim, and so I would go months during the zman only to fall again, sometimes more, sometimes less soon after I got home. I remember coming home after learning in EY for an amazing year only to fall within a few days.

In the past year or so my struggle seemed to almost explode and pushed me to do more and more to get what I "needed". I went from filter to filter, plugging up loopholes only to find newer and better ways around them.

I have had an account on GYE for quite a while, but somehow never managed to figure out how to get the most out of it and to try to give stopping a real hard try. Around Rosh Hashana time I decided to try again with two new things I had never tried before.

The first thing I did was try to get to know some GYE guys by speaking to them on the phone, and wow what a tool. Somehow even with GYE having more than 15 thousand users, until you shmooz around with someone on the phone it's hard to believe that there are real live people struggling with the same things I'm struggling with. It's also incredibly satisfying to be able to just say your life story to someone on a phone, to be able to get it out of your system a bit which is way better than just typing the story into a computer. And as a cherry on top to this, I was zoche to meet Vehkam in person, which for anyone following his thread knows how much of a hero and role model he is in this struggle. Meeting someone like that, seeing his face, shaking his hand were so absolutely incredible - I'm still on a high from that 10 minute meeting.

The second thing I did was finally listen to all those people (especially vehkam) screaming about reading the battle of the generation book. Although I had looked at it in the past, after noticing the amount of pages (almost 400) I'd "have to go through " to get to the finish line, I never made it past page 1. This time I really delved into it and boy was I in for a surprise when time after time the author described just how I was feeling and how to deal with them. The hardest part of the struggle for me had always been motivation, as although I have a nice long list of reasons not to watch porn, I never was able to feel it inside of me, and never had a strong feeling to not act out. Any time that I managed to not watch porn did not feel especially good or exciting, rather it was a missed out opportunity to have an awesome time. Reading how the author describes just this point and has pages and pages dedicated to how to change a person's mindset to be

excited to fight and overcome desire has been a real game changer for me. I never would've thought that I'd actually want to win more than wanting to enjoy.

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!
Posted by davidt - 19 Jan 2024 15:01

[iwannalivereal wrote on 19 Jan 2024 04:47:](#)

Just to end off this long post, I wanted to share that over the past two weeks I discovered something. **I thought that living real meant living life without a struggle and without terrible urges - winning every shmiras einyaim battle out there and just smiling my way through life. I now see that living real means living with the struggle and with the terrible urges. Living real means using the tools and resources I have learned and practiced over the past few months.**

Raboisai - Now I'm Living Real

I'm just reposting this so I can internalize these amazing important words of wisdom!

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!
Posted by eerie - 21 Jan 2024 22:24

[eerie wrote on 24 Nov 2023 05:48:](#)

My friend, I'm at a loss for words! To see your gevurah, your chiyus, your simcha shel mitzvah, your unreal realness! The growth you have shown us all, and especially those that have been zoche to speak to you, you are such a real inspiration, I really don't have enough words. It's hard to believe how amazingly you have grown! Of course, the YH has not and will not forget about you, or me, (and yes, he has met me..too many times, I'm afraid), but you are full of life, full of geshmak, full of simcha, full of strength, and with the tools you have acquired, you go to battle with a song on your lips. **My friend, I'm gonna have to write a poem about you one of**

these days.

Keep trucking, my holy friend, and keep letting us know about it

A close friend of mine has always dreamed,

of being exactly what he seemed,

of spending his life in the hallowed halls,

Without hiding the slips or the falls,

Of being true to the way he did look,

An authentic student of The Great Book,

So, here it is.
But things did not work out as planned,

How and what, he did not understand,

But before long there was so much hiding,

He was falling, slipping and sliding,

No pushover he was, this good friend,

he tried these wrong things to end,

But no matter how hard he tried,

No matter how many tears he cried,

Did all from these habits to wean,

Yet, he couldn't shake the routine,

Tried more things than many I know,

Found it futile, and believed that just so
was the way it would always be,
Might as well get to know the real me.

One day, think did he,
How about join GYE,
Not that he thought it really held hope,
but all goes at the end of the rope.
So he wrote about wanting to living real,
About living the life that's ideal,
about hoping, maybe, you never know,
maybe there was something that COULD help me grow,
Didn't get his hopes up to high,
but he'd give this a real, honest try.

Well, my friend, boy are we glad,
That there's a new great friend to be had,
That he clicked on that post to submit,
To a new life he did commit,
And before we could even blink,
Quicker than anyone did think,
My eyes popped out of their socket
Watching him fly high like a rocket!!!
To grow with such unbelievable speed,

to become great in thought and in deed,

Why, this was a person on **fire**,

Growing, changing, rewired,

Changed by "the battle of the Generation",

For us an unreal inspiration,

that the greatest pleasure is within,

It's in these great challenges to **WIN!**

With alacrity, purpose and zeal,

Yes, this was living life real!

The day came, the one he did dread,

Made him wonder if after all is said,

Maybe, after all, can it be,

That THAT, IS the real me?

Maybe I really do must

Have to give in to my flaming lust?

Maybe I'm different then them...

Oh, please help me, Hashem!

The light came shining right through

The darkness that did surround you,

the light did not come from on high

It came from your heart's holy cry,

It came from within your pure soul,

The desire to be holy, your goal,
And you grew greater than the temptation
As you embodied the WINNER of the generation!

My friend, you've made some amazing strides,
Thank you for sharing the ride,
Keep sharing each step in your sojourn
As the fire in your heart continues to **BURN!!!**

With much admiration,

Your friend,

Eerie

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!
Posted by zzz613 - 22 Jan 2024 00:56

wow wow wow!!

getting rid of that gmail.....

thats really something.

we can stop "doing it" but we hold on to the last connection, because as the YH tells us "your really Shayach to this any ways so youll take your break, but save the stuff for later when you come back from vacation".

and the learning to cope not only when we're soaring but also in face of the challenges is really

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i really stand in awe.

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!
Posted by frank.lee - 22 Jan 2024 09:19

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Ouch,

Over here we give feedback

Sometimes it can be negative though - be careful what you wish for

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!
Posted by iwannalivereal - 22 Jan 2024 14:29

Just as an update - As I mentioned in a previous post, I recently discovered a loophole in an app I have on my flip phone which enabled me have access to google search, and from there I

can access any website. That's right! Totally unfiltered internet right at my fingertips, on my phone which I carry around with me all day (except for when I'm in the yoshon ofc...)

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!

Posted by eerie - 22 Jan 2024 18:34

Dear IWLR, my truly dear friend,

I forgot the poem with these words to end:

Although you are holding at this place in your story,

You have not yet revealed your complete glory,

The last chapter is unwritten as of yet,

I can only imagine how far you'll get,

There'll still be some mountains, and some vales,

You'll keep writing your book with unreal **REAL** tales,

And we'll be here beside you, to watch as you grow,

As you live **realer and realer**, up and up you do go!!!

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My friend, you are AMAZING! Totally unreal!

I vehemently disagree with your characterization of yourself. You have done amazing things, but do you think for one minute that the YH forgot about you? That your job on this world in these inyanim is done? It's not. And you were presented with a nisayon. You are BH not suffering from terrible urges, but you do have habits. Habits that were seared into your mind

throughout the years. Can that be what's driving you? And now you have the opportunity to change those habits, to uproot them. And you are doing so! Every time you want to click there and you don't you are teaching yourself a new way of acting. And you are growing. You are changing. You are announcing to yourself "I DON'T WANT THIS!!!".

If you feel the urges growing, please, my dear friend, find someone to hold onto your phone until you can fix the app

My friend, I'm impressed that you came here and shared what's going on. Keep on trucking, keep on sharing, and keep getting realer!!! (If Dr. Seuss can make up words, so can I:))

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!
Posted by yiftach - 22 Jan 2024 19:36

Hey There!

Just wanna remind my friend what he shared with me a few weeks ago. Something that left a tremendous impact on little me.

I quote: "I was recently texting a GYE friend and I texted him that I am obsessed with succeeding in shmiras einayim. After hitting the send button, I realized how much I've shteiged. I used to be obsessed with checking out every single lady I could get my eyes on. I have memories of chasing a lady into the next aisle for a second look. I remember standing by the window of my house (or even for an even better angle - from the window in a shul while trying to learn) on Pesach or Sukkos when the weather's warm and checking out everyone in their nice yom tov clothing. I was quite busy with this sugya. And here I am just a few months later, and I'm texting a friend that I'm obsessed with succeeding in shmiras einayim!"

?This guy that wrote that definitely has tremendous power! U are obsessed with succeeding!!! Keep on being obsessed with that feeling!

- Little Yiftach'l

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Living realer

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 24 Jan 2024 01:58

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Posted by chaimoigen - 24 Jan 2024 04:08

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AMEN!!

I agree that a public Shiur Klalli might not be the best way to go. Yet if you'd hang up a blue sign in the Yoshon with the topic of this Shiur I suspect the Oilam might not walk out so fast...

Your last few posts got me emotional.

You are LEGION.

Keep driving the Monster truck, fueled with rocket fuel and Heilige Treiren, straight up the highest mountains

Keep showing us,

Chaim

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My friend, I know we spoke, and I again, and I just have to tell you yet again: you are my **HERO!**

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Re: Raboisai - I'm Living Real!
Posted by iwannalivereal - 02 Feb 2024 04:52

Tonight is ??? ??? - five full months of living real!

Tonight is also a day that will go down in the history book of my life. The following story to me is so unbelievable that I would not believe it had it not happened to me.

As many of you know, the past few weeks I had been struggling worse than I had been since I started my journey. All along I've been in contact with a number of wonderful friends I've made

here on GYE who've helped me stay afloat. Yesterday though I started to really slide closer and closer to being out of control. I started doing things I haven't done in 5 months. Life started spinning upside down and all around...

This afternoon after playing around with the idea for a while, I came to a clear conclusion - I'm watching porn tonight. That's it. That's what I want and that's what I'll do. This was not b'geder an urge that with a bit of time it'll pass, rather this was what I wanted and that was my plan. I didn't want to get rid of my plan. I didn't want to call anyone. I didn't want to try and motivate myself out of it. This is what I wanted and this is what I'll do. I didn't make this decision without thinking. It was very much thought about, and I knew this is what I wanted. I said goodbye to my streak, and I mentally started preparing a post about my fall and a speech to give to my friends from GYE when they call (and I don't answer cuz I don't want to talk to them...)

In the middle of an ichy second seder, I decided I'll give it one more try. Over the past few days I'd been trying all sorts of stuff to try to jumpstart my motivation, yet nothing seemed to be working. I gave it one last time. I put my head down a few minutes and started thinking. I realized how excited I was about my upcoming event, and how much fun it'll be. At the same time I realized that it would be insanely hard to not do it. I was already there. I continued thinking and thinking, chazering over the various yesodos I've picked up over the last few months. After a few minutes I tapped into feeling the excitement of overcoming the YH. The more I thought about it the stronger it became until I was totally overtaken by a tremendous craving to feel that accomplishment of overcoming the YH. The craving was so strong that I knew good and well that my plans had been canceled. At that moment, with the realization that there was being no event tonight, I right away felt that simcha that comes only from overcoming the YH.

To me today goes down in history. Until 5 months ago I didn't believe there was any solid mehalech to beat this YH. I then learned that there are tools to work on motivation, and there are tools to work on willpower and holding back even for when the motivation gets shvach. Today I had a completely empty tank in both. However, I learned that even when running on completely empty it is still possible to come back up.

Although I mentioned in an earlier post that I had deleted my last gmail accounts, I still had a few other SM accounts that needed to be closed and that had been niggling me the past few days. I decided that for tonight's event, I'm going to delete those last few accounts. I spoke to R' Eerie and we decided that I'll do it with him on the phone as an extra shmira to make sure I don't slide in during those moments.

Raboisai - here I am free of all accounts that have tried to destroy me over the years. '???? ??'
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Here's to 5 months of living realer than real!

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