

MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey

Posted by MBJ - 04 Nov 2012 13:48

My heart is pounding out of my chest right now as I put these thoughts on "paper". This is the first time I am being completely honest about my problem, and it is very scary.

I am writing this mostly because I think getting these feelings and thoughts out of my head will be cathartic and if by chance I can help someone else, that would be wonderful.

I have been struggling with this problem for better than 20 years. I started with these thoughts and actions at a very young age. While I can't remember exactly how old I was I am sure I was not yet 10 years old, I think that 8 is a closer approximation. When I got my first computer at age 16 with an internet connection, it got a lot worse.

I went through up and down periods sometimes falling "only" once a week, sometimes everyday. I am still not sure if I would consider myself addicted to p***, but I sure as heck am addicted to m*****. For me the p*** was always a means to an end and not an end itself. As soon as I finished being mZ"l, I would turn off the p*** because I found it disgusting. I only wished I had found it so disgusting 5 minutes earlier.

I tried to stop many times only to fail after a week, two weeks even three weeks. Maybe when I first got married I was able to hold off a little longer, but even that did not stop me forever. It is funny I never davened to Hashem to take away my urge for lust. For some reason I felt that if I didn't stop on my own my Teshuva would be imperfect and I would not be completely forgiven. This past Rosh Hashana I realized that this line of thinking was getting me absolutely nowhere. They say by Neilah, you should take on one Asei and one Lo Ta'asei to work on the coming year. Like a broken record year after year, my Lo Ta'asei was always the same. Clearly my thinking was flawed. This year I davened to Hashem to help me kick this horrible habit. So baruch Hashem, since Erev Yom Kippur I have kept myself pure. I have had 41 clean days now, and I can't believe how easy it has been. Not to say I haven't had temptations, but nothing a small slap in the face and telling myself, "I am not doing anything stupid today" hasn't stymied. In the past my hands would literally start shaking two weeks into my trying to stop with the need for physical relief.

I think I wrote enough for today, hopefully I can update more tomorrow with my 42nd clean day (6 weeks).

Kol Tuv,
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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey

Posted by MBJ - 16 Jun 2015 14:38

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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey
Posted by yiraishamaim - 16 Jun 2015 15:01

I hope as well. I know when I was 7 years old I couldn't get my eyes off Suzy.

It's a nature. You can't really "change" him but you can try to shift his focus.

Perhaps get him into guy stuff, like sports.

Read him stories at night and talk to him of the chashivus of being an ehlichre yid.

Get him nature books like "Ranger Rick". They are wonderful, full of bright colored pictures and wholesome stories, This makes for strong bonding between father and son

Encourage him to be a Lego-maniac and go to town in your description of how great are the stuff he built.

Like anything else- Daven, make an hishtadlus then live and let G-d

and that means: NO WORRIES BUDDY!

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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey
Posted by gibbor120 - 16 Jun 2015 16:11

I'm sorry to hear that MBJ. Sounds like the familiar nuclear reset. As parents, I feel like we are doomed to worry. Hang in there. KOT!

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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey
Posted by MBJ - 16 Jun 2015 16:19

Like sny prototypical boy, he loves cars and trucks and lives playing ball. He alsohas a crush on his teacher. He is only 3. But I worry. It is not that he lives her that worries me. It is the constant talk if how she looks and how pretty she is.

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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey
Posted by cordnoy - 17 Jun 2015 16:37

[MBJ wrote:](#)

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Posted by MBJ - 17 Jun 2015 20:55

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It is not a school, it is a day care. Anyway the teacher is not important. He will be on to the next level in 2 months. It is the importance that it takes in his mind. It is not sexual he is too young. Still it scares me.

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Posted by MBJ - 17 Jun 2015 21:06

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You are sort of right. I put it this way, I need to provide the will, He needs to provide the strength. I ask Him for the strength, because I know I have none. But I do have to want it. When I fell, I was overwhelmed by the pain and I lost my will.

It will make you happy that I had another nisayon, but this time I wavered but held on. Then He took it away. So I gave Him a big thank you.

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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey
Posted by cordnoy - 18 Jun 2015 03:45

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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey

Posted by hwhap@gmx.com - 18 Jun 2015 09:24

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4. Sit down.
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7. Step out of your car and lock it.
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9. Walk in to the room.
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11. Introduce yourself.

If you try to do this and you get to step 6 that's already a big victory, and it will feel good, it feels good to drive yourself to the meeting. If you're still ashamed you can try to get farther next time.

I also want to point out that one of the big benefits of a meeting is to dump the shame. So when you say you don't have the guts, that's understandable, but you once you have been to your first meeting you won't be ashamed to go back.

Hatzlacha raba MBJ.

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Re: MBJ's 90 day (and more) Journey
Posted by needtoquit - 18 Jun 2015 11:44

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Wow, very well put! Yes, it's simple, not easy!

MBJ,

It's been a while since I've posted here but noticing you struggling made me want to give you some encouragement and hope, if I can. *Baruch Hashem*, I'm sober now since going to my first SA meeting three and a half months ago. I wouldn't lie to you, I was physically shaking in fear before that first meeting. I called a friend I'd meet on Dov's call and told him how I was feeling and that I was afraid I'd crash if I drove. He pointed out that a little fear is only a sign that I'm not

Since then I've been going to meetings regularly and sobriety had been indescribably amazing, better than I could possibly imagine. I've met tons of really great guys with solid recovery & sobriety, both Jewish & not, and have come to believe that I can have that too.

If you'd like to talk more about my experience, feel free to PM me and I'll give you my number.

Hatzlacha in getting whatever help you need in this challenge and all of life,

NeedToQuit

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Posted by cordnoy - 18 Jun 2015 21:17

Last two posts should be required readin'.

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