

Bb0212's road...

Posted by bb0212 - 06 Feb 2017 14:45

So I'm officially at 10 days. Might be more, pretty sure it's not less, I started my chart after being clean for a few days but I wasn't keeping track. I kinda gave up the long term fight, didn't see how I'd win that fight. However I finally finally finally figured out how to properly filter my phone. I was getting around every filter until a couple of weeks ago. A kosher phone made this seem possible, then I joined these forums so lots of hope here.

One of the reasons I decided to do this is to "be faithful" to whomever my next wife will be, kinda like I was clean for a year or two before my first marriage. Back then, I was only clean after giving up movies/tv. The amount "undercover" sexuality on tv/movies is mind boggling for a society where there's no such thing as sexism. I wonder why we don't see the women's lib protesting the disproportionate amount of female to male sexualizing... (I'm being slightly sarcastic). At some point I'll have to give up movies/tv again and I will. But not yet...

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by GrowStrong - 27 Feb 2017 08:02

When i started recovery several months ago i did it the other way around. I focused on shmirat eynayim and not on Mz'l.

My personal opinion (for myself - about myself) is that had i not laid that groundwork and used it as a way to finally break free from uncontrollable porn abuse that i was unable to stop for many years, then i would be having a much harder time now with both porn or lusting at real life glimpses of what my brain wants to lust about and mz'l.

As has become abundantly clear as a theme here in the past few days, whatever works for you is what you should work.

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by bb0212 - 16 Mar 2017 06:40

So... The past few weeks I was very conscious about how I'm not keeping to GYE's rules & only worrying about mzl as opposed to watching my eyes/hands. Not sure, but that may have led to me giving myself a heter to look at p*. Or, it could be not, rather that it's just the natural progression of things, being that I haven't allowed myself to be mzl. In either case I noticed

myself starting to slip into that place of **needing** a nightly fix of whatever I can get without mzl. Last night was pretty bad, because I discovered a loophole in the whitelist on my phone. So I'm now adding ?????? ?????? ??????? into my current goals. BH I feel that these past 45 days I've made significant progress on my ladder towards purity and I'm ready to take on the new challenge. That said, as of now, I'm still going to continue to consider it a fall only if I'm mzl. This would never have happened without GYE, (shout out to my 90 day group buddies who may have contributed more than all else), and everybody with the helpful pointers, so thank you guys

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Re: Bb0212's road...
Posted by Singularity - 16 Mar 2017 07:30

Well done! Hatzlocha!
for all of your support!

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Re: Bb0212's road...
Posted by bb0212 - 17 Mar 2017 04:49

[Singularity wrote on 16 Mar 2017 07:30:](#)

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Yay, had a great day today in the ?????? ?????? game. While I did "fall" once (NOT mzl) the rest

of the day I passed the tests. Very happy about that. In other news, I had something unrelated kinda terrifying come up later in the day, hopefully it's nothing, I should know by tomorrow I think. Nothing medical. It really pissed me off though, just felt emotionally & unfairly violated. Can't say any more bout that more and hopefully there's nothing more to say. It sort of zapped any sexual desire I had, but in the past, I'd m* even without the desire, if I was that angry. Just as a release. Bh it ain't the only answer no more.

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Re: Bb0212's road...
Posted by bb0212 - 24 Apr 2017 12:00

As I near my 90 days of no mzl, I'm thinking of adding a commitment to no porn or something similar. That's where I am right now. Bh I've gotten to where I am now, with a tremendous part of that being the wonderful 90 day/Areivim group.

I've been thinking of adding something for a while... Here are some things that might be the thing to add as a 90 day commitment:

- Commit to keep the work iPad out of my house
- no porn
- delete the cache on my computers Google chrome if I'm using that computer when k9 shuts off the internet. (This will ensure that I truly have no internet access)
- no intentional touching for pleasure
- guard my eyes on the street
- guard my thoughts

These are just ideas of what to add at this point. I won't necessarily add all, perhaps I'll add some. Maybe I'll commit to one for 90 days & another for 1 day a week for 90 days.

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by bb0212 - 28 Apr 2017 14:03

[bb0212 wrote on 26 Apr 2017 13:38:](#)

Tomorrow is my personal day 90. For my following 90 days, I will add the following commitment to my keeping my count going.

No bringing the work iPad inside the house

If I'm using my computer when 12:00am strikes, I need to clear the cache in my internet browser by 12:05. (That's the only way that I know how to ensure that I can't search Google or browse - k9 shuts the internet off, but it doesn't work so well without clearing the cache).

All this is as long as I remember this commitment. If I forget, I won't penalize myself for going against the commitment.

On top of that, I will be trying to be careful re ?????? ??????, but as of now, that won't be affecting my count.

Bh the first challenge with my 12am commitment has been a success. At 12, the internet shut off, I continued reading whatever I was reading (I think it was fb). At 12:02 I remembered the commitment & cleared the cache. I went to sleep soon after and woke up this morning before 7! Went to minyan for shachris - the first time weeks? Months?

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by Markz - 28 Apr 2017 18:20

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Re: Bb0212's road...

Posted by Shivisi_Hashem - 28 Apr 2017 20:22

Bravo what an achievement, wishing you another 90 "TODAYS" but easy one,
have a sober good shabbes

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Posted by bb0212 - 28 Apr 2017 22:06

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No Probs

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maybe you could do volunteer work instead... ;-)

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Re: Bb0212's road...
Posted by bb0212 - 02 Jun 2017 11:31

Haven't posted in my thread for a while. Still going for cleanliness in ?????? ??????, on top of being clean from mz"l & pretty much everything in between. The one time that I've slipped recently, I was watching a tv show that I saw many years ago. There was a scene (no nudity) coming up that involved some triggers. Being that I knew it was coming up, I blocked most of the screen. But, since when I saw this for the first time, I wasn't really paying attention when this scene came up, I kinda sneaked a peek for a second this time (just wanted to see what happened). Even though I barely focused on the screen, I consider it a slip since I knew it was coming before hand, yet I didn't block the screen the whole time (I almost did, but last second of the scene I stopped blocking the screen).

In either case, Bh I'm doing great overall and very much appreciate this forum. It has helped immensely.

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Re: Bb0212's road...
Posted by bb0212 - 13 Jun 2017 20:27

Good afternoon!

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Hay BB! we are brothers, we have one great father!! he is the best, and only with his help we can survive on those streets, and we will survive... just remember, you are walking on the top of the cliff, watch out, you shouldn't fall.

Keep it up BB! lets be strong and be clean! Together!

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Re: Bb0212's road...
Posted by bb0212 - 14 Jun 2017 04:39

[Shivisi Hashem wrote on 13 Jun 2017 21:47:](#)

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Thank you Shivisi! God holds my hand the same whether I'm walking on top of a cliff, on the bottom of a cliff, up a cliff or down a cliff. As long as I realize that this isn't my own doing and it's not my own work, I think I'll be ok. If not for Hashem's endless guidance and help, I'd never succeed at this game.

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