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Posted by imeinanili - 27 Dec 2018 11:37

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by clear - 27 Dec 2018 12:54

GREAT!!!!!! MUCH to learn from you

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by imeinanili - 27 Dec 2018 16:50

I thought I'd add about the positives since taking these steps:

1. I am much closer to my children and my family.
2. I am learning much more. Much much more.
3. I am more focused on things.
4. I no longer feel like a hypocrite when giving people hadrocha.
5. I have less anxiety. If my wife asks to borrow my phone I no longer have to stand right next to her to check she doesn't open photos - just in case I forgot to delete the videos I took. I can leave my computer open and not be paranoid. And also just generally I feel less anxious.
6. It's a cliché, but there is a real feeling of freedom.

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 27 Dec 2018 18:55

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Amazing!!

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 28 Dec 2018 02:45

You are an incredible inspiration! May Hashem help you reestablish yourself and while you do that, b'ezras Hashem you will shlep up with you many dear neshamos! What a story!

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by imeinanili - 31 Dec 2018 03:14

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Posted by imeinanili - 29 Jan 2019 00:04

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Posted by Trey60 - 29 Jan 2019 01:50

It's cool that when we feel like it's not an option, most of the temptation goes away. I had this burning desire for a while, but now that I made a nice, custom fit TaPHSiC, majority of the taiva went away. Good luck to you, and e/o else.

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by sleepy - 26 Jul 2022 05:47

[imeinanili wrote on 27 Dec 2018 11:37:](#)

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by future paltiel - 28 Jul 2022 16:46

Wow! Just read your post.
That I Teshuva on another level I have never seen before. Just amazing!
I have no words, this is really impressive...
Hashem must be overjoyed from the day you started until now.

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Re: how I did it...
Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 18 Dec 2022 04:32

WOW!

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I never even knew such a world existed, that's pretty crazy.... did you reach out to your "custmers" so they do teshuva too?

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Posted by jackthejew - 18 Dec 2022 08:13

[iLoveHashem247 wrote on 18 Dec 2022 04:32:](#)

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Posted by Human being - 18 Dec 2022 21:25

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What an incredible post. The lowness of the action, the exaltedness of this person, such a beautiful and authentic post. Thank you!

If only others we would try loving our challenged parts and accepting them and not calling them "bad" maybe it would help us heal, when we are trying so long to win our struggle by ostracizing the parts of us that are struggling and its not working, maybe its time to start loving them and accepting them, SIMULER to what is written so beautifully here,*In other words, whereas previously my motivation had always been guilt and fear, I now decided to work on it out of love: for my family, for Hashem.....* He suggests focusing on love of hashem, your family, i would say out of love for yourself could be another great reason!

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