

filter.. or maybe not

Posted by jack123 - 08 Sep 2019 10:40

OK, so im on one of my longest streaks in a long long time, and im bh still going strong. there was one thing I changed this time which helped me tremendously, and that is ..no internet filter.

every time I tried stopping I would put some sort of block or filter and than I would always find a situation where there was no block from accessing stuff, either a different place or device or removing it myself when possible.

I realized that what was happening ,was, that as soon as it was blocked I would let my inclinations run loose, bc I anyway couldn't do anything, and I be skyhigh with tayvah and ultimately would fall in one way or another

wheras now I left everything open and have to be on my toes the whole time. im forced to control myself 24 7, and once you've mastered self control, there is no loopholes.

so maybe filters aren't for everyone

so far so good ill keep updatingon my progress

want to hear everyones opinion

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by jack123 - 11 Sep 2019 10:38

20 days and going strong

I read somewhere that you should keep telling yourself 'im sober' as opposed to saying 'don't do this and this'. the hesber is [im thinking], that if you think yourself a bad guy however much you fight with it eventually you gonna rationalize that youre anyway bad so you should do it. but if you think your good than you wont let yourself do it. bottom line is your not gonna change who you are bc of this stuff, so if your good it wont change you bad and vise versa.

let me know what yall think

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 11 Sep 2019 11:28

That is why it is so important not to beat yourself up for having urges. Urges are normal and even big tzaddikim have them. The yetzer hara comes along and says "You are a lowlife loser anyway - look at the thoughts and desires you have - just act out - why not? it's all the same." As you write, when someone thinks of himself positively - "I am a heilige yid!" and accepts himself as imperfect and that Hashem made all of us with desires, triggers, etc, and commanded us not to **act** on them, and **those urges do not define me**, then iyh it is so much easier to tell that yeyzer hara to go jump in the lake - "guys like me don't do such things".

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Posted by sleepy - 11 Sep 2019 13:08

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Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 11 Sep 2019 15:18

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by jack123 - 11 Sep 2019 19:12

sleepy, whats with all the metaphors?

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by sleepy - 11 Sep 2019 20:25

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Re: filter.. or maybe not

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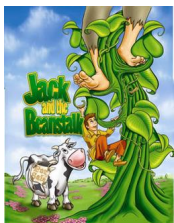
Re: filter.. or maybe not

Posted by Markz - 12 Sep 2019 05:14

Hey Jack, stick with us.

Keep climbing the beanstalk, and I pray you don't fall.

I heard Gevura found a whole a pot of black j-beans, maybe you guys can open a private kiddush club up there.



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Or maybe you already know....

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sg, jack 123, might have been scared by that post,it really depends in what nigung it was read.

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