

shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart

Posted by shemirateinayim - 31 Dec 2009 19:29

GUARD, i was once supposedly on it. but i couldn't update it for 2 weeks. so i never saw if i was put on or not. but I think my screenname is reserved (by me). and the site keeps telling me that my email is in use.

I need some help getting myself on the chart.

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart

Posted by OneLife - 03 Mar 2010 12:37

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Posted by shemirateinayim - 03 Mar 2010 14:59

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i read your thread there , but I can't type in hebrew!!!!

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by OneLife - 03 Mar 2010 17:16

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 03 Mar 2010 17:26

[shemirateinayim wrote on 03 Mar 2010 14:59:](#)

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Kol hamezake es harabim ein chet bah al yadoh! That would be a GREAT segulah! :D

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by shemirateinayim - 04 Mar 2010 01:02

[guardureyes wrote on 03 Mar 2010 20:36:](#)

[shemirateinayim wrote on 03 Mar 2010 19:57:](#)

BTW alot of people on this forum haven't implemented the 12 step program, all they have done is simple teshuva. To list their identities would be detrimental to the entire forum, so I won't quote them

Those people you speak of, basically came here, saw they're not alone, read some stories, tips and posts, and never went back again. But for a guy like you, who has been on our site since it's very start, and still falling into the same rut, it might be time to admit defeat and try something really DIFFERENT, with a new humility... Just saying...

And *especially* a guy like you who has such a powerful soul, full of energy and wisdom.

This is so important for me to keep drilling into my head, that I had to save it over here also.

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for me. And for the record, I am no longer in the same rut...this one has softer upholstery, and is much cleaner by comparison. My old rut, and its old withdrawal symptoms make my current matzav look like child's play.

I guess I will also make a daily seder to look at the handbook and attitude...but bli neder! I will start today (also Bli Neder)

Update: I am actually having to put an effort into not looking at women, and where-as I have numerous psakim allowing me to look at women when talking to them, I feel that the exposure is really pulling me down in the long run. I will try counting how many times a day I can be shomer einayim, totally oblivious to the people around me. (FYI I have an uncanny ability to tell a person's gender by just seeing them walk for a millisecond,,in my peripheral vision.

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 04 Mar 2010 02:46

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Ya SE... I don't think it's going to work for YOU either...well definitely not if you go in with that attitude. Go in thinking it will work. Set it in your mind that this is it. The Rambam says that when we're faced with a decision to do something good or bad we should view this decision as if it's going to 'tip the scales' for us. So why not view this as "it's going to work!" Things only work as much as you believe in them and the effort you put into it. You will soon see from DC's calls that addiction is about motivations and **perceptions**. The sooner we start seeing the world through a different lens, then we'll see the results. So SE, why not start now! change your perception of the DC calls. Whatever your reason you don't think it's going to work, just say its

going to work!

Kol Tuv,

-Yiddle

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by shemirateinayim - 04 Mar 2010 07:17

I don't know why this is finally happening NOW, but I am happy it didn't take any longer. I finally admitted to being an addict, which took 1.5 years, and I was willing to try the 12 steps. And tonight I had to admit, that while voluntarily surfing p---, this is what I WANT to do. Forget about "rock bottom", I am still enjoying the avaira. And now I have no reason why I should not do the 12 steps.

If I LIKE and CHOOSE to surf p---, then why will I ever change, because of limud hatorah?? The Talmidei chachamim on this site will attest to that, in this dor you can learn REALLY well, and watch p--- bein hasedarim. I once heard a shmuz from the Rosh Kollel of 'Beis'* who put it very bluntly. "In previous doros, one couldn't amount to anything in torah, without internalising mussar. You couldn't know shas without being on a certain level, it simply was not possible. But nowadays a bachur can learn first seder, surf the internet during lunch, and come back a half hour late to pulg-away second seder" (tochein divarav). I realized this a half a year before I heard it from him, when I thought that I was the exception to this rule, and still a descendent of the previous doros. I had seen my growth in various areas of middos, as a direct result of my learning.

But there is one exception. PORN. I will one day finish shas, and a few days later I will be surfing p---. simple as that.

I need to do the 12 steps, I need to do the phone conferences (BUT I HAVE SHIUR ???), somehow...??? And I need to organize a way of getting my parents to install k9. I am not the only one that needs it, I have found the browser's history deleted b4, and it wasn't from me!

OK step 1: page 25 in the handbook, now read along with me. Enjoy the comentary:

Hey, hashem fights this for me?? and sort-of like a freebe! why don't they mention this on the forum??? THIS kind of stuff sells!!

OK, I may have technicly reached rock bottom, because I am in the process of finnaly admmiting this will never get better. And B"H I don't need to get deviorced and bancrupt first, it makes shidduchim more fun when you actually plan to stay married to her for the rest of your life!! (provided she never catches me online) - ok morbid humor, mybe not so funny

I notice you reffer to the first 3 as a "roof", does this have anything to do with the gemara sukach that "al shem haschach kreya sukkah?" Also sanhedrin 4-5 rashi says it even more blatantly (who here does the daf?)

You mentioned learniung alef beis before "before we can continue on to learn torah and reach highere levels" um... but you only type it english? so how is that gonna work

Not only do you make me read the handbook *in gemara niggun* but now I have to search the old site for emails 438-450 *poking thumb into air* *stroking immaginary beard*

You seem to forget about the no coersion part.... just kiddin. After I get through this, you had better watch out GUARD, beause if I ever found out who yyou are, I am gonna give you a backbreaking bearhug! nagging is worse than coersion, it makes you feel bad about yourself. Coersion lets you relax while they do it for you! -I take lazy to a whole new level.

** I know this may be very hard on you, but for once Beis guys cannot show any Yeshiva pride!!! 8p

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by shemirateinayim - 04 Mar 2010 07:25

Most importantly:

Step 1: admitting defeat

step 1b: No, really, this won't go away

step 1c: You told yourself 1,000 times that you are only addicted to the "whitewash" effect, not true. Tonight I surfed oics for the enjoyment of seeing pretty -females-, and for the enjoyment of getting exited

step 1d: whatever my next excuse is gonna be, it's sheker vekazav!

step 1e: "You are puny.." *said in the voice of California's governer

Step 2 : ooh finnaly the easy one. ANi ma'amin be'emunah shelaima shehaborei yisbarach shmo..... just space in when you say it every day

Step 3: Let go and let G-D. wow that's easy. Hey 'tatte' I'll be in the corner playing yugioh with imTrying25

step 3b: tatty the Y"H is bothering me, tell him to stop!!! whaa whaa!

stpe 3c: tatty the Y"H said he won't stop, and will try to kill me. Even though you helped me today he swore to kill me tomorrow!

these 3 I can live with, for the rest of my life. With no busha whatsoever.....except that I still need to push the first step alittle more. (hey I am trying!!.....sortof)

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by silentbattle - 04 Mar 2010 23:24

SE, I'm really happy that you're doing this work - and I'm happy for two basic reasons - because I know that this will make you truly happy eventually, despite the difficult work, and because it will finally allow your holiness to come through in a true way, not in a distorted, unbalanced way, twisted by the addiction...

I love you, man!!

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by shemirateinayim - 05 Mar 2010 07:06

OK I am very afraid to post this, because I don't want to tip the boat, C"V.

But EVERY SINGLE NISSAYON (bar one) that I had today, I remembered that Hashem is supposed to be doing the fighting. So by every single nissayon I reminded myself of that single point, and PoOoOofffff the Y"H went away.

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1 question? why did I have to wait so long to admit I am an addict????
beacuse I am stubborn (runs in my blood)

oh wait...

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by silentbattle - 05 Mar 2010 16:20

That's beautiful!

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by shemirateinayim - 07 Mar 2010 05:49

OK I hate when I get a response to my posts, and it's on the top of a new page! I have to click 'back', scroll all the way to the bottom, read MY last post, then click 'next', and read the latest post!!!

tatte why do I have to suffer such yissurim??

But at least my Y"H is still fighting with the bounces at the door. I had a tayva today during shalosh seudos, so I merely slosed my eyes and begged "tatte, my Y"H is here, and I am a helpless addict to shmutz?!? Tatte my Y"H..... Tatte please save me, "hatzilah mecherev nafshi miyad kelev yechidasi"....tate he is gonna kill me.....you called him RAHY....you where mischareit on making him, because we aren't fighting.....this is why we are still in this stinkin galus.....tatte I wana be close to you... tatte, save me? tatte you love me, please save me from my Y"H.... I want to do teshuva, but I can't so it without you...tattetatte.....avinum, malkeinu....tatte please" And on the verge of tears, I realised that Hashem had just saved me from a terrible Y"H, and it had only brought me closer!!

Shir Hama'alos mimaAmakim!! even in the darkest of depth, davka there we are supposed to serve you!!

In retrospect, even the RA is megaleh the cavod of Hashem "Yeshader lan sgufrai **venechzai biykarei**" See R tzadok on this week.

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by shemirateinayim - 07 Mar 2010 17:07

For the benefit of all, I am posting this posts here, in reponse to a question on the balabatim's forum:

I find it very interesting that you can have such a control of your eyes and still be an SA?

I only learnt of shmiras einayim, through an interesting bit of hashgacha pratis, when I first hit ROCK BOTTOM 4 years ago. I had been surfing through the most vile shmutz online, trying to find anything that might still excite me. I tried various form of revolting content, all sickening, but still capable of giving me a mild pleasure. Until I snapped. I was disgusted with myself and could not bear to see what had become of me. And in a life-changing turn of events, I found frumteens.com with their thread of GF, shomer negiah, and a reference to 'The Magic Touch'. Although I wasn't yet involved with girls, the book (or website) mentioned a teshuva in the igos moshe, about GF. I went to the beis medrash and looked it up..... uh oh!

B"H, although I was about to while my hand was doing what it shouldn't, I made a kabalah to try being shomer einayim, even if I couldn't do it online. I looked for sefarim, and came-up empty handed. my yeshiva didn't have any sefarim to help, except for a little breslav one dumped on a shelf in the otzar. (Being the gabai sefarim, I knew the whereabouts and story behind every single one). I tried learning it, and it gave me a good jump start. I looked for the halachot, but found nothing in the Shulchan Aruch, more than "any geder you set for yourself, has the power of an issur dirabanan". So I set gedarim.

1. I could not longer walk down a certain street, I could no longer look at a certain house. No more looking around shul for a 'certain someone', and no more trying to flirt with her.

2. Do not look at women, any women.

It was very. very hard....gehenom. It physically hurt me to close my eyes, and I suffered unbearable agony to look away! But with the passing of time (months) I started to get the hang of it. I would firts move my eyes away, or focus them on the weave and pattern on the jacket of the person in front of me. I stopped eating-out, and locked myself into my yeshiva's building. I finnaly had my shmiras einayim under controll. I could eat-out (occasionally) and not look at the hostess. Although in truth, it wasn't until half a year ago, that doing so didn't bother me.

But my battle was not to look at physical women. It has an issur of it's own...and you will shudder when I show you what it is (send me a PM to hear it). I never started betting my hz"l and hirhurim...until I found this site.

SO the best answer I have for you, is that in this area, I have toiled and pained myself SO MUCH, that I have no Y"H. And the story in gan hachayot still brings a smile to my face..... you should have seen HER face :D I wonder what she was thinking)what she was sayiong came-out in a disbeleiving stutter! ;D no exadurations)

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Re: shemirat einayim. Finally going on the chart
Posted by shemirateinayim - 07 Mar 2010 23:35

I had an amazing realization today. That when I am enjoying the scenery of a park, or basking in the glory of the ribino shel olam's beutifull world, my first reaction is for hz"l. In my mind the two are equal, enjoyment=tayvas nashim. And it took me 20 minutes of implementing the steps to drill it into my head, youcan enjoy something, without acting out!

With my history, i should have an issur yichud with myself..... but hopefully this can be corrected with some re-education.

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