

No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 23 Jan 2024 03:30

Straight and to the point:

- I joined GYE four years ago. Through GYE and a few other factors, I was able to avoid my wife's unfiltered computer and phone and I successfully had over 230 days free of masturbation and pornography. A year and a half later, I found myself with an unfiltered work computer and work phone. While I was able to resist temptation for several more months, I ended up falling. Over the last two years, regrettably, I have not able to go longer than a few weeks, maybe a month, without masturbation and sometimes even pornography.
- Although I have not been active on this forum, I have been in touch with @Hashem Help Me through text and the occasional phone call. While that has been very helpful, I tend to be ????? ???, get complacent, and be out of touch.
- I want to recommit myself to these ?????? matters. I can't do it alone. I need help.

In the past, my posting and activity on this forum has helped me and I hope that, in turn, my story and my commitment to changing my behavior can help and inspire others.

Thank you for reading this post.

Day #1

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 08 Mar 2024 13:37

Daily post. Sticking to my plan.

Day #24

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 11 Mar 2024 12:36

Daily post. Starting off the work week reminding myself to stick with my plan and keep my guard up.

Day #27

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 12 Mar 2024 12:09

Daily post. I got my annual receipt of payment from Gentech for my phone filter. Money well spent.

Day #28

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 13 Mar 2024 12:47

Daily post. Just because I had a bad or hard day, doesn't mean I have to end it with a pornography/masturbation session. A hot shower and a good night's rest are good too.

Day #29

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 14 Mar 2024 12:34

Daily post.

Day #30

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 15 Mar 2024 12:17

Daily post. Not a good morning so far. Child rearing. ??? ?????? ????? is a real thing, but I have to stop to appreciate something:

There are two unfiltered devices in my house right now. Everyone has left for the day. My stress level is high. And this was my struggle: I have about a half an hour before work, should I do my workout now or should I clean up the kitchen for Shabbos? Accessing pornography and masturbating as an escape was not even one of the options. Wasn't even on the radar until I sat down to write this post. Before I joined GYE, now over four years ago, my response to the high stress would've been different. That is something to celebrate!

It doesn't mean that I won't get an urge or be triggered anymore. Not my point at all. But is it an automatic that when I am tense or stressed and alone that I have to masturbate? Not anymore.

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Day #31

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by yitzchokm - 15 Mar 2024 15:54

I think you posted in the past why you can't filter all your devices but do those reasons still exist? It isn't usually permitted to have unfiltered devices even when they don't lead to falls, as was posted by davidt in Hilchos Shmiras Einayim.

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Re: No Despair Allowed
Posted by chaimoigen - 15 Mar 2024 17:27

[??? ???? ???? ??? wrote on 15 Mar 2024 12:17:](#)

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frame these words and put them on the wall!!!

very inspiring. And very true about every form and process of growing.

thank you !

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Re: No Despair Allowed
Posted by ??? ???? ???? ??? - 17 Mar 2024 13:50

Daily post. Sundays are usually easier as I am with my family for most of the day. Still, can't let my guard down.

Day #33

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 18 Mar 2024 12:39

Daily post. Checking in at the beginning of the work week.

I have tried to convince myself at various times that focusing more on my struggle with pornography and masturbation will be counter-productive. I should just move on and ignore it and make good decisions. Well...that hasn't gotten me very far. I have noted over the last month that the increased posts, texts, activity on GYE, and davening has not made me more obsessed with the struggle. I don't think about pornography/masturbation anymore than I had when I wasn't. In fact, I think about it less because I am not doing it.

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 19 Mar 2024 16:56

Daily post.

Yesterday was more challenging. I found myself snacking more after lunch and I wasn't getting any work done. I felt like I was in that pre-fall zone. But that's just it. I identified that feeling. Got up, took a nap, and a hot shower and resumed life.

Last night, I had stress at home. I was very tense when I went to sleep. I thought about masturbating, but I didn't. Just a thought.

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 20 Mar 2024 12:36

Daily post.

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Re: No Despair Allowed

Posted by chooseurname - 20 Mar 2024 13:57

Hey, didn't you write at the beginning of this thread that you haven't gone more than a month in the past few years?

Congratulations on crushing that milestone! Mazel tov!

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