

Inner change

Posted by m111 - 28 Jun 2024 11:20

Hi everyone,

My story is on this

forum <https://guardyoureyes.com/forum/19-Introduce-Yourself/390141-Self-Doubts>

I'm now hopefully going to go on a inner work journey of changing the way I relate to urges.

I hope this will allow me to overcome the struggles of sexual fantasies that are in my thoughts and emotions.

Cutting it short for now since it is busy erev shabbos.

Be'ezras Hashem I plan on to continue posting almost every day to 90 days.

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Re: Inner change

Posted by chosemyshem - 28 Jun 2024 13:49

Amazing. Hatzlacha and keep us updated!

I don't know if you've been in touch with any of the chevra here before, but there are many wonderful people here who have done this avodah, and would love to talk it out with you. In addition to the inherent benefits of connecting honestly with another fighter, you'll learn alot. There's no need to walk this path alone. . .

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Re: Inner change

Posted by m111 - 30 Jun 2024 13:15

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again, To be honest and open, last night I had cravings of the above, so I took a shower, put on some good scent on my body, gave myself a bit of a massage (in permitted places of the body) in bed, and most importantly, let myself feel that I can just let go, and that was it... I was able to say ????? ?????? ?????? ?????? in hamapil (meaning no discharge in bed) with a whole heart.

Comments are appreciated (as all of the chevra here)

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Posted by richtig - 30 Jun 2024 13:25

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Not sure anyone here is in a position to judge, though I completely get the fear...

Sounds to me like you found a way to wind yourself down - for me it might be a bit close to the edge, but I could see it being helpful- being kind to yourself and all

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Re: Inner change
Posted by frank.lee - 30 Jun 2024 18:22

You have to know yourself, what is safe, what is dangerous. It sounds interesting. I had a very good tekufa of being clean, I used to do push ups in the shower and it made me feel strong and powerful, able to overcome my bad habits. I don't recall exactly how it worked, or if I knew, but I remember it helped. Maybe just something else to focus on.

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Re: Inner change
Posted by m111 - 01 Jul 2024 13:44

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Posted by BenHashemBH - 01 Jul 2024 13:59

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I think you've got a 2-for-1 special. Distraction is a great tool to push away urges. All the better to also have a moving self-reflection. Music has a strong ability to affect our moods. I'm glad you have found something that worked so well for you and hope it continues to help you on your journey of growth. I've not used music specifically to combat urges, but I definitely use it to pick me up and provide energy when I need to push through something. Singing is great too, really feeling the nigun or words in your bones.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: Inner change
Posted by m111 - 02 Jul 2024 13:51

Checking in, yesterday was just an urge, I managed it by realizing that I would want to post what happened, and would not want to be dishonest here on the forum, so it past.

It is not my focus of the change I am trying to do, but it worked.

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Posted by BenHashemBH - 02 Jul 2024 14:52

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Very nice, thank you for sharing.

I have a personal aversion to wishes. Mostly because I think the fact that they are "free" cheapens the whole thing for me.

As you say, ratzon, a real desire, this is something that we value and therefore pursue. There is internalization and effort involved that develops lasting change.

Use all your available tool and have continued hatzlacha

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Re: Inner change
Posted by m111 - 03 Jul 2024 19:09

Yesterday had urges, but managed.

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Re: Inner change
Posted by horizon - 03 Jul 2024 20:08

good job buddy, keep it up.

on the topic of ratzon and wishes, I once heard a podcast w David Green (any BP fans?) discussing the difference between wants and wishes. we all have wishes. we wish we were wealthy healthy successful... v'chulu v'chulu. wishes are just fun fantasies. how lovely it would be if said wish materialized. it's more of a dream.

wants on the other hand are powerful. ??? ??? ????? ??????. if you decide that you want this, you will figure out how to achieve it one way or another.

(i like seeing ideas from toira in outside sources)

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Re: Inner change

Posted by m111 - 04 Jul 2024 18:10

I think to myself, Hashem seems interesting (don't worry I'm not a kofer by saying this, just read on), what does He actually have in it with what He wants (think our serving him, especially in a real way concerning our kedusha)? Actually I think that this is what it means that we cannot understand Hashem. That means that if we compare our understanding to what He wants it does not necessarily make sense. However, this is what He wants, and let it become what I want.

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Re: Inner change

Posted by m111 - 06 Jul 2024 19:20

The urges come and go.

I think to myself, do I **really** care to be free of looking and thinking inappropriate things?

Is my working on this just reacting to needs not to hurt myself, or do I really want something of myself.

Is what's driving me the purpose of life? Or some other factors?

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Re: Inner change
Posted by m111 - 07 Jul 2024 12:48

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That is exactly correct!

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