

Momo II: Another try

Posted by Momo - 17 May 2009 10:10

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Hi everyone,

After originally joining this forum, my first streak was the best for me (24 days). That was accompanied by almost daily posts and the chart. More important than the number of days, during this streak I really felt the Kedusha and that was an amazing feeling. I felt that I was actually getting rid of lust from within me. However, after I fell, I gave up with the forum and chart, and had smaller streaks. I make efforts to try again, however, I never reached the feeling of Kedusha during the shorter streaks (that were between 5 and 20 days). I also never felt that I was getting rid of the lustful feelings. I was just counting days until the next fall.

Anyway, I'm ready to try again with the chart and posting on the forum. I'm ready to make a REAL effort again but I've been feeling very lonely for the past few days, and I need the chizuk from this board to remind me that I'm not alone, and someone cares if I try or not.

Here's another try to feel the Kedusha and attempt to rid myself of the lust...

My first clean day was May 12, so yesterday (May 16) counts 5 clean days so far.

May HaShem help me.

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by kanesher - 17 May 2010 22:27

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[Momo wrote on 17 May 2010 13:39:](#)

[kanesher wrote on 17 May 2010 11:37:](#)

sounds like you reached rock bottom

Kanesh, thanks for your response.

I haven't hit rock bottom yet. I still have my wife, and I will unless I chas veshalom cheat on her, and I still have my job (so far).

Maybe that's the problem. I know it's best to change before hitting rock bottom (hit bottom while on top), but another side tells you "you CAN carry on like this..."

I mean as motivation to get different help of get a different mehalkach. The intrinsic motivation to stop I think - is always there...as momo mentioned. I'm saying, alst givbing up

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Steve - 18 May 2010 00:51

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It's a problem with us addicts. We're so self-absorbed, we think NO ONE ELSE has the same struggle we have - "IT'S SO MUCH WORSE FOR ME than anyone else."

"How can you ask me to stop lusting? It's too powerful! You guys more than anyone should know this."

Momo. You're right, WE ALL KNOW THIS. And many of us HAVE stopped lusting, to varying degrees. AND IT WAS JUST AS POWERFUL AN URGE FOR US!! Are we stronger than you? NO WAY!! i've read your thread, remember? The strength of will, the GEVALDIKITE excitement

with REAL life, your desire for purity, you have that within you, you've prooved it before. The difference, the ONLY difference, is that they white-knuckled it for just a little longer till they got over the first big hurdle.

Withdrawl is very hard, I know. I've gone thru it, and it's a bumpy ride. But in the 12 steps we learn to focus away from ourselves, our pain and fears, and refocus on others. When we really think of our wives and kids first, and focus on building those relationships thru honest caring and sensitivity, WE GET HAPPIER cuz the resentments and fears fade away. The GOAL is to learn to accept hashem's plan for us and to find contentment each day. We do THAT, and the urge to lust starts to go POOF. There ends up BEING LESS TO WITHDRAW FROM.

you CAN do tis Momo. YOU'RE WORTH IT. Your wife and family are worth it.

Kol Hascholos Kashos. But when you start, you're gonna **ROAR** again!!

have a GREAT YOM TOV, my dear old friend.

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 19 May 2010 21:43

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Hello MOMO.

First of all, I don't understand why you used an asterisk to write the word "darn." It's not healthy to be so machmir (unless you were born into it, or grew into it over a LONG time, like 35 years of work).

Now you've mentioned something new (unless I missed something before). "An emotionless relationship with your wife." I know everyone likes to recommend Garden of Peace, but have you ever read "Men are from Mars and Women are From Venus"? (My chosson rebbi, of a very charedi yeshiva, recommended it). When I first dated my wife, it flopped. Two years later (or one year, I forget already) we were re-introduced; mutual friends insisted. In the mean time we

had both read "Men are from mars etc." It was worth the read. Maybe read Garden of peace AFTER you get the hang of this book.

Can't hurt. Might even help.

(If you can't get a hold of it, I'd be happy to lend you my copy.)

It may not be THE answer, and certainly not the WHOLE answer, but it might be a step in the right direction.

Also, if your relationship with your wife is unfulfilling, and probably frustrating instead, no matter how many clean days you can manage to count, you're just a walking bomb waiting to blow up.

Unless I misunderstood, which is often the case.

Besides that, I can say WORK WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT NOW!

Forget that once upon a time you had so many clean days in a row.

That's not where you are now. For whatever reason. And who gives a da\*n what the reason is.

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So you're looking at p\*rn 90% of the time. So pick 2 minutes during the day that you won't surf, no matter what.

Maybe you've been jumping in too deep all along?

I don't know.

Figure out where you're REALLY holding, and build from there.

Be well,

--Eye.

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 20 May 2010 11:43

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...I'll also add...

I saw once part of the Vilna Goan's commentary on Mishlei (but I forget where this piece is):

He comments on the statement of Chazal which, to paraphrase, says, "Whoever comes to purify himself is given the Siyata D'shmaya to be successful."

The Vilna Goan adds--this ONLY applies to someone who works on himself step-by-step. BUT if someone tries to skip steps, he won't have Siyata D'shmaya.

And, I'll add: Probably if a person is working on the WRONG problem, or is working on a little branch (or even a big branch) instead of the root of the problem, he won't have Siyata D'shmaya.

So, even if it seems harder and scarier to dig up the REAL problem, it will actually be easier to heal that way--we'll have Siyata D'shmaya for it.

I'll also add, that sometimes working on a branch is a good start, and not at all a waste (It's called "trial and error," not "trial and success."). At first, how are we supposed to know what the real problem is? But, after we've hacked away for some time, and the da\*n ( ;D) tree is still standing in our way, and the BRANCH hasn't even gone away, so then maybe we've got to look a little deeper (or at least a little differently) to uncover the root of our problem.

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Momo - 27 May 2010 05:21

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I just deleted two months worth of photos and videos I collected. I actually screamed while doing it.

On one hand, I'm tired of feeling like a hypocrite, watching this stuff. But on the other hand, I feel that I need it so badly, it's my drug of choice...

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Steve - 27 May 2010 05:41

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**MOMO!!!**

***I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, BUDDY!!***

***NOW WHAT?***

**Now, try to get out to a book store and reward yourself** with a NEW SEFER or lots of other good, healthy things to read and look at:

When you don't have the koach to learn from a sefer, there are some BEAUTIFUL picture books of natural wonders of the world, animals, pictorial history of the world, Landscapes of Eretz Yisroel, etc. (Time-Life and National Geographic publishers). This can give you an uplifting awareness of meiseh Borei.

Like Mysteries? - go get the COMPLETE SHERLOCK HOLMES by Arthur Conan Doyle. We're talking HOURS of mind enhancing entertainment!

Want to sharpen you perspective? Pick up a "What's Different in the Picture?" kind of puzzle book (Time put out a good one).

If you have extra time at night, maybe you're handy - you can build a birdhouse to enhance your back yard as a present for your wife and kids, maybe make it a family project that the kids can decorate or paint.

Get some nice Story books about Tzaddikim and read an inspirational story each day, or at least on Shabbos, to the kids. Talk about it afterwards, let them know why you value that story. You'll find they'll eventually want to emulate your heros, and you'll feel good that you inspired them. And feeling good about yourself will push out your perceived "need" and "dependancy" on these other images and videos. Who needs false joy when you can have the real thing?

Oh, Momo, I am SO THANKFUL I just saw this post of yours. I'm gonna go to bed grinning from ear to ear. Thank you!!

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Re: Momo II: Another try  
Posted by Sturggle - 27 May 2010 06:41

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Shkoyach Momo!

The fact that you took a step is great!

I know (and knew all along) you have it in you!

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Eye.nonymous - 27 May 2010 11:27

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Welcome back MOMO,

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--Eye.

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Steve - 27 May 2010 13:21

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Good Morning, Momo, Ma Main Man.

Have a great day. If you feel like you're in withdrawal, please remember it's a normal, passing phase that gets easier in a few days. Distracting yourself with music (audio only, please) is a great tool. Best to choose the quiet and relaxing, tho, not the acid rock with enticing lyrics.



Hang in there, my dear friend. We're all rooting for you!!

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by mekubal - 27 May 2010 15:18

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[Eye.nonymous wrote on 19 May 2010 21:43:](#)

... but have you ever read "Men are from Mars and Women are From Venus"?

I really recommend [to Momo and everyone additionally] this book as well.

If they say wisdom among the goyim, you can believe it.

mekubal

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Momo - 30 May 2010 05:08

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Thanks guys. I'll let you know how I'm doing. Thursday through Shabbat were good.

Sunday's usually a hard day for me.

But, my spirits are high, and I'm determined to try to stay on top, again...

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Steve - 30 May 2010 05:14

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Momo - You're the BEST, u Know that? Really.

BTW, chocolate syrup tastes REALLY good when poured on one's knuckles.

Does that mean we deserve the title of "brown knucklers"?

I'm nor eally sure about this..... :o

Well, i'm sure of ONE thing...

**GMG!!!**

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by 7yipol - 30 May 2010 08:46

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Cheering you on Momo!

Btw, how are your music lessons going?

Seems to me that a wind instrument or drums would be perfect for scaring the YH away!

Show him what youre made of and blow him to smitheeeeeens!

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by Steve - 30 May 2010 17:01

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[7Up wrote on 30 May 2010 08:46:](#)

Seems to me that a wind instrument or drums would be perfect for scaring the YH away!

Show him what youre made of and blow him to smitheeeeeens!

Mom is missing the best ingredient.

The YH is also the maalach hamovies - oh, i mean maves, well, same thing really...

Anyway, so someone once asked a man who was over 100 years old what his secret of longevity is. He answered "Onions."

"Onions?" asked the interviewer.

"Yeah sure, lots of onions. Raw ones. I eat 2 with breakfast, 2 with lunch, 2 with dinner, and another 4 before going to sleep."

"Well, how does THAT help?"

"Ya see, this way i'm always prepared. Any time the Maalach HaMaves comes near me, calling 'Yankeleeeh.... Yankeleeeeh.....?', I turn and say with a loud breath right in his face:

"**WHOOOOM** are you looking for?!"

So, Momo, if you wanna chase away the YH, go with either a lot of onions or a lot of garlic.

Ok, it won't help you with your other relationships...

For THAT, you're gonna have to do it the GYE way, and forget the bulb veggies.

Sorry...

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