

Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)

Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 28 Jan 2021 21:27

Hey guys just wanted to get myself out on the forum- I saw a few people say that being on the forum is helpful so I figured I may as well try it out and what better way to get started than to introduce myself?

Im leaving for a yeshiva in Eretz Yisrael this coming Elul and my goal is to have enough control by the time I leave for yeshiva that I can go into yeshiva with a solid sense of control.

Im writing this as i recover from a fall i just had - i had 16 days clean and just fell, and writing this is actually pretty therapeutic. Prior to joining GYE my longest streak was 10 days as of this year (I've gone for 8 weeks longest probably) so GYE has been super helpful - this organization and everyone who helps in any way is truly incredible.

My issues are not so extreme in my opinion- I've never seen porn and dont feel myself being pulled towards that but I do suffer from mzl which almost always stems from embarrassing fantasies. I rarely feel that its impossible for me to stop - I've always had a lot of determination and at first I used to be helpless against my desires but now I almost *choose* to indulge myself but have the willpower to refuse, if that makes sense.

I dont have a filter on my phone but am working up courage to ask my parents for one - I hear netspark is good..

Thats all for now- excited to start being more active on the forum!

Eved Hashem

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)

Posted by anothershot - 08 Feb 2021 04:23

Wow! You are a huge inspiration!

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 08 Feb 2021 19:31

Wanted to publicly praise "The Fight" from The Shmuz (its in someone's signature if people are looking i think the person is Markz)

- great advice

- great Torah

In other words....

Highly recommended!

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 09 Feb 2021 15:08

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- great feeling when u finish the shiur and you hear the music at the end

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Posted by DavidT - 09 Feb 2021 15:17

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Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 09 Feb 2021 15:43

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Posted by DavidT - 09 Feb 2021 15:47

[Gevura Shebyesod wrote on 09 Feb 2021 15:43:](#)

Lately even those sites are becoming more lax on the Shmiras Einayim front.

Yes, that is very true. It ain't easy to be a true yirei shamayim...

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by retrych - 09 Feb 2021 16:54

I use a few image blockers, but they'd probably be willing to listen to complaints.

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 09 Feb 2021 19:37

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by Lou - 09 Feb 2021 20:35

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There is a site called Gruntig that posts Jewish music videos and other videos of interest. If there is anything not tznius in a video (presidential inauguration etc) they do a pretty good job at covering it up. It is great for the entertainment down time. My filter won't allow me to go from there to Youtube or Vimeo but if you don't have that set up like that it can lead to problems. It can also be a huge waste of time, but one step at a time!

Hatzlocha

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 10 Feb 2021 05:05

Was literally about to fall and look inappropriate things up on the internet which would have led to me acting out but I pushed myself to at least before that write down on a sheet of paper a pro/con list and it saved me.

When you feel an urge see if you can think rationally- if so it makes sense to make a pro/con list and once u do you realize what you almost did but stop yourself

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by Hy - 10 Feb 2021 12:19

That's awesome advice. I've thought about pros and cons and it has helped me to an extent. I'll try actually writing them out the next challenge that comes up. Thanks!

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Posted by EvedHashem1836 - 11 Feb 2021 01:05

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If I may disagree...

posting about your victories is far more important than posting about your failures... not only for yourself but for the sake of your fellow gye friends...

keep it up!

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Re: Aiming to be better. Introducing myself :)
Posted by Sapy - 11 Feb 2021 02:00

Amazing! Congrats! Make sure to treat yourself, its important to feel proud of accomplishments.

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Very impressive. I know how hard that is...

To point out, a lot of this kinda stuf are really guys pretending to be girls to blackmail you, get money etc.

I have experienced it many times first hand, especially on certain chatting apps.

So definitely be careful and never share info etc.

But either way, it's a big big nisayon and you should be very proud of yourself

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