

Momo II: Another try

Posted by Momo - 17 May 2009 10:10

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 hoping - 22 Jun 2009 11:30

Momo-

I am sorry that you had a rough day yesterday. I am impressed with your attitude towards this fall. Anyone who reads it can see that you have come a long way and are well advanced in this battle. Please keep the honesty and Chizuk coming.

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by hoping - 22 Jun 2009 12:00

Thank G-d I'm doing well. I guess I tend to post more when you're feeling down. I will try to post

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Not doing so hot
Posted by Momo - 29 Jun 2009 06:11

Hi everyone,

on positive days as well

I'm not doing so hot. I have (only) 3 clean days so far. I've slipped **a lot** over the past 3 days, but **without** falling.

Yesterday I want back to very bad surfing habits, but managed to delete and close up before reaching the point of no return. I realized early on that I would never be satisfied with where I was going (surfing). At least I have **that** to speak of.

I realize that besides my lust addiction, I'm also addicted to the Internet. For the past couple of **weeks** I have been surfing (mostly news sites and blogs) for most of my work day and working the last couple of hours just to be able to tell my boss that I got some work done. I'm obviously **very** concerned about this, but I feel utterly **compelled** to surf. I've mentioned in the past that I'm very bored with my work, but this is ridiculous! This is not the time to find something else (since there aren't many jobs out there and so many unemployed people looking).

Now I have **another** addiction to worry about! It's almost **too** much for me to handle.

I'm so bored with my life! I know that if I got a different job, it would be exciting for a year, then

I'll be bored all over again. I feeling like quitting, but I don't know what I'd do home alone unemployed besides act out and fall into a deep depression. That's not an option for me. I simply don't know what to do.

Ideas on how to do a job you have no motivation for, and how to break an Internet addiction?

Regards,

An unhappy and worried Momo

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by philpher - 29 Jun 2009 11:20

Hi,

I have limited experience in this field so far - other than airing some of my worst lunacies but I just stumbled across your last post and thought I should comment.

I want to post something a bit more pithy, but it needs a little more formulating as yet. Meanwhile, please take chizzuk from someone who is often in the same boat as you have just described and has apparently very similar difficulties.

Hashem Yatzliach Darkecho

May Hashem make your way successful.

Philpher

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by London - 29 Jun 2009 14:10

Dear Holy Brother Momo

I used to feel like you and your sadness and despair has touched me, and I feel for you. I also used to play with "technical" sobriety, I will look and not touch, but it only made things worse and eventually I was going to act out. Today my bottom line is any porn / nudity image is a relapse. A very sober member in SA says, the SA bottom line is "no sex with self or anyone other than the spouse" most people understand that sex with self is masturbation but he says that looking porn without masturbating is sex with self. The only reason why I would look at a porn image is to get the hit the adrenalin rush - this for me is sex with myself.

Today I look at the blessings I have in my life and try and get of my pity pot. You have a job which is a major thing to have in this climate. Try and imagine not having a job CV and worrying how you will pay your rent / mortgage, gas electric bills, food bills, try and imagine the stress of trying to find a job whilst struggling to live hand to mouth.

My dear Momo, think of the positive things in your life and thank Hashem for them, see the glass half full. Your life is classic unmanageability of the addict, work on sobriety and get sober and the answers will come, they always do if we let Hashem back in. A small challenge to you, please post 10 things that you are grateful for, I will share 10 things that I am grateful right now:

1. I am sober today
2. The unending and unwavering support of my wife
3. My beautiful children
4. I am alive
5. SA
6. My sponsor
7. My house
8. This forum

9. Bardichev who made me laugh last night with one of his responses to me

10. The weather is beautiful in London

Keep sharing

London

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by me - 29 Jun 2009 15:18

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.but I feel utterly compelled to surf

It sounds to me that you are in a rut of sorts. It sounds to me that you are not enjoying anything in life. It sounds to me that it will be very helpful to you if you make tikanos, nedarim etc. concerning surfing in general. (except this forum).

You need to find something in Life, preferably something of kedusha that will give you simchat hachaim. There surely must be some kosher if not Torah endeavor that can give you feelings of fulfillment. Cut out the surfing, and fill the time with this.

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by me - 30 Jun 2009 06:34

However, now that I've surfed so much for the past 2 weeks, I really feel like there's nothing worthwhile out there...

It is actually to your advantage that you surfed SO much to the point that you see "there's nothing worth while out there. Now you need to use your seichel, and each time you feel like going back to that automatic drive of surfing, your seichel will remind you of the emmes, i.e. that it is NOT worth while. Use your seichel to overpower your automatic drives. Our seichel is really a very powerful implement...if we use it.

I have to find something to fill my life with simchat hachaim. The question is, what is that?

This is really something that only you can know. You can use that boring time at work to "work" on this. Get to know yourself better. Think about your life, past experiences, and see what in the past has given you simchat Hachaim. Your boring time at work can actually become a brachah if you choose to take advantage of it. Hashem has actually given you the time to sole search...and get paid for it!

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by Momo - 30 Jun 2009 06:42

Thank you "me". You've given me food for thought.

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Cry for help

Posted by Momo - 30 Jun 2009 13:01

Hello friends,

I don't know what I expect from you all, but I have no where else to turn to. This is my cry for help. I would cry real tears if I could, but somehow I can't.

As you know from my last few posts, I'm feeling that life is an ongoing struggle with the Y"H, empty, and lonely. I wish that I felt fulfilled and genuinely happy. I go through the motions of living each day. I spend hours at work waiting for the day to end so that I can leave and go home. I can't believe someone with a job, a place to live, a wife and kids is writing these words, but I am.

Yesterday I called in to the 12-step program call. This is my last hope. Duvid said it himself, whoever called in is doing this because nothing else worked. My only hope is that this program will work. If G-d forbid it doesn't... I don't even want to think about it. This call, and the few minutes I have to play with my children, are the only things I have to look forward to each day.

As I started, I don't expect any earth-shattering responses from you all. I just had to get this off my chest. I find that expressing ourselves, and coming to terms with our emotions, usually helps.

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Re: Momo II: Another try

Posted by the.guard - 30 Jun 2009 13:20

Dear Momo, sometimes when I don't know what to answer someone, I open a sefer randomly and read. I did that now for you, and these are the words of the Zohar in Parshas Lech Lecha

that I saw... It sounds like it is addressing your situation exactly.

I found the text in my computer and made a screen shot of it and I uploaded it to my site for you to see here www.guardureyes.com/GUE/Images/Zohar-Vayera.gif

If you need it translated, it will have to wait until later because I have to work on today's Chizuk e-mail now (or maybe someone else can translate for you).

Be strong, Hashem loves you so much that he answers you directly!

P.S. It has nothing to do with me, it has to do with the Zechus of the person who needs the answer!

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by the.guard - 30 Jun 2009 15:28

Zohar Vayera:

Rebbe Aba opened and said, (Tehilim 24:3) "Who will go up on the mountain of Hashem and who will stand in his holy place?" Come and see, all the people of the world do not see on what they exist in this world, and the days go by and rise before Hakadosh Baruch Hu; all the days that a man exists in this world. For all of them (the days) were created, and they all exist above. From where do we learn that they were created? For it says (Tehilim 139:16) "Yamim Yatzaru - days were created". And when it comes time for a person to leave this world, all his days come close to (come before) the King on High, as it says (Melachim 1:2) "And the days of Dovid came close to die", (and in Bereishis 47:29) "and the days of Yisrael came close to die". Because when a person is in this world, he does not pay attention and he does not look upon what he exists in this world, rather each and every day is considered as if it passed in emptiness.

For when the soul goes out of this world, it doesn't know on what path they will lead it. For the path to go up to the place where the high souls shine, is not given to all souls. For the same

way that a person was drawn in this world, so is the soul drawn after in the next world, and to there it is pulled after the soul leaves him (the body). Come and see. If a person was pulled after Hakadosh Baruch Hu, and his desires were after Hashem in this world, then when the soul leaves him, it is pulled after Him (Hashem), and they give the soul a path to rise up above, after the same pull that this person was drawn to through his desire, each day upon this world.

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by Efshar Letaken - 30 Jun 2009 15:56

Reb Guard,

I consider this a Moifes.

E.L.

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by 7yipol - 30 Jun 2009 15:59

Guard, that was amazingly on target!

Hashem obviously loves you very much to be answering directly like this!

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by the.guard - 30 Jun 2009 16:01

Hashem does Moifsim for us every day, if we just open our eyes to see them!

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Re: Momo II: Another try
Posted by 7yipol - 01 Jul 2009 08:01

Oy Momo, you sound so down. My heart really goes out to you.

If Im understanding the Zohar correctly, the message Guard is trying to convey is that what you REALLY want in this world, is what you will get in the next. The pain you feel every time you fall is an indication of what your *real* desire is - to be kadosh and tahor and be able to face yourself, and Hashem with pride. The shmutz part is just the YH. The REAL you wants so much more. Hashem knows what your *true* ratzon is, despite the many falls. And He judges the heart, not just the actions. Your heart and soul will lead you to the front row in Olam Haemes, **AS LONG AS YOU KEEP ON TRYING.**

Please dont give up Momo. You may not feel it, but you really are an inspiration to many of us here. We NEED you.

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