

I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 04 Jul 2019 23:25

Hello everyone,

It's been a very long time since I've posted or even looked at the forums. The time has come that I've decided I must get involved again if I want to really break free from the addictive and destructive behaviors that keep returning no matter how much better I think (or wish) I am doing.

I joined the GYE program almost a year and a half ago and have grown tremendously from it. I was zoiche to experience the taste of freedom with a streak ending in the 150's. However, once I broke my streak a bunch of months ago it has been off and on ever since. I think that I've been telling myself, "Look, now I know that I can stay clean if I want to and that this doesn't count. I will go back to leaving it all behind one day again, but for now just this once." I still tried to stay clean but would keep falling every few weeks and began to care less and less, always telling myself that I can get clean again and that one day I'll go back to it for real. I've been suffering from a serious case of doing these things so often "na'asa lo k'heter".

I'm not sure what clicked, but now I finally decided that I want to go back to it for real. I very much want to go back to really making it happen and working hard on getting and staying clean for good. I know that when I was involved on the forums it was much easier. I didn't feel as alone. Yes, I do have a partner and a sponsor but I have been feeling too ashamed to give them) and I've come to realize that at the end of the day, "ein hadavar talui elah be."

The problem is that life is so busy and it's not easy to find the time. I am now determined to find the time at least once a week or every other week to visit the forums and get involved again. Also, now that I am being more open with my partner and sponsor it can be easier to stay more in touch with them. It's not easy to admit that I haven't managed to really stop these behaviors but I think it's worth the embarrassment. I also feel bad and hope that I'm not making them meshuga with all my updates and check ins. Life is busy for all of us.

Bottom line - I hereby am reigniting my determination to get clean and be"H will be zoiche to kick the destructive habits once and for all!!

Thank you all for being there,

DeterminedtoWin

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Re: I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 21 Feb 2021 19:28

B"H had a great Shabbos and today will make it 40 days be"H!!

Looking forward to another super week be"H as I head towards my first goal of reaching Purim b'kedusha v'tehara. Stay tuned for new plans next week as I update my journey to work towards a new goal.

In the meantime, same story. Committed to staying away from anywhere on my computer that I would not want my wife to see and to stay connected and keep posting daily. Also, I would like to add to bl"n not watch any of the GYE videos or any "kosher site" videos this week for the sake of passing time. As inspirational as they may be, I simply can not afford the time.

DeterminedtoWin!!

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Re: I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 23 Feb 2021 01:58

B"H another great day today!

Onwards to a super busy and geshmaka week be"H!

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Re: I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 24 Feb 2021 01:06

Yay! Another super day!

Thank you everyone who has been following me along as I continue living! It means a lot knowing that others are in on my journey.

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Re: I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 24 Feb 2021 19:23

Just wanted to check in with the oilam...

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Not sure that there is anything to do about it other than to acknowledge the reality of it. My gut reaction is to panic and imagine the worst and tell myself that I will ultimate fail in the face of the ramping up of the nisyonos. This would likely cause me to slowly inch my way off the beautiful path of kedusha that I am on these days and head back to the dark path of lust since, "I anyways know I can't do this and it's too hard, so why even bother. Let me just go for it..."

With this realization and acknowledgment, I am working on allowing myself to let these feelings and thoughts come and go as they please without reacting to them and stay connected with my true values of living this beautiful life of kedusha v'tahara which is ultimately so rewarding and fulfilling.

May Hashem please continue to help me stay true to His path and continue winning!!

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Posted by Striving Avreich - 24 Feb 2021 23:13

[DeterminedtoWin wrote on 24 Feb 2021 19:23:](#)

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Thanks for posting this! I experience the same feelings and this keeps me on my toes!

Thanks for the reminder!

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Re: I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 25 Feb 2021 22:20

Chasdei Hashem!!!! I reached my first goal and am be"H making it to Purim bkedusha vtahara!!!! (44 days!)

Thank you Hashem and all of GYE and the GYE chevrah!!!!

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Re: I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 02 Mar 2021 01:14

B"H I had a really nice and uplifting Purim and am so grateful that I was able to reach my goal of making it to Purim b'kedusha v'tahara.

Here is my next goal and plan going forward....

I am still committing bl"n to continue avoiding anything on my computer that I would not want my wife to see. (This is obviously not something that can change, but I like to keep it as a weekly reminder otherwise I can easily forget my resolve.) However, now instead of posting daily on this thread with daily updates, I would like to start reaching out and helping others as well. So, I still plan on sending out weekly check ins at the beginning and end of the week to keep the

oilam posted on my progress but to make my daily connection more through posting on other threads.

B'kitzur, I will now bl'n post twice weekly on my thread and at least one response to other threads on the days that I did not post on mine (unless something specific comes up that I want to share). I am still planning on keeping up with daily posts.

My next mile marker is to make it to leil seder b'kdusha v'tahara.

Be"H we will be there soon!!

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Re: I'm Back!
Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 05 Mar 2021 18:52

B"H had a great week! 51 days so far!!!

Have a great Shabbos!

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Re: I'm Back!
Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 10 Mar 2021 17:07

There's good news and bad news....

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Bad news is that I fell on Monday.

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Thanks for being there!!

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Re: I'm Back!
Posted by DavidT - 10 Mar 2021 17:36

[DeterminedtoWin wrote on 10 Mar 2021 17:07:](#)

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Thanks for being there!!

Your user name says it all!

DeterminedtoWin

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Re: I'm Back!
Posted by Zedj - 10 Mar 2021 19:29

How are we celebrating 54 days!?

Grease those wheels cuz it's about to start running again.

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Re: I'm Back!
Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 11 Mar 2021 01:17

Chasdei Hashem, it's great to be back in the game!

I am so grateful to Hashem for GYE and for all of you. Having GYE to come back to is a tremendous bracha. Ashreinu matoiv chelkeinu!!

Onwards in truly living it up!

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Re: I'm Back!
Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 11 Mar 2021 23:11

B"H had a great day today!

See you tomorrow be"H!

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Re: I'm Back!

Posted by DeterminedtoWin - 12 Mar 2021 19:58

B"H I was able to get back in the game after the fall and continue on to a great rest of the week. Thank you Hashem and GYE!! (The zechusim of GYE is unfathomable, definitely helping bring Moshiach!)

In the beginning, I had to make room for thoughts about how "everyone else" is so far ahead of me and I'm way down here at the bottom and maybe there's no point really and why bother etc... but B"H I was able to sit with those thoughts and focus my attention on living my life they way I truly want to be regardless of all that. B"H it worked and have been feeling checked in again and feeling good about it.

Looing forward to a beautiful Shabbos and another great week! Leil seder as yid living of a life of kedusha and staying true to my family here we come!

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