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Posted by UpAndDown - 30 Sep 2020 20:28

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Posted by Ihavestrength - 01 Oct 2020 03:40

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Incredible!!! Really a huge accomplishment, thanks for sharing. The falling multiple times is a very difficult argument of the Y"H to refute, you feel awful after the first one, you are looking for a "feel good" fix and on top of that you don't have any streak to worry about so really what do you have to loose...

Kudos to you for getting up, this is truly a breakthrough.
Keep it up and keep on inspiring!
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Re: Celebrating a fall! Posted by UpAndDown - 01 Oct 2020 21:20
Thank you, my friends, for your encouragement & support.
It is in the zechut of GYE and the help of all of you out there, that I am a loyal husband & happy father today!
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Re: Celebrating a fall! Posted by YeshivaGuy - 15 Dec 2020 01:47
How u been?
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I'm feeling the same way now! Ultimately we want to stay clean forever and never fall again but I think when we are able to pick ourselves up right after a fall, major progress has been made.

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