

**GRODNIAN EXPERIMENT**

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 27 Aug 2021 05:54

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 27 Aug 2021 12:06

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I'm in for Friday night.

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by dovidfg - 27 Aug 2021 13:33

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I'm in too. Wish I would've seen this post last night

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by Markz - 27 Aug 2021 15:28

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[Ish MiGrodno wrote on 27 Aug 2021 05:54:](#)

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Reminds me of Biden...

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 27 Aug 2021 17:45

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Thank you Friday night chevra! (Agav: 20 Elul is the yahrtzeit of the heilige Ponevizher Rav, so you can have him in mind)

Markz, you crack me up. If only I could reach out to you for comic relief during my stressful moments...and FYI Biden is waaay too pashut to have learned in Grodno (Grodnians are lamdanim and super coherent)..

21 Elul, anyone?

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by mggsbms - 27 Aug 2021 18:49

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I will take 21 Elul. Is that MS? Please explain in a little more detail for us incoherent non Grodnians, what is expected.

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by gettingthere9 - 27 Aug 2021 19:39

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I'm in for shabbos. I'm going to be in a sticky situation over shabbos and could use the extra push in the shemiras einayim department. I am assuming this is for wherever I feel I am holding, to overcome the challenge of that specific level in that particular thing and/or moment... Please correct me if I am wrong.

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 27 Aug 2021 21:15

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The hope is that every day, another few from the chevra push themselves beyond what they would believe is possible.

Hoping to come as a group "Likras Yom Kippur" - as an energized and disciplined army.

The specifics are up to you - ?? ????? ??? ????? / ??? ????? ??? ??????

Good Shabbos!

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by gettingthere9 - 29 Aug 2021 18:31

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So basically on shabbos I had to be by a mixed kiddush by a pretty modern shul...

Baruch Hashem with some planning and an extra push from this forum I was able to avoid being nichshal and was very careful with my eyes. Not just not lusting but not looking (most of the time) BH

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 30 Aug 2021 00:18

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Awesome! I am so happy and proud!

We now need a hero for tonight - Elul 22...

(This is my first clean Elul, and I will bli neder describe on my personal thread what this experience is like for me...)

Dancing in Grodno ~ IMG

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by gettingthere9 - 30 Aug 2021 00:21

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Thank you so much for doing this!

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 30 Aug 2021 05:00

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I will take tonight Monday night. Monday night is a particular important night for me to stay clean. Life may get stressful but I will stay strong because that's what I really want from myself.

Still trying to dig myself out of a hole so this should help.

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 30 Aug 2021 12:10

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Wow, you made my day!

During Elul, the Aibishter is literally standing next to us with a shovel - helping us dig out of that hole.

May these special days bring a complete turnaround / attitude shift for us all!

Tuesday night (Elul 24)....anyone?

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by OivedElokim - 30 Aug 2021 14:38

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I'll take Tuesday. I've been doing poorly lately... Time to cut it out

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Re: ELUL EXPERIMENT

Posted by Ish MiGrodno - 30 Aug 2021 15:41

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O.E. Shlit"a

If you are struggling tomorrow, feel free to PM me.

The oilam is mamash rooting you on - hopefully this Tuesday can be the beginning of a sustainable streak : )

BTW I always recall Elul as being especially hard; the pressure was just too much. (Motzei YK was almost always a fall)

Thank you, thank you! ~ IMG

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