

This time will be better

Posted by joetyh - 14 Jan 2022 10:58

hey people!!! just had a fall 2 nights in a row after building my streak to 5 days... but you know what, 5 days, that was pretty impressive. I have made myself sort of reliant on videos to entertain myself during bein hasedarim and after night seder which means i occasionally need to access youtube which is a killer because it starts with downloading just some fun vlogs and/or product reviews and it goes downhill from there. I need to find a way to be able to get some videos (I dont think i can quit cold turkey from watching and 613tube isnt an option) but not falling down that terrible rabbit hole of the "How bad of a video can i find on YouTube). besides for youtube theres the plain urges that come and I just feel powerless against them. I try to beat them but its so so hard to. even the smallest trigger (i.e. seeing a random pretty girl in the street) can just set me off on a bad day. I really want to be clean!!! I really do!!!! But I feel like as soon as the urge comes I just decide that "it's just this time" and I'll find an excuse to justify it.

I'm on day 1 now. My goal right now is 1 week. I think I can do it and I know it will be very painful but I'm ready.

any suggestions or if you can relate hop on to this topic

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Re: This time will be better

Posted by Shtarkandemotional - 17 Jan 2022 18:18

"Tried everything"

Shmuel - has a struggle with porn.. he gets triggered and falls every now and then... he can't seem to overcome this struggle.

Yehuda- a supportive friend.

This is a conversation that took place between shmuel and Yehuda..

shmuel- "I keep falling I'm so depressed I can't do this anymore"

Yehuda- "it's never too late keep trying"

Shmuel- "but I tried everything nothing seems to work"

Yehuda- "wow that must be so hard"

A couple hours later...

Shmuel- "I think I can do this.."

Yehuda- "wow! So nice what will you do differently"?!

Shmuel- "I'm gonna get a stronger filter"

Yehuda- "but this is your 6th time doing that."

Shmuel- "yea but maybe this time it'll work"

Yehuda - "if someone gave you 1 million dollars if you stop watching porn for the next 365 days... is that all you would put in place to make sure you don't fall?"

Shmuel- speechless.

Yehuda- that's how you know if a plan has a good chance... that's how you know when you tried...

Shmuel- hmm...

Yehuda- is suffering from porn with all the misery for years worth less then 1 million dollars?

Shmuel- no, way more then a million.. the pain is so way more intense...

Yehuda- if for a million dollars you'd do a lot more then the above plan...to take someone out of the deep ocean to happy free person shouldn't we Forsure do the same?

Lesson is -

Guys, you know when you tried- if you were to get 1 million dollars if this plan succeeds for 365 days.. would the plan just be a better filter?

Or.....

would it be a clear concise plan that blocks every trigger, every possible thing that can lead to a fall, a plan on how to be maintain a long term clarity and motivation why you wanna stay clean... a plan that could seem to work regardless of the mood your in that day! Regardless if it's day 10 or 100 or 1000 or 10,000

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Re: This time will be better

Posted by joetyh - 17 Jan 2022 20:24

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Re: This time will be better

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 17 Jan 2022 21:26

its true but in israel there isnt much to do during bein hasedarim.... i was always the chilling myself kind of guy (probably because of low self esteem)

Hey there, hope all is well. I live in Israel too and B"H there are lots of things to do here! Lots to explore, there are fun places, quiet ones and spiritual ones. I like to go to the Kosel once or twice a week during lunch, other days I just walk around. There is the Shuk, Tachana Rishona, tons of parks, lots to see in the old city and so on. There are also lots of kosher gyms, pools and even basketball in some areas. There is no shortage of things to do, get out there and experience what Yerushalayim has to offer!

I don't think it's because there isn't much to do, it's just easier to do nothing.

If you are interested, feel free to reach out to me to chat, my email is in my signature.

Keep Shteiging!

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Re: This time will be better

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 17 Jan 2022 21:30

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I think he meant that it depends on what your goals are...

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scribbled in a bathroom door:

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below that was scribbled

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Seems clear and specific to me who you were referring to.

And sorry for hijacking this thread, @Joetyh, please forgive me.

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Re: This time will be better

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 18 Jan 2022 12:19

Sleepy, let's all be careful with not falling into the pit of other forums out there. There is no place for lashon hara, motzi shem ra, onoas dvarim etc here at GYE. We have to be very respectful of everyone who posts. Although styles may be different, everyone is trying to help. Being anonymous does not give us license to write everything we want, nor to make assumptions about each other. For the record, there are guys who post here who have finished shas b'iyun - the way they write may or may not reflect that - and that is their business exclusively. Hatzlocha to all.

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aight thanks everyone!!! its cool seeing people with different views all trying to get to the same thing!!!! thats why GYE is great

you guys didnt hijack it at all. yall just tryna help

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we here on Day 1 i will bezh get to 2 days!!!

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