

introducing myself

Posted by ayidel - 05 Jan 2018 10:07

hi my name is ayidel i'm married for 10 years and have a couple of children i don't think i am an addict

but rather would have falls at more spread out times so it took me a while to figure out that i might need help

but i thank hashem i found this site signed on and ready to really hanker down thanks for everything

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by ayidel - 11 Feb 2018 15:08

Thanks everyone i've done it and am ready to march forward

i'm amazed again and again how those around here will take from their time to encourage and share a good word

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by ayidel - 16 Feb 2018 07:56

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Posted by HakolMilimala - 16 Feb 2018 08:00

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Posted by ayidel - 16 Feb 2018 08:16

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by lifebound - 16 Feb 2018 08:19

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Wow, 50 seems so far off...this gives me strength to keep trucking ODAAT, thank you!

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by ayidel - 16 Feb 2018 08:23

50 seemed like miles away when i started but once passed is but a fraction of the lifetime ahead as we march on ODAAT

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 16 Feb 2018 11:23

Mazel tov on your accomplishment. besides the obvious good feeling of being clean for 50 days, there is a more powerful hergesh. Up until now you may have truly believed that it would be impossible to get clean. Thoughts like "It's a waste of timeto try", "I have to fall anyway", "I'm doomed until i am 80 years old" etc were ingrained. Now you (along with those of us witnessing) know IT CAN BE DONE b'ezras Hashem. Even if chas v'shalom there is a slip somewhere in the future, the battle lines are on a new territory. You have the high ground. May Hashem help you along with the rest of us stay clean and pure until we proudly greet Moshiach.

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Yeah I also found it very liberating :/

I also put a lot of work into recovery.

The only difference is that it could be I let myself get a little too haughty about it.

So with your amazing accomplishment I just want you to keep one thing in mind, that even though it feels liberating, there's going to be a day when your mind starts asking you for an escape, so you have to stay grounded. Take me seriously. I want save you the pain of ch'v starting from the beginning again. So you have to prepare. You have to have an outlined battle plan if that day comes. (And I'm speaking to myself - I'm going to make this battle plan with my therapist this week iyh) Don't assume that since you did 50 you will get the rest easy. For real liberation, you have to commit to continued work.

Learn the lesson from me. I was right where I wanted to be and enjoying liberated life but somehow I found myself back there.

Dont want to put a damper on your amazing streak!!!! Just offering some advice to let you keep

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Posted by ayidel - 17 Feb 2018 19:02

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Re: introducing myself
Posted by HakolMilimala - 18 Feb 2018 00:14

K this week I'm gonna get to really thinking about what specifically should work for me and of course everyone is different so it needs a grain of salt but I'll keep you posted.

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Re: introducing myself
Posted by ayidel - 20 Feb 2018 15:50

B"h the family situation has calmed down and now it seems much easier to concentrate on doing whats right

so we march forward ODAAT

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by ieeyc - 20 Feb 2018 17:12

great to hear, hatzlacha!

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Re: introducing myself

Posted by HakolMilimala - 22 Feb 2018 00:33

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So what can we do when we're in that mood?

i can only repeat what I hear around here which I do think will work if you're committed to do: commit to speak to a recovery partner, get yourself out of isolation quickly: go hang out with your friend/wife, relaxation, focus on positivity, and smile at someone. Do something selfless maybe.

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