

Bain hazmanim blues

Posted by livingagain - 25 Mar 2025 02:08

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Re: Bain hazmanim blues

Posted by ratherstayanonymous - 25 Mar 2025 05:13

I feel you man.... B"H ain't an easy time, I think the key is having a good plan maybe call some ppl and work something out (daily check-ins ect.) before you step into it, Also all you can do in regards to triggers is to remove as many as you can and leave the rest of them to Hashem and most importantly STAY IN TOUCH with the chevra.

I'm confident that you COULD come out on the other side of this squeaky clean NOTHING is inevitable!!!

Warning: Spoiler!

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Posted by benporasyosef - 28 Mar 2025 04:03

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Since we're all in this together, let's each try to share one practical tip on this thread to help make "this bein hazmanim different from all the other bein hazmanims."

Something I've been thinking about is using a picture of someone I want to respect me as a way to ground myself when an urge hits. The inspiration obviously comes from the image of Yaakov appearing to Yosef which saved him from this very struggle. Maybe consider printing out a small picture of a Gadol, Rebbe, Grandparent, or other role model, and keeping the tiny piece of paper in your back pocket. During an urge take out the picture, or even just touch your pocket, and ask yourself "what would they advise me to do in this situation?" I don't think it's awkward if someone discovers the picture because there's no way they'd connect it to this.

This idea, although without the physical picture, worked for me this week. I was white knuckling all day and by night seder was ready to give in. I told my chavrusa I wanted to end early to do extra chazara and was about to walk out when B"H I remembered this idea. I thought of my great-grandfather ah"s and the clouds cleared instantly. "Actually, I'll do that chazara another time," I said, and continued what ended as a very strong seder.

Wishing everyone a Chag Kasher V'Sameach - Kasher in all areas and Sameach from winning our battles.

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My Rosh yeshiva said that one can shteig in kedusha more in Bain hazmanim when you are confronted with nisyonos. Davka from overcoming the taava we get stronger. To paraphrase, Bain hazmanim is the marathon and we trained and prepared during the zman.

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Re: Bain hazmanim blues

Posted by yerushalmikugel - 28 Mar 2025 12:58

Practically speaking; stay BUSY

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Make yourself a fixed routine. Fixed minyan. Chavrusa, exercise time etc..

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Posted by livingagain - 28 Mar 2025 13:16

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I agree that keeping busy helps. But for some reason cleaning gets me aroused, not sure why.

There could be more specific reasons, but in general if your cleaning is strenuous, exercise increases blood flow, releases endorphins, and can affect hormones which could lead to an increased libido - if the stress doesn't eat it all up and then some.

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Re: Bain hazmanim blues

Posted by jollylemur95 - 28 Mar 2025 13:49

Just to add to all the great suggestions mentioned:

Choose a sugya that appeals to us.

During the zman we are more constricted to the sugya that the yeshiva is learning. That sugya may, or may not appeal to us as much as others.

Bain Hazmanim we can take some time to learn other inyanim.

Choose something that we can chew over even when we are not in front of the sefer.

Ein Shmira Ktorah!

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BenHashemBH, are you giving us a way out of pesach cleaning??

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Wow! Kol hakavod!

Have a pickle!

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Posted by hopefulzebra80 - 31 Mar 2025 21:26

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R Meilich Biderman is tremendous. But you don't have to go to EY to hear him. His toirah is distributed throughout the world. He is very positive and encouraging.

But agreed that EY Can definitely be conducive to an ideal learning environment. Especially if you get into the top yeshiva. You still have to be vigilant when you leave the yeshiva, like to go shopping.

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Re: Bain hazmanim blues

Posted by radiantunicorn71 - 31 Mar 2025 21:33

unbeleivable! keep it going! ey is a little easier cuz you're more tired but don't let your guard down there! the yetzer hara is still there!

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Re: Bain hazmanim blues

Posted by yerushalmikugel - 01 Apr 2025 09:34

Interesting that you feel ey is easier... I found ey (as a bochur) way harder... The hefkierus of dira life, less structure, less kesher to rabeim, more loneliness (and I was in 'the top yeshivos'...)

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