

Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 28 Dec 2016 10:09

I am for the first time, in about 20 years, clean for 80 days, and i happen to start enjoying life probably for the first time in many years too. My wife told me last night that i have been much more relaxed and started laughing properly again, if she says so then it must be really that way or at least i am going in the right direction.

When i have a slip i try to push away the thought by thinking of other things, i.e. the last thing i learned or last night for example i started thinking of Al Hanisim and said to Hashem if he made this Nes for the Makabim he should also take this thought out of my mind, shortly afterwards i fell asleep, with no fall.

I also start looking at women differently not anymore as objects but as people with feelings and although they sometimes dress or don't dress with big writing on 'please look' it is just not worth it to look, the looks are supposed to be kept for my wife only. What helps me a lot here is my non-jewish therapist who says that it is normal to look, when i tell that to myself that it is not so Oussur, then the force of the Y.H. fades away a bit - enough to get past that person and not look back.

But what helps me most is GYE, i am in a mini Community where 4 are still active and we have a hangouts group. We hope to start soon with a conf call.

Thank you very much for all your help.

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by Shlomo24 - 27 Jan 2017 18:42

What do you mean by further?

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 30 Jan 2017 07:42

Thank you Markz for you reply i will check it out.

With further i mean, when you dont continue to go up you eventually fall - no?

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by GrowStrong - 30 Jan 2017 12:26

I am guessing this is your take on the classic mussar concept if you are not going up then you are going down.

I dont know how true this would be for someone in recovery..

For most of us, not going down is the biggest struggle... as long as you are in a good place, with fences that work for you and boundaries that keep you safe, then in my opinion you should feel good, and accept another day of real recovery.

Recovery isnt just going uphill... BH you are not going down... focus on that!

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 02 Feb 2017 08:13

It feels very good, to have been clean for 116 days since i started counting again. It really does get easier with the time but i still need to keep in mind that i am not totally healed yet. The fences and filters need to be upkept as don't want to start falling again, because i start enjoying life - going out with friends, in general being a happier person, can learn better - as yidden we B.H. have so many things to keep our minds occupied and we don't need to make space for these thoughts, as soon as a thought does creep in, just start thinking about other things. I am not sure yet how be totally selfless, especially when it comes to my wife, but slowly getting there i would say.

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 06 Feb 2017 15:48

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Re: Time to start living
Posted by cordnoy - 06 Feb 2017 18:00

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Sounds like a recipe for disaster, but whatever works.....

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Re: Time to start living
Posted by hudaugen - 06 Feb 2017 18:12

what do you mean? any solution?

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Re: Time to start living
Posted by cordnoy - 06 Feb 2017 18:17

End of the world if you look at a pair of tights?

She's monitorin' and gettin' upset if you look at a kneecap?

Let's live life.

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 06 Feb 2017 18:37

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Posted by Singularity - 07 Feb 2017 09:39

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 24 Feb 2017 09:23

its really crazy what goes on here, it just feels very good to be on the right track but every so often get reminders that you have not reached the goal yet - as there is no limit to this, its a never ending thing. I was on vacation now with my wife and i would say it is the first she really enjoyed it with me and i also enjoyed it very much with her, i did not have the urge to look around the whole time - although sometimes i did - but my thoughts did not go below the belt. I guess she felt that and was really supportive the whole time. Now that i am back i thought last night of how the past vacation would have looked like, this was not good thing to do, as i almost had a fall, when my thoughts got to far i just told Hashem to take over the steering wheel for me as i could not see the light at the end of the tunnel. Sometimes i wish though i could go back, but then think of the unhappiness and emptiness i felt then - so i stop myself ontime..

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 07 Mar 2017 16:31

The lust is B.H. reducing its force, i dont think so much in sexual terms anymore, which is a great success i would say. The hard part now probably is to keep going strong and not let go of the fences allthough its very tempting at times. Have to keep up my filters and keep watching my eyes - it works very good most times - i just have to go out on the road with the right mind setting - that i have to watch my eyes and not look around..

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by hudaugen - 07 Mar 2017 16:33

Just realised i am now at the longest streak clean of 149 days - feeling good.

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Re: Time to start living

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 07 Mar 2017 20:47

A truly amazing accomplishment. Enjoy the good feeling that hard work produces. Continued

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