

Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by SoldierOfHashem - 06 Jun 2012 20:52

Ok so one of my goals was to focus on the positives and my success (as apposed to some of my former Private journals I tended to write only when I fell and they just encouraged depressed behavior and did not particularly provide chizuk) and B'H I have been clean since I started posting here but I have been slacking on the posting. I finally signed up for the Wall of Honor and hope to post more often even with quick updates.

So here is to the positive posting its been 23 days

lots of attention to shmiras einayim (not attention of einayim l'znus) and its funny because at first I was getting these big head aches that I don't normally get, maybe from the energy used to restrain my self but the past few days have been easier, than today I was being a little lazy with what I was looking at and the head ache is back.

well thanks for all the chizuk (i have been reading a lot of posts but its been hard to respond) maybe it is a bit selfish of me to take and not give back but I have been staying off the computer and reading the posts on my phone which is a pain to type on, that in addition to the forum contently disconnecting (maybe I should get a 90 day sponsor so GYE can have more money to upgrade servers, or I should also sponsor someone else to double that)

its back to the battle for me

SOH

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by JustKeepGoing - 24 Jul 2012 04:09

[SoldierOfHashem wrote on 24 Jul 2012 02:36:](#)

and search of a quick escape of reality, and what do you know, reality was still there when I came back around, so much for escaping.

Powerful, its important to remind ourselves of that BEFORE we try to escape. Whatever it is were avoiding WONT just GO AWAY or disappear. Its like, we *know* that were fooling ourselves and we still just want to fool ourselves.

SOH. Pick yourself right back up and Keep Marching!

Practically speaking for laziness (not that IM the one to say this I need to do this MYSELF) , try making a schedule and sticking to it. maybe even a small knass? Maybe make goals?

Good Luck!

("Its not Luck we need, rather effort"--unknown....ok me 5 seconds ago but still "unknown" sounds cooler..)

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by E-Tek - 24 Jul 2012 12:47

Welcome back!

Do you still have my number?

Feel free to call! (Disclaimer: I will not pick up during seder.)

Have a pleasant, clean day.

Meir

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by rt - 24 Jul 2012 20:14

dear Soldier, would you like to join me?

www.guardyoureyes.org/forum/index.php?topic=5514.45

btw, you Meir as well ? :)

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by SoldierOfHashem - 27 Jul 2012 02:24

thanks guys for the chizuk. I really could have used it yesterday :-[just goes to show me that even with out access to the internet I am still vulnerable and can fall just as easy. I really need to work the steps, I did join in on a 12 step phone group today so wish me luck (i know JKG we so I'll try and daven that Hashem helps me)

Meir I do still have your number I have been meaning to give you a call, maybe I'll call you soon.

RT I will join you I can definitely benefit from all your enthusiasm it is very inspiring. By join you I'm guessing you are referring to an accountability group, you can count me in, let me know more.

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by rt - 01 Aug 2012 18:50

I just saw your post.

Good luck :) or should i better wish hatzlocha?

so, bechatzlacha!

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by think good - 05 Aug 2012 09:19

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oh and for my step to improvement I will try to post 2-3 times a week regardless of how I am doing

and install a filter If I get that computer back or on what ever computer I get.

Try to post everyday. Just knowing your friends are watching will help a lot.

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by yehoshua - 14 Aug 2012 11:25

[SoldierOfHashem wrote on 24 Jul 2012 02:36:](#)

mostly due to laziness and search of a quick escape of reality

It is how I feel too, I am struggling with the same problem - like in this minute. So how do you deal with that or maybe how would you like to deal with that?

Forgive me, if I am direct, but for me it was impossible to join a group. Sorry everyone, that is me. But I must admit, without this place I wouldn't stand a chance. So lazyness... I didn't want to talk about myself. ???

Anyway, it helps to do a random mitzvahs at the beginning, but then when you need to do something and start procrastinating, for me it is best to just go: if i fall, i will get up again and start over, work harder. Cos I think for me being lazy really means being afraid of failure, so then I don't even want to try...

So you were saying...

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by SoldierOfHashem - 16 Aug 2012 04:38

Yehoshua please feel free to share things about yourself too, I'll listen.

what do you mean you cant join a group? do you mean a 12 step group, if so don't feel pressured by anyone, everyone has what works for them and what works for one person doesn't always work for another so defiantly find what works for you but if what you try does not work try other things.

About laziness and avoidance, I find that with me it usually stems from two main causes (at least the laziness, because avoidance also comes from RID, not to get into 12 step stuff but that is exactly what escaping reality usually is) but laziness for me is either a form of procrastination and I can go on and on about that in matter of fact I am procrastinating right now and the more I write the more I am procrastinating. as a side note I have been noticing lately that I sometimes use my recovery as an excuse to procrastinate but that is not here or there, the other leading cause of my laziness is plain old selfishness, saying, "I don't want to do x,y, or z so I will just relax and take it easy, its not important that I have responsibilities and that others will suffer because of my laziness"

What I have found does work for me not that I do this all the time but I am working on it is to ask myself the "who am I serving question" and not just when I am feeling lazy but whenever I am consciously making a decision

and as you mentioned doing a random mitzvah helps in the beginning, I believe that the reason why this may loose its affect after the initial laziness is in the fact that it is "random" so yes when I am feeling lazy go do something good for someone, thats very nice but what if someone is not around, and I know that many will jump on that and reply just pull out a tehillim and daven for someone, thats very nice too, but personally I'd get board fairly quickly with that and return to laziness.

By conditioning my decision making through asking myself "who am I serving" I am preparing myself for being in a lazy situation and I then have a different attitude about laziness. In matter of fact, with that attitude I can than do something for myself in order that I can down line benefit someone else.

and the other thing that helps but is not so easy is what you do, just get up and work harder and sometimes thats the only way to go. hope my ranting helps a bit

ok and now about me I am doing well.

9 days clean ;D

I have to say that working on shmiras ainayim helps getting through a week, one day, or even step in public at a time, of course. before this week of being clean I had a few falls and I know for a fact that during that time I was not being as careful about shmiras ainayim which most certainly made it easier to initially slip. General consciousness seems to help a lot

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by rt - 16 Aug 2012 12:03

uiiii, 9 days!

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by yehoshua - 17 Aug 2012 06:29

congrats on 9 days!!!!

and thanks ;D

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by SoldierOfHashem - 28 Aug 2012 23:15

I know I haven't been posting here but I have been staying off the internet again as much as I can and that really helps, and I have been posting short posts on other threads.

Quick update before I run out to Mincha.

first of all I'm at 21 on my current count.

about a week and a half ago I shared some more with my wife about my struggles and told here about the forum and group phone calls without any specifics though and here reaction was similar to other times I shared a little with her, she gets upset that I have secrets I keep from her but after all the emotion she always reassures me that she is always supportive of me and just wants the best for me. I was kind of expecting her to get more upset, well since than nothing really came up I guess theres no need to bring up anything unnecessary

and finally just want to let y'all know that I am home alone for the rest of the week and will need some extra chizuk for the next few days. I will share my game plan for the coming days for be but for now I have to run before I miss Mincha

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by nederman - 29 Aug 2012 03:46

As you know I am into cognitive therapy, but since you are not I think you should make sure you have a couple of phone numbers. Start calling every day so that when you need it you'll pick up the phone. I'd be happy to give you my number but I think it shouldn't be too hard to find a better sponsor here ...

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by SoldierOfHashem - 29 Aug 2012 22:25

thanks NM ;D maybe I'll use some temporary cognitive therapy, I was looking into CBT apparently it has its best results as a temporary form of therapy kind of like a diagnostic therapy to decide what to focus on and how to address it.

Now about me....

unfortunately I didn't make it through the whole night last night, I kept pushing off the Y'h all night but I couldn't fall asleep and was full of H.A.L.T. not so much anger but all the other ones, and those deeply ingrained neuropathic pathways are so frustrating, rrrrrrrrrrrr.

So my plan for tonight is to make and stick to a schedule and maybe I will try a basic TaPhslc condition even though I have reluctant feelings towards nedarim but it will be just for tonight and

if it goes well tonight I might extend for tomorrow.

My schedule tonight:

Finish this post and disconnect from internet,

schoolwork immediately after until 7:00

prepare and have dinner

maariv 8:30 followed by chavrusa

finnish more school work until 10:00 (move schedule here on earlier if beginning to feel tired)

clean up followed by 30 min of Daf

11:00 exercise 11:30 shower prepare for sleep.

my TaPhslc for tonight:

if felling lust - call my wife to say hello

if still feeling lust after call or she is not available - 15 min exercise

if I start to slip - 30 min exercise

if I fall - \$10 to tzedaka

this goes into affect from now until I wake up tomorrow

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Re: Climbing up the Ranks

Posted by nederman - 30 Aug 2012 01:02

Since you are home alone why don't you go to a meeting every night? They'll put a tremendous wind behind your back.

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