

Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 17 Nov 2016 07:53

I don't understand how being here is going to help.

Perhaps posting my progress and struggles will help other people.

Perhaps I'll receive encouragement and good advice and support.

I sincerely DOUBT that I can just succeed for 90 days (13 weeks),

just because I decide I want to, SINCE I've failed so many times

in the past. But maybe this time is different, because I will post here,

and have 2 experienced guys I've been emailing regularly.

B'ezras HaShem, I will finally succeed and break free from this bad habit.

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by cordnoy - 14 Mar 2017 14:20

[Singularity wrote on 14 Mar 2017 13:32:](#)

[cordnoy wrote on 14 Mar 2017 13:02:](#)

[Singularity wrote on 14 Mar 2017 08:40:](#)

[Yosef Tikun HaYesod wrote on 13 Mar 2017 14:34:](#)

WOW.

Hungover.

Sick stomach.

Everything to excess accomplished.

mazeltov!

I know any plan I have for purim always gets thwarted. My strategy this year was to go with the flow.

But we made the challah rolls for our Seudah at a rebbe's house and I love our challah so I was excited for that, especially. Haha.

Kodshim is going slowly.

Haven't gotten into the groove yet.

A million havdalas, but kind of like exercise-walking/running...

Both are great with long-term benefits, but both are difficult for me to get in the groove.

And eventually, I will succeed at doing both of them!

I wouldn't exaggerate it to a million havdalas, haha. Well, where I am right now I am in love with exercising, feeling good and thin, fitting into my clothes etc. And learning has taken a full-blown back seat. And I don't feel I'm betraying God. This is a phase of life for me. Could be the coldness to Yiddishkeit that is a by-product of a strong recovery program (Once again, read Teshuvah through Recovery to see what Dov says on this), but like right now I just, I don't know. Lazy? Demotivated? When I *do* learn, it's fun. But there's been a lot of stress and stuff, financial and whatnot. My davening is strong, and I find exercise keeps me sane. Learning might drive me insane. I don't know. I ride on the advice of those greater than I, that deeper into recovery, my yiddishkeit will come back more enriched and meaningful.

Not worth much, but in general, I disagree.

so what's your view

It is complicated and every case needs to be analyzed on a case by case basis, but the general mindset that "I am recoverin' now, so Torah and mitzvos take a back seat to sobriety" - that doesn't sit well with me (and sometimes is a cop out).

I am not sayin' that it might not be proper for some, but as a generalization, I don't think so.

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)

Posted by Workingguy - 14 Mar 2017 16:43

Sing,

I agree with Cords in general on this topic, but sometimes there is too much mental stress and a person's yiddishkeit may suffer. At that point, if he isn't up to where he'd like to be anyway and doesn't have the mental energy to get back there at the moment, I think it is better to say hey, this is where it is now and I don't want to feel guilty about it because I don't have the mental energy for it rather than beating himself up.

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)

Posted by GrowStrong - 14 Mar 2017 16:56

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Posted by cordnoy - 14 Mar 2017 17:04

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The above discussion was not about teshuvah; it was about learnin' Torah.

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Posted by GrowStrong - 14 Mar 2017 17:57

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You are right it was off (this) topic, but it was also a more general response to your last post here with me calling Torah and mitzvos - Teshuvah.

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by tiger - 14 Mar 2017 18:52

If I can share my two sense!

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 14 Mar 2017 20:11

I hit thank you by mistake. But HaShem willed it, so thank you.

Anyway, great name, tiger. I've been confused a couple of times with you.

Speaking of confusion, I think you probably meant Sing and not me, Yosef.

My head is spinning, and I'm not even drunk anymore!

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)

Posted by tiger - 15 Mar 2017 01:45

Yes Yosef you are right I meant sing.my apologies.

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Posted by Singularity - 15 Mar 2017 08:00

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Actually, I can pinpoint the exact time when I stopped a shtark learning seder.

December time. Every day I was doing halocha, shnayim mikra and Gemorah as well as running. We also have a shabbos kollel where we learn for 2 hours. Still doing that BH but mostly it's just for the money, haha.

Then my wife broke her foot. So whatever *keviyus* I had was thrown out the window. Though I still ran, haha. Though, I got up at like 4 in the morning and had an hour. And *this* is the point of contention that were I to dedicate that little bit of time to learning vs running, I might have gone insane.

So goodbye shnayim mikra, goodbye halocha, goodbye gemorah. I still haven't resumed the first 2 and for the latter, we're in a shiur now but I've just been so in the dumps these last two days, haven't had any motivation whatsoever to get up. Even for a run!

I have a chavrusa and we were going about Bava Basra together and it was nice, but we joined a shiur and um, it's been nice, but what with my chav having a different work schedule, we seem to only get in like half an hour a day if anything and it feels so on and off, not really so gevaldik. I tried a night seder thing on tuesdays for 45 minutes and my other chavrusa didn't pitch and I just don't have it in me to learn on my own.

So this is what I mean when I say my learning has taken a "back seat". Lol sorry for the hijacking. Once again, South African.

In terms of doing for others, it's difficult for me I'm very closed off, socially, etc. But I resolved that when a yid asks for something, tzedokah or whatnot, I won't say no. I'll give. Even if it's a small amount. But not to say no and come up with some lame excuse.

Also giving to my family. Helping with the dirty work. Making the wife feel good. And attending

the fellowship meetings. Getting cake and drinks for our SAA meetings. using that hour to just listen to what other people are going through. I think I'm making progress, somewhat.

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by tiger - 15 Mar 2017 17:05

WWow really impressed with the cake part:)

About learning I also lost alot of learning time since I went to work (was in kollel for 5 years).

I find that a big reason why I don't get to learn is because my expectations are very high,so I end up doin nothin!!!!

I try to be moser nefesh(which means it's something I must do every day even if my eyes are rolled up from tiredness) to learn gemarah even with the loshon , misnayoos etc. And this I must do.

In other words chap where ever you can, and you will see that you end up with a nice amount!

Sorry to hear that you are in the dumps, try to brighten up, you have so much good in your life, you can accomplish tons with hashem ways, I can come over to your place and we can dance together:)

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by Yosef Tikun HaYesod - 15 Mar 2017 22:40

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Though, 5am might actually be the best time to get up and do it!

Something to think about...and strive for...so thanks, Sing.

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 16 Mar 2017 00:45

Mazel tov on 30 days! You worked very hard; had some challenging moments. Everyone is proud of you (not looking down at you - rather celebrating with you; knowing the pride you feel) It takes 30 days to properly prepare for a yom tov - and you have done that. So now it's yom tov. Time to celebrate a bit and give yourself a pat on the back. You have had a profound impact on many of us. Ask Hashem for the zchus to keep up the journey day by day, minute by minute, until we all bring our korbonos todah in the bais hamikdash soon.

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I like accomplishing 90% of my things before 9AM. It works for me for the most part.

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Re: Road to 90 days (how I succeeded, and you can too)
Posted by bb0212 - 17 Mar 2017 05:01

on getting to 30 days! You're a HUGE part of my streak, just saying.
So between the two of us, u'll have 90 next week (poopoopoo, knock on anything that's not wood, ba"n iyh, blah blah blah, etc.)! Congrats!

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Congrats TigerImeanYosef