

This is going to be the time I get to 90!

Posted by Realestatemogul - 22 Aug 2018 21:39

Hi everyone,

I have met a bunch of you already (Cordnoy, YBS, Chaim2009, Schnitzel and Kugel, etc.)

This past week has been the first time I really engaged on GYE.

I have seen how others have benefited from GYE and how it helped them FINALLY break free.

I am posting this thread of my 90 day journey because I don't want to leave this up to just my own abilities. My own abilities have always failed me and put me back into the never ending cycle.

My past history is full of sexual challenges that make acting out natural. I won't go into details but getting a laptop with unrestricted internet for my bar-mitzvah wasn't exactly the most beneficial present. I understand that on my own I will never be able to conquer this challenge. I may be able to go a week, a month, or even a few months without acting out or watching inappropriate things. But ultimately I haven't been able to stay clean.

I want to take this post to say that I will try to from now on surrender my challenges and realize that only Hashem can let me overcome these ever hard feelings. I can not and will not try to beat this on my own. The talmud talks about the yetzer hara showing even the greatest Tzadikim that they are no match for him. I certainly am no better. However, I do have Hashem. I truly believe any test Hashem gives us we can pass and that means he will let us pass. It may just be that he wants me to use the tool of GYE that he gave me.

I am now on my 9th day clean. I have been here before many times. This time WILL be different. This time I WILL make it to 90 days. This time I WILL stay strong. This time I WILL surrender to Hashem. This time I WILL break free!

BUT, I can only do it with all of you AMAZING poeple's help!

Please cheer me on, console me, and encourage me on my journey.

Looking forward to celebrating 90 soon!

Thank you!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 16 Oct 2018 01:28

The yetzer hara always tries to remove our geshmak in an accomplishment. Tzaddikim say the roshei teivos of the "bad" malach - Samech, Mem, Alef, Lamed, stand for Seudas Mitzva Ain La'asos or Siyum Mesechta Ain La'asos. His message is : Don't celebrate your accomplishment. What you are doing is super and you should be proud and celebrate!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by mzl - 16 Oct 2018 02:32

[Realestatemogul wrote on 15 Oct 2018 23:23:](#)

#Day 63

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level. Do you have good feelings you didn't have before? Did you use to have bad feelings which are gone now? Do you have more time now? Etc.

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Posted by Realestatemogul - 16 Oct 2018 03:12

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Posted by mzl - 16 Oct 2018 09:50

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It may be helpful to repeat the list to yourself at night before you go to sleep, and try to picture yourself in the future "I have been working hard to stay clean and I am at peace with myself now, I'm not depressed, my life does not revolve around it, now I have more time to do what's important to me ..."

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 21 Oct 2018 16:26

#Day69

Wow, I just reread all my posts. It is such a chizuk to be reminded of where I came from. How I was stuck and after over 10 years trying I still couldn't break free.

B"h I am now more than 2/3 the way to my 90 day benchmark (the journey will still continue). After starting to read through cordnoy's thread it reminded me of some of the main tools for sobriety and from the 12 steps.

Yes, it is now easier to be clean and fight my y"h then it was 69 days ago. However, it is still a challenge and I no longer have the chizuk of a fresh challenge. As I am clean for longer reality sinks in that it will just be a challenge day after day. While I am excited at the prospect it is still a daunting task.

In this regard I feel like I have to remind myself what I said in my first post. That I don't have the power to control my lust and without Hashems help I am powerless. I have to surrender and make sure I don't risk my sobriety by taking chances on silly worthless sights or being in places that are more at risk for slipping.

As always thank you GYE for all the support.

Any other suggestion as I continue to truck along?

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Ihavestrength - 24 Oct 2018 02:38

I remember reading through my thread as well, can be a really useful/cool thing to do. Now it's

It's great that you feel like it's easier than it was when you started out. After my first time hitting 90 days, it didn't feel much easier to be honest. But after multiple longer periods of sobriety it definitely got easier for me.

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 24 Oct 2018 14:56

#Day72

Thanks!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 09 Nov 2018 06:24

#Day88

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I will try and post the big 90.

Any advice coming into the next phase?

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by mzl - 09 Nov 2018 11:16

[Realestatemogul wrote on 09 Nov 2018 06:24:](#)

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It's only next if the number 90 is motivating you in some way. If it isn't then probably keep doing what you are doing. If you can even tell what you are doing. At any rate, try to keep doing it anyway.

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!

Posted by Ihavestrength - 09 Nov 2018 21:34

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First of all congrats on the job well done! It is no small feat to reach 88 days clean!

As far as advice for next stage: I would recommend setting another short term goal, 120 days is a good number.

Also, I would recommend taking something you know helps you stay clean, but you don't yet do regularly, and incorporating it into your daily routine, (or at least a few times a week on set days).

This will help you to keep growing in your personal development and recovery, especially as the novelty of the journey and challenge starts wearing off.

Lastly, I would say that next 90 days are no less significant than the previous ones in every respect; in healing, in opportunity for growth, and yes, even possibly in difficulty.

I think people attribute too much magic to the 90 days at the expense of realizing that the time after is just as crucial to healing. To put it in perspective, I'd guess that more people fell after being clean for 90 days than those stayed cleaned indefinitely after reaching 90 days (anecdotal evidence lol).

Shocker? Probably would have shocked me too a while ago... Anyways KUTGW, and good luck!

P.S. Please take everything I say with a healthy dose of skepticism lol. YMMV

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 14 Nov 2018 06:02

#Day93

Hodu L'Hashem Ki Tov Ki Lolam CHasdo!

This deserves a full page post, but bh I am super busy (probably attributes to my success) I just wanted to come on to continue to log my tremendous progress.

Thank you GYE for all the amazing support!!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 14 Nov 2018 11:33

Mazel tov! Keep it up and keep inspiring!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 23 Nov 2018 06:36

#Day102

Wow!

Wow! B'h I am still trucking along. I am trying to remember whenever it gets hard that it is okay that it is hard and I can and will stay strong!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 30 Nov 2018 06:33

#Day109

Tip of the day: Stay connected to what helped you recover!

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