

Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by AStrugglingJew - 06 Oct 2019 22:49

Hi,

I have b"h reached 104 days, something that I am extremely proud of. For some reason however my tayva to fall again has increased so much in the past two weeks. I do not know what to do. I have filter on my phone, but on my laptop I have KBA- a knas system, where if it catches me fall- then will charge like \$200- but now even that charge is not such a deterrent, and in addition I am on Taphsic, but I just still have this yetzer hara to fall- that is how strong the tayva has been getting. Hirhurim are too much. The only thing that is stopping me is remembering how painful it was last time I had such a long streak and how long it took to get back, and that I want to start dating soon and want to be clean when going through that process. As I type these reasons and think about them, my temptations lessen, but then after a little they come right back up. I honesty am not enjoying this crazy amount of temptation that I am forcing down. I often say that if I just get over this little rough patch then all will be good but I keep getting back into this bad zone. I am in this horrible pattern of major hirhurim and tayva, satisfying it a little- whether by letting the thought continue or looking at some immodest pictures (not R-Rated, just not tznius at all- b"h haven't really fallen with any x rated stuff) and then forcing myself to stop a little bit before I am led to fall because I know how much pain it will cause. I feel like this is a dangerous path. If anyone has any helpful suggestions that would be much appreciated.

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by AStrugglingJew - 06 Oct 2019 22:52

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by i-man - 06 Oct 2019 23:07

Hello my friend sounds like a tough situation that I know to well..

you write how you struggle with the strong desires , but what is triggering it ? is it stress ,anxiety,

low self esteem, tiredness, etc. if we understand what problem we are using lusting to solve than we could deal with it in a healthy way.

Hatzlachah

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.
Posted by lampowerless - 06 Oct 2019 23:12

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Love Yankel, feel free to reach out buddy.

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 07 Oct 2019 03:12

Welcome. It should be with hatzlocha. Many guys here including me went through this. You can b'ezras Hashem get past it. Accept the offers for help. A good GYE chaver is one of the best strategies to stay clean. It's what saved me.

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by Tzvi5 - 07 Oct 2019 03:30

The key is that you are greater than the temptation. Allow yourself to associate with something else.

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by sleepy - 07 Oct 2019 04:37

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Nice post, but I don't think anyone is bound to lose, but I agree with the rest...

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.
Posted by Captain - 08 Oct 2019 01:01

104 days is great! But saying it that way sells it far short of the accomplishment it is. Say it like this: Thousands of times you have said no to the yetzer hora, each one a priceless accomplishment! It's way more than a streak of not messing up: It's literally thousands of incredible merits!

Keep up the great work!

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.
Posted by ColinColin - 08 Oct 2019 14:25

Treat the urge to fall as an external thought

www.psychologytoday.com/gb/blog/beyond-self-destructive-behavior/201601/mindfulness-in-the-treatment-self-destructive-behavior

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.
Posted by AStrugglingJew - 10 Oct 2019 18:26

Thought this was really good advice. Thanks

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.
Posted by cordnoy - 23 Oct 2019 20:46

Hey friend,

Sorry we got off on the wrong foot in the chattin' section. Most (but not all) of the people hear (jk) will say that I'm a pretty decent guy, so let's give it another go. Ok?

I spotted three threads of yours where you basically wrote the same thin'; you are on a streak but still have desires. What to do? You wrote that your thought process is that the longer you stay away from actin' out, the better of you'll be. Well, that is true in a sense, but for many of us, we have found that we will not change if we don't change, and that means internal change.

Now, some succeed in your way, for maybe the desires weren't so great and didn't overly control them, but many here have found that our body (or soul) became so infected that we needed somethin' more, somethin' positive to remove those attackin' cells. Sort of like plasmapheresis. Some choose Torah and mussar. Others work the steps. Some attend meetings. Others try smart recovery. There are those who chose mindfulness. Some focus on the triggers and the causes. Many ways and the fellows here can offer their experiences.

Godspeed to you

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.
Posted by AStrugglingJew - 23 Oct 2019 20:58

Thank you. Totally agree that real change needs to be made- just easier said than done. Been exploring for awhile, and have been approving- but still a long way to go.

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 23 Oct 2019 23:39

Someone who has gone 121 days is obviously a hero. There will always be tough moments - that's life until Moshiach comes. Do you find yourself constantly battling or just sometimes?

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by AStrugglingJew - 24 Oct 2019 00:42

I feel like I could get a week of minimal struggle, but then I could get many consecutive days where it is very intense. Those periods are not enjoyable and cause much stress

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Re: Really Need Help- and pretty soon.

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 25 Oct 2019 04:56

Periods of withdrawal are normal and with time they recede in frequency and intensity. Just keep going and iyh you will be zoche to real menuchas hanefesh.

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