

A new experience - lust free sobriety

Posted by pickamoniker - 06 Nov 2019 10:45

I'm on day 59. It has been a long while since I have been clean for this long, and I don't think any of my previous streaks have been this clean.

I have finally admitted that I am totally addicted not just to acting out online, but to sexual fantasy of any type. As such I can't even afford to dwell or think about acting out etc.

It has been a pretty difficult couple of months, both from the side of dealing with lust, but also from a family side with my wife deciding she can no longer take being with me and therefore me having separated from her (a week and a half ago). Dealing with the loneliness and sense of failiure has been pretty tough.

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety

Posted by DavidT - 16 Dec 2019 15:17

[pickamoniker wrote on 16 Dec 2019 12:44:](#)

Quick update

day 99 - still clean tG

Tomorrow will be 100 days, so that's a nice thought to look forward to.

Just to point out, day 101 is much greater than day 100 ... The talmud teaches us that if you study 101 times its no equal to 100 times... And the mefarshim explain because 100 is a natural thing and 101 is already going beyond nature... So I imagine that when it comes to breaking bad habits and keeping clean, 101 days should do wonders too!

May you be blessed in your personal as well as in your marital struggle!

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by pickamoniker - 17 Dec 2019 21:38

Well it's day 100 and I'm still hanging in there.

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Thanks David - way to take the edge off my pride
Posted by Realestatemogul - 18 Dec 2019 04:01

Hey Pickamoniker,

Pretty incredible how you are really conquering your situation and staying clean! Hashem obviously gave you alot of Kochos!

Can i suggest that maybe you should pick another goal to work towards? I.e. now that you reached 90 days, instead of taking it day by day, set a goal to get to 140 days or 180 days.

I know I lost alot of steam when I was just going day by day, maybe setting a new goal will give you similar motivation to getting to the big "90."

Just a thought. Either way keep climbing the mountain!

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by pickamoniker - 18 Dec 2019 14:33

Hi REM

Thanks for the suggestion. During the 90 days I found that smaller goals helped a lot. For now I am aiming for 120 days clean. That's about 4 months and less than three weeks away so hopefully it can be a decent motivator.

As an update, it's day 101. I had a few triggers yesterday evening being out of town and travelling, but kept focus on where I was going and how focusing on the triggers wouldn't get me anywhere and tG came through still clean and without indulging in any of the fantasies that so desperately wanted to take my attention. I'm travelling again this evening as I need to be in another town for work tomorrow, so it's all a little exhausting right now. Hopefully I'll be able to post another short update tomorrow.

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by pickamoniker - 18 Dec 2019 15:37

Sorry for the smarminess of the above post if it came across that way.

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by sleepy - 18 Dec 2019 16:13

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btw, isn't it ***palindromic***?

Warning: Spoiler!

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Value of ??? in Gematria is 131

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The zohar writes that if we say this pasuk back and forth we break the koach of the Y"H

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by pickamoniker - 20 Dec 2019 10:45

Day 103

It's actually getting harder, not easier over the past few days. I keep getting feelings of total hopelessness as I begin to believe there is nothing I can do to save my marriage. I recognise that this is really catastrophising as even if I can not save my marriage, that does not mean the end of my life or happiness and I still need to look after myself, but that knowledge doesn't stop the waves of fear and sadness that have been coming over me often over the past couple of days (although telling myself this does help lessen their impact when they come).

Either way, it's almost Chanukah, which while it will definitely be difficult should also be fun with the kids, so something to look forward to.

Hope you all have a good Shabbos and lichtigen Chanukah. I think we can all do with a good old Chanukah miracle (I certainly could!)

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by lionking - 20 Dec 2019 11:45

Thanks so much for your raw honest shares. Wishing you much Hatzlocha

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 20 Dec 2019 12:27

I wonder if you realize how inspiring your posts are. In the zchus of what you are doing, let's daven that Hashem showers you with brocho and menuchas hanefesh while resolving the crisis in the best way possible. The zchus ha'rabbim is very powerful.

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Posted by DavidT - 20 Dec 2019 14:42

[pickamoniker wrote on 20 Dec 2019 10:45:](#)

Day 103

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We all make the *berachah*— *she'asa nissim l'avoteinu, bayamim hahem bazman hazeh*—as we watch the light of our collective efforts shine, as we witness the miracles being achieved here on GYE each and every day. Every one of us shares in these miracles.

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Re: A new experience - lust free sobriety
Posted by Realestatemogul - 23 Dec 2019 05:04

Hey Pickamoniker!

I hope all is well and you are making Chanukah wonderful! It's a time to focus on the light and not the darkness, but don't forget that we have a shamesh and we are the ones who actually light the candles...

We are rooting for you!

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