

Here we go...

Posted by Searchin345 - 20 Jul 2020 19:05

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Hi everyone. I tried doing this a few years ago, but I fell at around 40 days and I never had the patience to officially start over. I maybe had other periods since then where I had several weeks when I was clean. My last fall was this last motzei Shabbos, and I think it is time to say that enough is enough.

The problem is that I am not sure how motivated I really am. I don't feel like I really want to stop that badly. I am not the type of person who watches every day. Every few weeks I'll have a few bad days in a row. I like to tell myself that "It's under control".

It's just something that I know has to end. This has been an issue since I was 14, and it's almost 20 years later. I can't go on like this for ever. If not now when? So I'm just jumping in...

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Re: Here we go...

Posted by jack123 - 20 Jul 2020 19:38

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good move!

welcome back.

?i started 11 days ago with zero motivation, i literally came here for no reason, and just by reading and identifying with other peoples stories it pushed me. check out the beginning of my thread 'what now' to see.

so hang around here and im sure youll get the inspiration

jack123

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Re: Here we go...

Posted by Searchin345 - 27 Jul 2020 10:35

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Ok, so we are a little more than a week in baruch hashem. Generally it feels good to know that I am on this path, I don't know the exact reason, but life feels better. The biggest motivating factor is that if I can pull off the 90 days with Hashems help, it would mean that by Rosh Chodesh Elul it will be a month clean, by Rosh HaShanah 2 months clean, and after sukkos

almost three months clean. I think it would be an amazing feeling. I am very scared to think about what would happen if I fall c'v...

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Dave M - 27 Jul 2020 12:57

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[Searchin345 wrote on 27 Jul 2020 10:35:](#)

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Don't focus on that. You got this! Keep us updated on your journey.

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Searchin345 - 28 Jul 2020 21:18

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Thanks. I actually just checked out your thread, I really also have similar feelings. It helps to know that we are doing this together with other people. Right now I am more inspired, the question is how long it will last...

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Searchin345 - 30 Jul 2020 21:47

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Grant400 - 30 Jul 2020 21:58

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Very very normal! There's actually a different thread from a while ago (I tried to find it but was unsuccessful) with the same story. I've known it to happen to people who quit smoking, they'll have a dream that they smoked and wake up in a panic. We dream about what we think about during the day. So looks like you are doing pretty good!

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Grant400 - 30 Jul 2020 22:17

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I found it.scared in a dreamby [habits](#) 15 May 2011 06:46#105941Karma: 0 Hi. I'm pretty new to all this. I joined GYE just over two months ago. I've now gone more than 70 days without a fall. I had a real scare last night. I was watching porn

and masturbating when suddenly I realized, "Oh, no. This is a fall. What do I do now?" My whole body started to shake. Then I became aware, "No, this is only a dream. Everything is still OK!" With that thought I woke up enough to shake myself out of that dream, turn over, and fall back asleep. The next thing I was aware of was my alarm ringing. Baruch HaShem, no falls for over seventy days! May it continue ... Habits

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 30 Jul 2020 22:40

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The dream you describe is very normal. It has been written about numerous times. As one BH makes that decision to stop indulging in this "pleasure" the subconscious mind starts to respond with withdrawal symptoms. When that part of our mind is in charge - namely when asleep or very spaced out, is when all of a sudden the process starts. In your case, fortunately it ended as it did. Many times it actually ends with a wet dream **which should be completely ignored** - and it does not break the clean streak - being that it happened b'onais. Yet , one can feel demoralized....As one moves further away from these actions, the dream issue becomes less prevalent b'ezras Hashem. In your case, to dream that you stayed in control should give you the positive energy to keep up with the program and to stay iyh clean. Continued hatzlocha.

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Re: Here we go...

Posted by Searchin345 - 06 Aug 2020 23:26

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Day 18. OK, this was unexpected. Until now I technically had a filter which was helping me alot. As I assume most people here know, a filter isn't a solution, but it is a helpful tool. A filter can be bypassed if you have a will, but it takes time to do so. It no longer is "a click away" but maybe it is ten minutes away. This helps keep you in check as long as there is a will to succeed, and I feel that it was helping me especially during the last 17 days.

However, without going into too much detail, due to unexpected circumstances I now have access to internet without a filter. This is not my internet, so I don't think I really have a way to filter it. I still have the vision of success, which is keeping me going for now. But from experience I know all too well that this won't keep me afloat long term. I need to do something fast. I am not sure if others can help me with this since everybody is unique when it comes to these things. It might just take some honest cheshbon haanefesh of how to make proper geadrim with general internet usage. But if anyone has ideas, let me know...

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Grant400 - 07 Aug 2020 00:13

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Re: Here we go...  
Posted by Meyer M. - 07 Aug 2020 01:33

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Lovingly,

Grant

I agree with Grant but everyone is different and you need to do what works for you. I have zero filter and have no problem, others can't handle that.

Edit: If you want a basic filter that blocks out popular problematic websites, look into '1.1.1.1 for families' it is a DNS provider that will filter malware and adult content at the website level for free (change your primary DNS to 1.1.1.3 and your secondary to 1.0.0.3) completely free, no trackers, and basic filtering

If you need more info feel free to PM me.

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Re: Here we go...

Posted by Searchin345 - 07 Aug 2020 17:57

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Ok, so I ended up getting a better filter for my phone. A little expensive but I think worth it at this point. I will try to avoid using any other device. If I need to use something else (which I can't filter since they aren't mine) I will try to avoid yichud. Be'ezras Hashem we will make it!

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Posted by Searchin345 - 17 Aug 2020 05:46

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Re: Here we go...

Posted by Grant400 - 17 Aug 2020 13:32

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Yup! Usually our "just want to see if..." is truthfully fueled by our desire of "I just want to see....if". (But the fact that you closed it is supremely impressive, so don't mess up the streak!)

This doesn't have to be the beginning of the end. It can be the end, and the beginning.

Grant

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