

Lets get this party started

Posted by ?????? - 09 Feb 2021 22:33

I just joined on GYE a few days ago and I'm so excited to be starting the 90 day journey! I'm clean since last Thursday when I signed up for gye b"h. I don't know how long I'll be able to last, but with the help of everyone here and I also installed the KBA webchaver filter on my phone so already I feel like I have the advantage over my yetzer hara. I know it's definitely possible bc in the last year my longest streak was ~105 days, but I was in a place rooming with 8 other people and no internet so even if I wanted to be nichshal, it was very hard. Anyways wish me luck my friends and of course a tremendous "Hatzlocha rabbah" to all of you as well!

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Re: Lets get this party started

Posted by ?????? - 15 Jun 2021 12:21

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Posted by HappyYid - 15 Jun 2021 13:38

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I remember before I called him about it, I emailed him a long message about it, and at the end I wrote something like this: 'it is very hard for me to press the send button, but it is beneficial so I'll do it' and after that I broke the ice and we spoke.

And that really helped me tons.

So no pressure (or maybe yeah pressure) but whenever you are ready I think you should give him a call and you'll see it's a world of a difference talking to someone straight up.

Listen, I took the plunge, you could too!

Go for it

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I agree, I had similar feelings too.

I was so disgusted about it.

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Posted by ?????? - 17 Jun 2021 12:05

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Posted by DavidT - 17 Jun 2021 15:49

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Our Sages teach us that Yosef Hatzadik had complete Emunah - Faith and Trust - in his Higher Power, that G-d would rescue him from such a low point and bring him to a place where he could serve Hashem and His People. Yosef knew without a doubt that there was a DIVINE PLAN for him and that he had a greater DESTINY IN LIFE.

Let's learn the most profound lesson of all - that not only must we ***BELIEVE that a Power Greater than ourselves can restore us to Sanity (Step 2) and Turn our Will and our Lives over to the care of G-d (Step 3)*** - but also, like Yosef, we must ***BELIEVE IN OURSELVES!***

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING HAPPENS IN G-D'S WORLD BY MISTAKE! G-d did not create us to live a **Rock Bottom Life!** We were created to face whatever comes our way with total ACCEPTANCE - to recognize that no one, no experience and nothing can take away our G-d-given and unique talents.

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Posted by eved41 - 18 Jun 2021 01:28

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However, when I called you up about 75 days ago, I was not in a great place. I had been falling every few weeks over the 6 months leading up to my call. My clean streaks in that time ranged from 5 days long to 38 days long. I fell again at the end of Sukkos, despite it being just a couple of weeks after Yomim Noraim. Then, just a few days later, I almost fell again.

I was getting somewhat desperate, and knew I had to do something, so I called you up, for the first time in a while. You made a deal with me that if I could stay clean till Zos Chanukah - about 65 days, you would give me a substantial sum of money.

You offered me a choice of two deals, one easier, with a \$100 reward, and one harder, with a \$150 reward. I chose the harder deal. This included no stimulating myself physically by touching there at all, and no viewing technological stimulation. I also had to contact you every day, including erev Shabbos and motza'ei Shabbos, by texting you or calling you, to stay accountable.

Not sure I could do it, I started out. It was hard, but those first few weeks, the incentive of the large reward was a big help. I do not think I would have made it to where I am today, otherwise. I remember a few times when things were getting hard, the thought of the reward would cross my head. I even remember having the thought sometimes, I'll make it to Zos Chanukah, collect the reward, and then afterwards I can act out. Thankfully, some 65 clean days later, you renewed the deal with me for another 60 days or so, till Rosh Chodesh Adar. I hope by then I will be in an even better place.

The first aspect of the deal, staying totally clean, was very helpful for me. Totally stopping all stimulation, physical and technological, is a great way to stop the habitual thought patterns that I need the stimulation and release. If I would have only stopped partially, I think it would have been much harder to create new thought patterns about not needing it. Also, I probably would have fallen in the end. By stopping cold turkey, it allows for the slow formation of a new, much more beneficial habit.

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Same here!!

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Re: Lets get this party started
Posted by aryehdovid85 - 20 Jun 2021 03:45

Hi Thanks for you opennessss and honesty.

Please share your experience at the SA meeting.

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Re: Lets get this party started
Posted by ?????? - 22 Jun 2021 01:41

5 days clean baruch Hashem

ODAAT but I bet this time I could make it to 90 days im yirtze Hashem.

Taivos are still strong as ever but yetzer hatov is also strong as ever.

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Re: Lets get this party started
Posted by ?????? - 29 Jun 2021 16:27

Yay 7 days!

Think I'll celebrate by finally getting my stuff together bez"H.

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Re: Lets get this party started
Posted by ?????? - 01 Jul 2021 02:31

8th Day baby!!!

So have some good news and some bad news:

Good news is made it to 8 baruch Hashem yayyy. Also "eliminated" an "obstacle" that had been machshil me a lot. B"H been pretty matsliach with curbing the SSA; I either try to ignore it when it comes up or laugh it off as mishugas (a trick Reb HHM taught me).

Bad news is I've been feeling pretty depressed lately. Same old tzoers so I'll spare you from

Stay strong my fellow giborim!

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Re: Lets get this party started
paying to hear them again
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 01 Jul 2021 02:43

Just give it all you got!

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Re: Lets get this party started
Posted by ?????? - 06 Jul 2021 12:50

Just fell after a 14 day clean streak. Usually when people tell me of their falls after such streaks, I would say they should celebrate their accomplishment in going so long. Now you'd think I would take my own advice; however not feeling so proud of myself at the moment and not in such a celebratory mood.

I legit can't even chap how people manage to go hundreds of days without mb. Maybe its just something wrong with me...

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