

OivedElokim-I'll never give up

Posted by OivedElokim - 21 Feb 2021 21:37

Day one.

This is my brand new thread for my brand new journey towards purity.

I will keep with me the lessons learned so far and keep my eye on the ball.

Today is the first day of the rest of my life.

A porn and masturbation free life.

A life of positivity and happiness.

A life of Torah and Avodah.

The life G-d intends for me to live.

Wish me luck.

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up

Posted by doingtshuva - 22 May 2023 23:04

[OivedElokim wrote on 22 May 2023 00:45:](#)

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I guess we'll see about that. Till then, farewell! I love you guys....

With a heavy heart,

OivedElokim

Oived here are your own words.

guardyoureyes.com/forum/1-Break-Free/361746-Striving-for-Excellence?limit=15&start=15#364371

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by cordnoy - 23 May 2023 13:28

[Trying The Best wrote on 22 May 2023 05:12:](#)

[OivedElokim wrote on 22 May 2023 00:45:](#)

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Dear OE!

I am sure you went through something very stressful **and it's not you writing this post, it's for sure someone else**. When someone is stressed and going through something, he's not acting himself. I understand the person wrote this post and I am sure it's not you it's the stressed person. Sooner or later he'll feel better. It's a matter of time.

I love you with all my heart and soul!

Give it a chance.

I don't think that (the part in bold - especially) is the proper way to respond.

Godspeed to all.

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by frank.lee - 03 Sep 2023 07:37

@oivedElokim how is life treating you? How are your battles? Anything you can share to inspire us? We miss you.

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by OivedElokim - 21 Sep 2023 15:48

Hey frank.lee (and all of my old friends).

To be frank (no pun intended) life ain't peaches and cream. Especially without faith and religion. It's very difficult to construct your own meaning and to chart your own path. I'm going to pull through though. I have no other choice.

On a practical level, in the coming months I plan to drop the external trappings of frumkeit and replace it with a look and a lifestyle that is more consistent with my current beliefs and values. I would like to pursue an education, a career and find a life partner...

I really miss the sense of community and camaraderie that I had from this site, and am still in regular contact with some of the friends I made here. I wish you all the very best in everything, Gmar chasima tova etc.

This will likely be my last post for the foreseeable future, though I've learned long ago to never say never. I'm not deliberately shutting the door on anything. I am merely opening doors that I thought would forever be closed to me, trying to find the inner peace that my soul so desperately craves.

Once again, thank you all for the words of encouragement you've shared, for your faith in me, for your friendship and love.

I don't know how to end this post. Whatever

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by redfaced - 21 Sep 2023 15:58

I have no words My dear oved besides i feel your pain so deeply.If you ever decide to come back Im looking forward to getting to know you

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by Foolie - 21 Sep 2023 17:20

I don't know you and you don't know me. That said sometimes manic anxiety and suicidal ideation can come along when going through those doors that used to be forever closed to you and are now open. Take care of your mental health first and foremost and good luck to you on your journey may you find the peace and happiness you are searching for.

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by anonymousmillenial - 21 Sep 2023 17:26

Dear OE,

I can't begin to even understand your pain.

But wherever you go, please, oh please, don't forget how much we love and respect you here.

You will truly be missed!!

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by DavidT - 21 Sep 2023 19:08

To our beloved OE

I am praying that you should find the inner peace that your soul so desperately craves.

Remember that Hashem always loves unconditionally!

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by frank.lee - 22 Sep 2023 15:04

Hi OivedElokim, thanks so much for giving us an update. I think this is still a safe place for you to share if you feel comfortable.

One idea for you. Maybe put aside the levush. Putting aside yidishkeit, what do you feel about a Creator? About living a spiritual life? Meaning do you feel a desire to give up of yourself for others? Are you interested in a relationship with spirituality and the Creator?

Don't let the issues with levush, minhagim, halacha, Jewish society and yidishkeit as a whole, hold you back or push you off to live a life the way you ideally want to.

Much love!

Frank Lee

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by willdoit - 28 Sep 2023 21:07

Hello @OvedElokim

I dont know why but you just crossed my mind. How are you brother?

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by foolie - 29 Feb 2024 01:26

If you're still lurking just wondering how you are doing? Thoughts are with you. Good luck out there wherever you might be

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by OivedElokim - 05 Mar 2024 16:54

Hey guys, it's me again.

The last few months have been a whirlwind of reflection and positive change. Through a host of spiritual experiences and events, not least of which was the horrific pogroms of this past Simchas Torah and the subsequent displays of the deep moral rot that lies beneath the surface of secular society, I've come to the conclusion that I am and will remain a Jew. The moralistic facade of secular humanism and academia has lifted, and I will never fall for it again. I won't say that I'm not disappointed, or that I don't still admire many things in that world. I've merely reached the conclusion that I have no place in that world.

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This is not to say that all my issues with Yiddishkeit have been resolved, or that my relationship with Yiddishkeit and Halachic observance is uncomplicated and one dimensional. I have many qualms about these issues. However I have enough faith, both in God and in myself, that I can make the best of it. My inherent sense of deep spirituality has resurfaced, and it is to be my North Star for the rest of my life, please God.

Over the past few months I've been watching lots of porn. It always bothered me and was something I wanted to stop, but I didn't prioritize it. I let my filter subscriptions expire and haven't really taken any steps to avoid falling.

Now however, I am at a place where I want to start taking this thing seriously again, both for my own sake, for God and for my future wife and children.

I am wary to come back here as many of the prominent GYers have a somewhat intense/hardline approach to handling these issues. Under no circumstances am I ready to give up my smartphone, or commit to paying high knasim for falling. I'm simply here for the comfort of community, and to glean the pieces of advice that I find relevant and doable.

I've been in touch with several of you over the last few months, and I'm so grateful for your enduring friendship and support, irrespective of my life choices or trajectory.

It's great to be back with the rest of you!

With much love and appreciation,

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by foolie - 05 Mar 2024 17:16

Welcome back and good luck on your journey. The only piece of advice I can give you is be yourself. Will all your issues with Yiddishkeit be resolved maybe yes and maybe no, but you know what that really isn't what is important right here right now, the important thing is that you be yourself and let everything else shake itself out. Good Luck friend

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Dude its 2024 this is a whole new GYE . Here we have love friends and warm fuzzy hugs.

Welcome back . If you stay looking forward to getting to know you

The camaraderie that is here these days is what was the catalyst for many people to make them WANT to change. And then to actually channel their wants into actions.

We got some real good peeps here these days. Without pointing fingers at anyone I've made friendships here in the last year that to me feel stronger than friends I've had for decades. Which was huge in my change.

Either way, **Nitwit! Blubber! Oddment! Tweak**

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