

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 oivedelokim - 28 Oct 2024 19:15

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I've been struggling with negative thoughts, anxiety and mild depressive symptoms for the past week. The thought of all the responsibilities that come with marriage, especially financial, have been a great source of stress. And as we all know, the temptation to soothe myself through porn and masturbation is strong.

I feel wrong to be feeling like this, I should be on top of the world now. But wishing feelings away doesn't make them go away.

I need to train myself to think more positively, to be more optimistic, and to believe in my own competence. And I will. I don't seem to have another choice.

All the best,

OivedElokim

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Posted by Bennyh - 28 Oct 2024 20:36

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Posted by chosemyshem - 28 Oct 2024 20:58

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Posted by Bennyh - 28 Oct 2024 21:10

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This was helpful. It gave me some hope and perspective.

I believe G-d wants us to always be happy. I also believe he doesn't ask to do impossible things. So even though I don't see how it's possible I'll work hard to find a way.

I've overcome worse bouts of depression before, I think I can do this.

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up

Posted by BenHashemBH - 29 Oct 2024 12:21

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In perspective this should teach humility and acceptance, not hopelessness.

Kol Tov Brother

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by oivedelokim - 29 Oct 2024 17:06

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Feeling a bit better now, BH. Hoping to keep trending upwards. I know I have what it takes to get through this and to successfully build a beautiful Jewish home, where peace reigns and where Hashem will dwell.

(not entirely) Random question: Does anyone know any mekoros in Judaism about affirmations?

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by richtig - 29 Oct 2024 18:24

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by oivedelokim - 30 Oct 2024 06:20

@Richtig, I love your signature so much! (I wasn't raised with Harry Potter, we were too frum for that)

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by oivedelokim - 04 Nov 2024 03:28

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by oivedelokim - 06 Nov 2024 21:25

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by oivedelokim - 14 Nov 2024 00:34

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Close call today. Stayed clean though. BH!

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up
Posted by Muttel - 14 Nov 2024 09:57

We're around buddy...

Looking forward to the big day,

Muttel

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Re: OivedElokim-I'll never give up

Posted by oivedelokim - 25 Nov 2024 20:40

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