

Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by Kollel Guy - 21 Dec 2009 18:57

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## DAY ONE

OK, I feel like I should have done this on my 1st day, but I didn't. So here I am a few weeks in. I got over my fantasy of "Now that I'm part of GYE I'll never fall again" with a rather harsh way of being awakened. It's time to start down the path of real work, and real responsibility, and real kabolos ol.

So..... even though on my chart I'm at day 12 today, that's only according to the letter of the law. Meaning I didn't do anything which I wasn't allowed to do according to the rules. But in reality - it starts HERE. I know that today I really did mess up. I looked for it. Baruch H-shem for my filter (2 days old) - I didn't find it. But I looked for it, and that does count in shomayim.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by Steve - 19 Jan 2010 20:15

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Hey-up, Kollel Dude.

I'm on short-post duty 2day, so I'll be brief -

I really feel for you. Take it from the King of the LazyBones, the Prince of Procrastinators:

It's all about RESENTMENT and FEAR. Resentment over having someone else tell you what to do, wives, Rabbeim, even HKB"H. And the FEAR of either not SUCCEEDING if you try, or not FEELING the feeling you think you're supposed to feel (like kavanna at tefilla or geshmak from your learning).

But if you know you're in a burning building, and you're not sure if you can get out, you're still gonna try, CUZ YOU MUST OR YOU'LL DIE. There is no point in being philosophical. You know inside what has to be done, and where you have to go.

JUST GET THE HECK OUT OF WHERE YOU ARE AND GET TO WHERE YOU SHOULD BE.  
Don't worry about what other people think, what they're gonna ask when they finally see you.  
WHO CARES? JUST GET OUT OF THE FIRE!!! Start from now. Don't look back. Kol  
Hascholosh Kashos is EVERY DAY.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days  
Posted by humanbeing - 19 Jan 2010 22:54

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Brief?!

OK, now I'm gonna stop pushing off MY work. See ya later at the water cooler.  
~~Oh, but it's worth every word!!!~~

Signed: The Crown Prince of Procrastinators

P.S. Kollel Dude...Nice lingo.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days  
Posted by Kollel Guy - 19 Jan 2010 23:11

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days  
Posted by Kollel Guy - 19 Jan 2010 23:36

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DAY 14 Tuesday Bo

I'm gradually starting to pick myself up.

Thanks for all the advice guys, I'm sort of distrusting when I hear the same thing from my own mind, so it helps a lot to hear it from the outside.

I managed to stay by seder a half hour longer than yesterday.

Tomorrow I might even go to 1st seder.

I had a near slip today, but B"H I'm good now.

Guess now my objective is to take all the wisdom I picked up here and put it into real life.

KOT - Even if your chavrusa sucks.

The question is not are you learning **the** best, but are you learning **your** best.

Don't look at the one time you messed up, but rather at the 1000 times you were strong.

I'm seriously contemplating a big break from the computer. Like 6 weeks or something.

I'll have my wife update the chart and I'll read her the Chovos Ha'levavos to type for the Beis Medrash.

I think it's the only real way for me to get off the ground.

I'll have to ask IT how his prisha is going and if it helped at all.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by humanbeing - 20 Jan 2010 00:50

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[Kollel Guy wrote on 19 Jan 2010 23:11:](#)

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I was making fun of Steve's "Short" Post.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by silentbattle - 20 Jan 2010 03:16

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You do what you gotta do, bro. We're behind you all the way, rooting for you, davening for your success, believing in you, trusting that we'll hear good news.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by habaletaheer - 20 Jan 2010 06:14

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Wow, good stuff coming through on these posts, I'm with Reb Guardy on this one... And I think that while you figure out if you are cut out for Kollel or not, you might want to take some limud that you really enjoy, and set a goal to finish something in that limud, and then plan a big siyum, and then super glue your tuchess to the seat and do yo thing!!

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by silentbattle - 20 Jan 2010 16:51

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Here's the trouble with that - while i agree that we need to feel like we're accomplishing, I also think it would be a big shame to leave yeshiva without a strong connection to learning, and an ability to learn - because without that, it's very difficult to keep up a connection over the years.

Heck, it's hard even WITH that!

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by Kollel Guy - 21 Jan 2010 00:51

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Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 21 Jan 2010 00:59

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days

Posted by silentbattle - 21 Jan 2010 01:08

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That's awesome - keep it up for long enough, and I suspect that the draw of the computer will begin to fade, as you start to truly live more...

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You've just made me really, really happy. You sound so refreshed, and pleased, and glad!

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Thats so great. Isnt it like 4:15 in the morning by you, KG???

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