

Giving a Genuine Try

Posted by omekhadavar - 26 Oct 2021 14:12

Hi everyone,

This is my first time posting here. I'm going to try and keep it up. The goal is to get to 90 days for the first time. Currently, this is my third day clean. I don't have an issue with pornography, I rarely view it. However, I do have an issue with being mz"l, which is usually caused by seeing inappropriate pictures etc.

I've been thinking of ways to remove triggers. I plan on purchasing a basic phone soon, so I hope that will remove help in removing many triggers. Also, I currently have web chaver on my computer, but I plan on getting a filter as well, so I don't see any triggers by accident. Another one of my main problems is when I'm not occupied and end up surfing the web. This almost always leading to me being mz"I when no one is around. I would like to make a neder for at least 20 days not to use the internet unnecessarily, but I'm not sure how to phrase it. Advice would be appreciated.

-Dvar Ha'emek

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Re: Giving a Genuine Try

Posted by omekhadavar - 20 Jan 2022 05:14

Day #10

Today went really well. No urges. Still in the pink cloud...

Had the opportunity to finalize my plan and get ready for the tougher days.

Signing off for the night,

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Re: Giving a Genuine Try

Posted by joetyh - 20 Jan 2022 08:15

wow just read thru your thread you are a fighter!!!!!! listen You kept on mentioning that you

came late to shachris or seder and stressing out about it. Achi obviously in the perfect world we would be up 7:15 every morning to take a quick jog b4 shachris and we would be sitting waiting for our chavrusa 5 minutes b4 seder but we aint perfect and thats ok!!! If we were perfect we wouldnt be in this world, this world is made to try to reach shleimus (sort of perfection). You gotta stop beating yourself up for not being that perfect picture Rabbeim like to paint. You should strive to get there but you may not get there and that OK!!!!!!!!!!!!!! keep it up my man!!!!

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Re: Giving a Genuine Try

Posted by omekhadavar - 23 Jan 2022 04:38

Just finished Lesson 6 in the Flight For Freedom. Feeling a little lost honestly, anyone else complete that lesson?

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Re: Giving a Genuine Try

Posted by omekhadavar - 24 Jan 2022 05:13

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Thanks, I've never been one for brain washing, especially not to myself! I'm more known for free thinking, which has it's downsides as well.

Yes, i think when you've been clean for a while, you forget how to fight. Like a warrior that has got fat and doesn't recall how to grab his weapons. he also doesn't even recognise a challenge from an enemy. Thinks the enemy is just playing games, until he realises, too late, that the sword is sharp.

As you say, deep breathing...

HHE - would still be glad to hear your view?

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Re: Giving a Genuine Try
Posted by i-man - 25 Jan 2022 19:01

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Posted by Trouble - 25 Jan 2022 20:24

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Absolutely.

I mean real in whatever sense it is. Meaning, it's irrelevant. if I fail, it was real. If I don't, it was still real, but logic overcame it.

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Re: Giving a Genuine Try

Posted by i-man - 26 Jan 2022 18:05

That's a good point , however I think in the context HHM is using it is also a good point and probably a good strategy with the guys he's working with (with a proven track record of success) So I doubt arguing semantics in this instance is beneficial.

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