On the Cusp Posted by Striving4more - 11 Jul 2022 18:33

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Thank you all!

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Re: On the Cusp Posted by Yissie - 11 Jul 2022 19:41

Congratulations on getting so far and keep up the good work. There are others that keep posting after 90, so don't think you're alone.

Why can't you decide to make another goal? Go for another 90 to reach 180. If that is too much, pick something smaller. Just come up with another number.

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Re: On the Cusp Posted by Vehkam - 11 Jul 2022 21:01

Congratulations on your upcoming goal. Do not underestimate the accomplishment. Make sure you really celebrate and internalize the victory. Don't let the yetzer hara tell you that you had it easy for any of the various reasons mentioned.

I highly recommend reading a book on this topic every night for a few minutes. That seems to work well for me.

Re: On the Cusp Posted by Face the challenge - 12 Jul 2022 00:49

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Thank you all!

First of all gotta wish you congratulations on this! You are incredible!! Keep up the good work and I can't wait to hear you start posting after day 90! Im sure you will be a big chizuk to the other members of gye!! Secondly, I can't speak so much from experience post 90 days as im not so far beyond 90 myself but there are a few things that i thought of along the way.

One thing which is always important to remember is that 90 was and never will be the end goal. 90 days (besides for your neuron pathways being redirected for whatever that means etc) shows that you can continue living the rest of life without porn or masturbation. If you did it for three months, you can do it forever. That's the yisod of 90 in my opinion. I didn't have some crazy feelings on day 90 that now im going to be free from this struggle...it actually felt pretty similar to every other day. The only difference was that i reached a goal i set for myself.

Secondly, a big motivation of mine from the beginning of joining this site was to hopefully be

in a position that one day i will be able to help others get out of their personal hell. If i can show someone else that no matter how hard it gets that i will be able to push through, then they will see that they also have the ability to keep going strong. That's definitely something i still keep in mind.

Third, my long term goals in life automatically mean that i need to keep up my motivation to keep on going. Im going to be starting to date in the near future and i want my marriage to be on solid ground with my past being the past and the future full of opportunity. I don't want to be a Moe Steiner (-; (see the new story teller thread if you don't get this...)

Fourth, I'm quite happy where my life has gone to without being addicted to porn. I have more time on my hands in general, im emotionally healthier, and overall i feel great about myself. All of these feelings are not something i really experienced when i was stuck in the world of pornography. I don't want these feelings to ever go away. There are still times where the battle gets tough and I remind myself of the guilty feeling that i had right after a fall in order to battle my yetzer hara. The yetzer hara only lets you think of the pleasurable moments of porn and masturbation without you remembering how horribly guilty you felt right after...

All of these and more are things that im *misbonein* on to help me want to keep fighting this battle for the rest of my life. I don't want to stop at 90. I don't ever want to go back to that horrible world i was living in. Internalize this and hopefully it will give you the proper motivation to keep on trucking. Wishing you luck brother.

-ftc

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Re: On the Cusp

Posted by Captain - 12 Jul 2022 01:16

Spend a few minutes a day strengthening yourself with some chizuk.

You can try:

Book- The Battle of the Generation.

Audio series- The Fight.

See below in my signature for the links.

Re: On the Cusp Posted by Lchaim Tovim - 12 Jul 2022 13:37

I can't tell you what to do but I'll tell you what not to do... Don't let your guard down once you hit the 90 days...

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Re: On the Cusp Posted by Striving4more - 13 Jul 2022 18:47

Day 89. Never thought I'd see my username in the number 1 slot on the 90 day chart. Can't wait until tomorrow and the next target of 180 (and the rest of my life be"H). Thank you all for the chizzuk, it is deeply appreciated.

Re: On the Cusp Posted by Markz - 14 Jul 2022 14:33

DAY 90

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Keep on Striving!!

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