

Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by inittowin - 31 Jul 2024 07:51

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13 days!

So many thoughts and feelings. I have a few minutes so I will try to write some down here.

Wow, it's been a while since I've passed the 6-7 day mark and I hope that this current streak takes me to 90 (and after that sobriety for life) for the first time in 11 years!!

MY YH is probably pretty POed that I've fallen from his evil, hungry clutches and I'm sure he's still scheming and conniving, trying to come up with new methods how to get me to fall.

Bh these last 2 weeks he's been pretty quiet, but I will not fall for his tricks. I've armed myself for WAR this time and he won't know what's coming when he tries to fight.

I may have lost a few battles in the past, but with hashems help I will win the war.

This time we're IN IT TO WIN!!!

Go big or go home!!

Lchaim friends on two weeks (tomorrow night)!

I will bezras hashem try to write here about my war as often as I can, I feel it helping my mood already!!

Feel free to comment or share tips that I can add to my arsenal.

Signing off, your chaver, inittowin.

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by BenHashemBH - 31 Jul 2024 12:43

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Hatzlacha

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by horizon - 31 Jul 2024 12:57

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by inittowin - 31 Jul 2024 19:26

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by BenHashemBH - 31 Jul 2024 20:16

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Yes!

It's not a habit change, it's a life change. You are not giving it up, you are living it up.

Inspirational stuff. KOMT!

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by proudyungerman - 01 Aug 2024 17:43

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Late to the party again, wha'ever...

Welcome to GYE!

It seems like you've made yourself right at home!

Here you will find, as you have found, many great tools to break free once and for all.

I love the positivity!

One tool that many people find to have tremendous power (which I didn't see you mention, but doesn't mean you don't use it) is the power of friends and connection. As you mentioned in your post (I bolded it), you are starting to date and will hopefully get married soon.

There is a mentor here on GYE who's username is Hashem Help Me - HHM - who is the mentor-in-chief around here. He has helped hundreds, present company included.

If you are seriously considering marriage now, please please please use every tool available to you to go into marriage in a place of cleanliness.

I beg you, please reach out to HHM at [michelgelner@gmail.com](mailto:michelgelner@gmail.com).

With your attitude, you wont regret it.

And don't forget...

KOMT!

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by inittowin - 02 Aug 2024 07:18

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Day 15

Bh I am happy to post that I spoke to harav Hhm on the phone today (thank you @py for giving me the final push I needed to make that call!) We had a most enlightening conversation and I hope it will be the first of many.

I also will take this opportunity to thank harav Hhm for speaking to me for over AN HOUR today and for giving of his time to help so many people day in and day out!!

For anyone reading this who has yet to take the plunge and call someone who can help, all I can say is that it's very worth it! So just reach out and take the plunge, you won't regret it.

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by inittowin - 06 Aug 2024 00:27

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Day 19:

Bh we're still trucking!!

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Hatzlacha!!!

Inittowin.

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by yiftach - 06 Aug 2024 00:54

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**Warning: Spoiler!**

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by Markz - 06 Aug 2024 01:08

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by iwantlife - 06 Aug 2024 01:13

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Was thinking either 24six or zing just not sure which is better (more user friendly, bigger selection etc.)

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The only non-jewish music I listen to on Spotify is country. Otherwise I enjoy regular chassidish music or Israeli pop (which can technically also be classified as non-jewish... Lol). The problem with Spotify for me is not so much the music aspect of it but more the video podcasts etc...

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by inittowin - 06 Aug 2024 08:28

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I DID IT!!!!

Spotify is now officially uninstalled from my phone hopefully forever!!!

I've been tossing and turning for the last hour and a half while a fight raged in my head between the yh and the yt. Finally the yt put up the argument that silenced the yh: We all know that this world is temporary and we all know what's important and what isn't, Spotify is not important (in the grand scheme of things), so why should I have it when it's caused me to fall in the past and can very easily cause me to fall in the future??

So that's when I decided that enough is enough and before the yh can dissuade me I quickly uninstalled the app!!

What will I do without Spotify? I don't know yet (hoping 24six and/zing music are worth something). But one thing is for sure, this time around we're IN IT TO WIN and sometimes you have to make sacrifices in battle.

That's it for now. L'chaim!!!!

(Maybe now I'll finally be able to catch some z's lol)

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Re: Cuz I'm in it to win!!

Posted by stopsurvivingstartliving - 06 Aug 2024 08:35

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Wow wow wow! Congratulations! I personally use 24six and am very happy with it. They have quite a big selection though the don't have non religious singers such as Omer Adam and amir dadon and the like so if you listen to those artists... Regarding zing I am not familiar with them.

One of the main reasons we are in this ???? ???? is to FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT!!!

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PS if you are a Carlebach fan 24six doesnt have him yet but zing does. Hatzlacha raba.

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