

Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)

Posted by odyossefchai - 09 Sep 2024 21:55

Ok here goes.

I'm starting a new 90 day journey.

I don't know why 90 days. Maybe because I saw that other people started a 90 day trial and it worked so let's give it a shot.

I'll give my story over the next posts as I'm new here and not all together comfortable sharing my life story.

I'm already up to day 8 so I have a little wind in my sails.

IYH we'll add in the days, one by one.

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)

Posted by odyossefchai - 16 Sep 2024 12:53

Thank you.

Was great talking to you on the phone.

IYH we will shmooze more.

But for now we have to talk about today's achievement!

It's day 15!!!!

'BH Yom Yom' (as my yekishe grandfather would say, maybe now I know why! One day at a time)

I had an interesting thought on Rashi.

BN later in the day I will share.

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by Muttel - 16 Sep 2024 13:34

I missed this thread and want to jump in. Welcome! Here you will find people who want nothing more than to see you succeed! We've all had our fair share of disappointments and BH the ability to get and remain clean is there for our taking.....

Here's wishing you tons of success in this rewarding battle!

Muttel

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by odyossefchai - 16 Sep 2024 17:20

Firstly, thank you all for your warm messages.

I can't remember the last time i was 15 days clean.

When was in shul on Friday night saying the words ????? ??????, I was trying to work out when I last had a full week of cleanliness.

Maybe I go to the mikvah next erev shabbos to celebrate!

Just a thought I had during kriyas hatorah.

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Rashi brings a moshul

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The nimshal is clear that man is created in the image of Hashem. Not just spiritually, but physically also. Rashi is clearly saying that when someone is hanging on a tree, people will be confused and say that it looks like HKBH Himself is on the tree.

(I'm not explaining or giving peshotim. I'm translating poshut pshat in Rashi)

Fascinating stuff!

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by odyossefchai - 17 Sep 2024 12:07

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(Maybe when my son was in the hospital, but I doubt I made it to 16)

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Not saying it's bad all the time, but it has such issues that it's not easy to be upbeat or in any

way optimistic.

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Anyways....everyone have a great day!

Tomorrow is 17!

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by redfaced - 17 Sep 2024 12:44

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It can sometimes be hard in the beginning to have a streak born of happiness.

The happiness often comes later on begot by being born again as the person you always wanted to be.

If you were to want to include your misery, and you want to keep it out of The Grouchery - it is conditional on you also sharing with us when the misery goes away

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by odyossefchai - 17 Sep 2024 13:06

Misery has been here for 17 years.

Not always.

There have been great moments. And some horrifically sad moments.

And some even worse moments!

I have four amazing children and I'm not saying that just because they are my children! (Ok I am)

They really are a blessing. Healthy, shteiging, full of Torah and middos, they are the greatest things in the world.

BH my wife is generally a good person but she has some serious issues and problems that prevent us from being happily married.

These are subtle issues (I should say that they creep under the surface so alot of the time they aren't relevant but then they explode at various intervals) but they exist nonetheless.

I did try to call my Rabbi many years ago but when she found out I attempted to call, she threw an epic tantrum!

Which led to me not talking to my Rebbe for 10+ years.

HKBH has blessed me in more ways than I deserve.

So I will thank Him for giving me more good in my life than I could have ever imagined!

TYH!

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by frank.lee - 17 Sep 2024 22:08

Beautiful that you are able to keep the positive in your mind.

I'd you can't speak to your Rabbi, you can call a hotline to speak to someone anonymously. Or speak to HHM here.

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by odyossefchai - 17 Sep 2024 22:29

Ok so I can feel the rumble. The warm feeling creeping up the belly. The fat lady is starting to gargle.

The yetzer hara has started to come out of hibernation.

He's getting his strength back. He's poised to attack.

He won't accept a win from me. He wants blood and he will stop at nothing to get it.

What a day!

What a load of hell!

Misery, pressure and pain.

Here's the place to vent. And vent is what I shall do!

So after the pressure, I said to Hashem, please help me get home without looking at too much garbage.

I was really careful and I feel I passed the test.

I have heard that when you pass a test, you can ask Hashem for anything.

I did ask for a couple of specific things. I'll report back if I get them!

Anyways, back to the tears and pain!

May Hashem bless you all for listening to me!

You are all Tzadikim Gemurim

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by odyossefchai - 18 Sep 2024 12:33

Happy to report that the day passed with no fails. BH!!!

Wife was asleep early, I knew the struggles were coming.

Watched the Yankee game.

I don't care alot for baseball but it was worth it to pass the time till I fell asleep.

Today is day ??.

17 days today and it has been several years since I was clea. For 17 days.

No L'chaims at work sadly.

Coffee and a chocolate bar will be my reward.

If I get to 30 days, I'll treat myself to something good iyh.

If I get to Rosh Hashanah and Yom kippur clean, it will be a huge relief.

I'm always mad guilty on those days. You guys know what I'm talking about.

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by 5770 - 18 Sep 2024 21:17

congrats... it is harder than ppl realize :-)

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by odyossefchai - 18 Sep 2024 21:22

5770 you are on day 71.

It's probably 15+ years since I was close to that.

The strength you need to get to a number like that is mind boggling. There are so many ups and downs in 71 days that I can't imagine how you can do that kind of fight against the challenge.

Kudos to you.

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by odyossefchai - 18 Sep 2024 21:26

Anyways, we march along.

No rest for the wicked!

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It may inject us with a good feeling and help us get back in shape a little.

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by chaimoigen - 18 Sep 2024 23:15

18 is a phat slice of sparkling ???? !

Hang tight brother.

Sounds like you've been proactive in making things better in other painful areas, that's a good feeling.

One of my Rabbaim always says that most problems can get at least one big chunk better, and that's a lot. It's a comfort, because even if we can't solve the whole problem, it can get better.

This is a thought that can help, maybe, regarding Shalom Bayis, as well as the stuff we deal with in these hallowed halls....

Pedal to the metal, babe,

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No shame in using the Yankees to stave off desire...

Thats what I'm doing these days, and will continue to do so until I no longer need it.

Hats off to you, here's hoping you experience sustained success in our collective nisayon and your personal challenges.

Muttel

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