

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 - 30 Sep 2024 14:05

I'm back!!!!

Sorry I had to leave for a couple of days (personal reasons IYKYK)

Streak is still there. And BH happy to report all in good shape.

Hashem has blessed me.

Today is the 30th day.

Big yashar koach to all my new and beloved chaveirim here.

Without them, I don't know where I would be.

If you are struggling, please please please reach out to someone. There are people here who will understand you and will be able to really lift your spirits and be a true chaver.

Have a great day!

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Posted by 138eagle - 30 Sep 2024 18:11

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)
Posted by Muttel - 30 Sep 2024 19:25

I agree with R' CO.

They talk of 90 days to break a habit. My personal experience has been more like 30 days.....

So congrats on a job well done!!! Looking forward to 60!!!

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You guys are right. BH I've actually done the last two weeks with a smile of confidence. I am not white knuckling it or tying it in a knot (we'll challenge the mods if they let that one through)

It's been full of excitement to winning day by day.

The oiler here has been my crutch, support and friends (I won't use the word 'mentor' because that doesn't capture the feelings)

I thank all of my friends here for being the best! They are mamish malachim.

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Posted by proudyungerman - 01 Oct 2024 04:33

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Excuse my ignorance, but to which type of galla do you refer?

This?

[youknowwho wrote on 22 Sep 2024 02:46:](#)

Jiggly Gala (the kind that has the chicken legs fargliver on the bottom)

Or is it some other kind?

Again, please excuse my ignorance. This delicacy hasn't quite reached the shores of Burma yet...

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)

Posted by odyossefchai - 01 Oct 2024 10:12

Sorry to disappoint you Chaim. I have never tasted gala! There's just something about it that I can't touch it.

Now fish jelly, that's a delicacy!!!

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Re: Lonely but trying (trying but lonely)

Posted by odyossefchai - 01 Oct 2024 17:34

Today marks the beginning of my second month of cleanliness.

As mentioned, I am separating my marriage issues and my personal kedusha issues.

Let's talk about them.

For 31 days, I have completely stopped all p*** and m*****. I have stopped watching all things on YouTube (or any other kind of movies) that are inappropriate. I haven't cut out movies, sports or shows YET. IyH we'll be at that stage at some point.

The first couple of weeks I was really in a low place. I stopped watching because I was so miserable. After I connected with this site (on day 8), I started talking to people, met HHM and learned that I CAN put the trash behind me. It IS possible.

The next 3 weeks have been amazing. I've had a lot of confidence and I am riding a wave of hope that I can truly be free of the garbage. While I am super early in my journey, the people I've met and spoken to, the stories I have read, clearly show me that there is a way out of this madness.

This morning was my first real challenge.

when I woke up my body was 'ready' (I don't know how to put this delicately, I hope you can figure it out!)

My immediate text was to HHM telling him what was going on.

Even though he did answer, just the fact that I can text someone who 100% understands me, made it a challenge, and not something that I would automatically fail, as would always happen in the past. Quick trip to the bathroom, and we would be good to go! (You guys know what I'm talking about about)

BH I texted him and I went off to shul for selichos.

My mind was floating all over the place. I couldn't catch my brain. The thoughts weren't sexual at all but I was feeling a little out of control. HHM texted me back (I had my phone with me under my selichos coz I knew I needed to hear back from him just to reassure me I will be ok)

Shacharis again I couldn't concentrate on a single word, but when I got to ????? ??, I managed to focus for a minute and ask Hashem for clarity to make good decisions today (agav, if you ever wondered why that bracha is the first bracha of bakasha in shmone esrey it's because we are asking for wisdom to make good choices throughout the day. We aren't in control of situations, or why they happen, that's up to God, but we can make good decisions when things hit the fan)

Anyways, I don't remember much about the rest of davening but by the time I got home, my mind was in a much better place. I got the kids up and ready for school with a smile. Not always easy with teens in the house but BH they are good kids and don't challenge me too much!! Hashem has blessed me with amazing kids, as I have mentioned many times. It's a bracha and I am forever grateful (there was a time in my life, I did not believe anyone would want to marry me and certainly not want to have kids with me-story for another time)

BH there was not gonna be a fall this morning. My reaching out to others, helped me tremendously with that.

Btw if you are one of those guys that texts someone 'good morning' or 'thinking of you' you might be saving someone from falling. (I should try to implement this)

BH my day is going well now and we are all good.

Now for the second issue.

Unfortunately my marriage has had a lot of challenges.

Many of them bedroom related and I don't want to talk about them too much now. (My close friends here get to hear me venting regularly)

BH we have made some progress with the help of Hashem's malach, and things maybe have turned a corner. It's too early to celebrate but with a lot of hard work, alot of trips to visit the malach, we may be able to build something that will be great for us.

If you read this far, you are probably falling asleep!!!

I love you all my dear brothers here and may Hashem bless you a million times over. Not a million, a billion.

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I guess I wasn't the only one texting HHM early this morning!

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Could be! Then again when we met the other day, he confided in me that he does have the ability to stop time, which explains a lot...

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