

I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by cleanmendy - 10 Jan 2025 16:12

So I'm up to day 10 Beezras Hashem. I started with talking to guys on the phone who are helping me tremendously. Thank you. I'm learning the power of not keeping all my history (maybe ill share another time) Locked up inside and be ashamed. I'm learning that I was created with this Like every other man in History, And at age 11 and 12 I acted out in those thoughts and ideas in my head, not even knowing that there was even the slightest thing wrong about it. So yes I'm a complete and total Ones. From there my misunderstanding of the challenge led me to run after every possible fantasy I could concoct, and act on them. Which included meeting people many times over the years.

And over the years I tried and tried and tried and tried, failing and failing and failing and failing.

So I saw an ad that promised that its possible to change by just talking to other chevra that have struggled, I didn't really believe it. But because I love my wife and children very much I decided that ill text for their sake alone. Also seeing gyes ads of how many people use this site gave me the extra boost.

I'm far from cured from this terrible disease, but I have to admit that it might be possible. seeing so many holy jews on here that have done it or that don't ever give up, is really inspiring.

My wall that I built around myself and my struggles have been slightly opened to some very special people, who can understand my deep pain and help me through it.

I'll try to continue to update on here.

Have A Gut Shabbos and easy fast!

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by amevakesh - 06 Apr 2025 16:50

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by cleanmendy - 07 Apr 2025 01:04

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R' Amevakesh you brought me to tears, the chizuk you give me, as well as all the other holy mevakshim on here is what got me to where I am today!

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by cleanmendy - 24 Apr 2025 13:43

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This is the biggest lie out there. Our body isn't a pressure cooker that at some point will explode. Its not inevitable that if I have an urge than I have to act on it. If I ignore it, than it'll diminish.

Which is exactly what happened, I tried to ignore it as much as possible, reminding myself that I dont do this anymore. I woke up today feeling much better. Even though yesterday I was parked outside some unsavory places...

Yesterday I had a tayvah, but today I don't. This is how our life goes we have tayvahs, its ok to. It wouldnt be ok if we didnt!

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time
Posted by chaimoigen - 24 Apr 2025 14:04

Great stuff!

Another related point that I like to think about in this context is that my urges and desires aren't nearly as **important** as the YH makes them feel. Yeah, I may want to do something. So what?

When I'm in the middle of a meeting and I feel like eating something, it's not important enough to stop the meeting. It's not hard to push off eating until later, because my feeling of hunger isn't nearly as important as what I'm in the middle of doing, and it isn't Michayav me to do something about it. It's the same for other desires and urges, too.

This might sound trite. You may respond: "I **want** it **now!**", " why are you telling me that it's not important?? It is important **to me** !"

It has helped me to realize that I can work on minimizing the importance and weight of personal desires **to myself**.

Game Changer.

Keep up the good work,

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Right on as always! Couldn't agree more.

Sometimes I feel that it's just another bodily necessity. And so I eat, drink and sleep... and then I do this. And by not doing it I am causing a deficiency to myself and my body, so I may as well act out now before it gets even worse.

I tell myself from time to time that this is only external and will pass on eventually and then presto; **It does!**

Keep up the good work and don't stop inspiring yourself and the oilam as well!

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by BenHashemBH - 24 Apr 2025 15:15

Shalom Brother Mendy,

It's good to hear from you!

I don't remember the exact words or where it is quoted, but I think it's a well-known text (BH my memory is improving post all the brain-rotting activities I used to do, but it seems it's a slow process).

There is a small eiver that a man has. Feed it and it will become hungry. Starve it and it will be satiated.

One thing that this means is that if you allow your cravings to dictate your choices, then you relinquish control reacting to stimuli. I have to do all the things, and there is never an end to the things.

Starving it means I don't let it have whatever it wants. I can say no. I choose when, where, and how. You live assertively and deliberately, not passively along for the ride.

Even when things are really tough, and we might make a poor choice, **own it**. No one makes us do anything. Accepting responsibility is an essential step towards internal change and being able to stop the thought that anything is inevitable.

Warning: Spoiler!

Hatzlacha and Kol Tov

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by Muttel - 24 Apr 2025 15:35

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I couldnt resist, BH. Seeing this written out drives your point home....

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time
Posted by cleanmendy - 28 Apr 2025 17:33

Day 118

Bein Hazemanim is definitely hitting home, Sometimes in a pretty strong way.

Adding to the situation is I'm quite stressed out about my Chavrusa situation for the coming Zman. I feel that my Hatzlacha to Kedusha and Tahara this summer zman is very dependent on this.

Part of my problem is that Ive been rediscovering myself, in all areas of my life, learning included. And I dont have a clear direction to go in.

BUT, this is no excuse. Whatever happens I must stay focused, Stress is no excuse, nor is summer clothing...

I Know Hashem will guide me. Hope the chevra here also gets set up for an amazing Zman of Aliyah.

Kol Tuv

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by balancedfox70 - 28 Apr 2025 18:14

You have such an amazing sense of how to dissect the things that are going on in your life!
Being able to zero in and break down what's on your mind is something I wish I can emulate.

Stay strong Mendy! You are our rock!

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by cleanmendy - 05 May 2025 17:58

I was in a bad place last week with ogling on the street, Started TBOTG with accountability. Bh
doing wonders.

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by mountainclimb - 05 May 2025 18:21

What was wrong with your life?

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by althemirrer - 06 May 2025 03:23

[mountainclimb wrote on 05 May 2025 18:21:](#)

What was wrong with your life?

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?cm, how did your chavrusah situation work out@

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Re: I'm gonna do it this time

Posted by cleanmendy - 06 May 2025 11:12

[altehmirrerr wrote on 06 May 2025 03:23:](#)

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?cm, how did your chavrusah situation work out@

Bh worked out well!

Thanks for asking!

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