

VICTORY!! On erev Shabbos Chanuka, no less!!

Posted by NeiroYair - 25 Dec 2011 16:23

I wanted to share a personal story about what happened to me this past erev Shabbos (Chanukah) and I attribute every bit of it to my perusal of GYE. My wife works until about 1:30 on Fridays and I come home to babysit the kids from about 12:00 until my wife gets home. Most of the time I'm busy with the two year old and helping get ready for Shabbos, but this week my two year old went in for a nap earlier than usual. My insides were churning as the two month old baby was sleeping, as well. I reviewed certain things I had read on GYE a few nights earlier (Some posts that people wrote and the Attitudes), but I was still ready to give in knowing I shouldn't. I told myself at 12:40 that on Erev Shabbos Chanukah there HAS to be some sort of shemira for these aveiros and told myself that I would put together the menorah and Shabbos candles just to "wait five minutes" for the Yetzer Hara, hoping for a[nother] Chanukah miracle. Trust me when I tell you that my insides were churning and I was looking out the window at the passerby as I prepared the oil and the wicks, hoping upon hope for a miracle. When I finished, the baby woke up and started screaming. I knew that all I had to do was rock him and I would still have time to fall, chas v"Shalom. At 1:05 I was still fighting myself, so I went to listen to my phone messages. At about 1:10, my wife called to say she was leaving work and would be home soon. I knew and could sense the Ribono Shel Olam right there cheering me on, but knew not to trust myself "ad yom moscha!" I fiddled with the candles some more, still looking at) knowing it was only a matter of time before my wife would come home. About 10 minutes later the door knob turned and I had escaped victorious! B'Chasdei Hashem. I was reminded at that moment about a Super Bowl video I had as a kid where they interviewed a quarterback named Terry Bradshaw, who apparently got knocked out as he threw a game winning touchdown. In the interview, and I'll never forget it, he said when he came around to his senses, a teammate was standing over him saying, "You did it big guy. You did it!" Whenever I have a victory, I always pump those words into my head. "You did it big guy, you did it!" Did it B'Chasdei Hashem another Chanukah miracle was added to the growing list. And I pray that there be many more for all of us who are the real Maccabees (if I call them the Maccabeats one more) who are actually trying to fight and win this war. Rabbosai, CHAZAK V"EMATZ!!!

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Re: VICTORY!! On erev Shabbos Chanuka, no less!!

Posted by mechazek - 25 Dec 2011 16:37

thanks for sharing.Hatzlochah veiter

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Re: VICTORY!! On erev Shabbos Chanuka, no less!!

Posted by NeiroYair - 25 Dec 2011 20:56

V'chein l'mar. V'chein l'kulam! You don't know how much this means to me to be understood. My wife says she understands and wants to help, but to what extent?! We just have to remember, "Kavei el Hashem, chazek v'ameitz, leebecha, v'kavei el Hashem"- Ribono Shel Olam help us help You and Your struggling people!

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Re: VICTORY!! On erev Shabbos Chanuka, no less!!

Posted by kidushashem - 27 Dec 2011 04:55

Mazel Tov!

Not to take away from the celebration, but it's important for you to remember that you can't rely on miracles and you have to put up some fences. Why is there a computer at home which doesn't have filter/accountability software? Take care of that quick because next time your wife leaves you alone, you may not make it.

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Re: VICTORY!! On erev Shabbos Chanuka, no less!!

Posted by NeiroYair - 29 Dec 2011 04:16

We have k9 that we each know half of the password. It's more of going to provocative images, but I was given a filter for that from the GYE tech guy.

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