

Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by thatguyoverthere - 23 Nov 2013 20:29

I DID IT!!!! I reached 90 days!!!

From now on this will be my main thread where I post news and ask for advice. My old threads have irrelevant names now, and one of them was moved to BB.

I feel amazing! Time to do another 90 days!

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by MBJ - 14 Jan 2014 16:05

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Keep going one mile at a time, and always use Hashem as your GPS, and you will be fine. Also remember you have a whole gang of people in the back seat ready to get out and help you push if you get stuck.

Eli

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by thatguyoverthere - 14 Jan 2014 16:27

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by thatguyoverthere - 14 Jan 2014 16:31

[skeptical wrote:](#)

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I am actually very aware that I have made great progress since I started. A fall like this 6 months ago wouldn't have made me feel bad at all. I would just shake it off and think that "oh well, failed again, let's try again", and that would happen a few times a week. Now I am horrified at what I almost did.

On the other hand I cant let it affect me too much. I have had a lot of stress at work with the financial year closure, my studies are piling up to a close deadline and exams, and my wife has trouble at home with homeschooling our four kids and keeping up the house, especially since I cant help out as much as she would need. She knows I cant do more than I do, but it is still hard on her, and I appreciate that she tells me instead of keeping it in. I have had a bad cold for a couple of days, been very tired (stayed up to study till 1 and 2 o clock two nights in a row, got up

at 6 for work)... it just piles up. If I let this affect me too much psychologically it would not be good. I need to get into the game and do what needs to be done.

I got a very generous bonus from my boss for all my extra work, I will probably get good grades on my studies, so it really all pays off. Just another week of this craziness and the pace will go down a bit.

Yesterday I bought chocolate for my wife on my way home from work. "No reason, just because I love you". I am guessing the actual reason is that I feel bad that I cant help out as much as I would want to, plus the almost fall... which she doesn't know about.

I have also noticed - lots of great sex from the wife does not make the sobriety better. It makes it even harder, and much easier to fall. I had an almost fall just hours after... Right now it's "dry spell" because she is usually asleep when I come to bed, so it's my fault. I am causing this dry spell because of my hectic life, but right now I cant really do anything about it. Except buying her chocolate.

Ok, sorry, that was meant as an answer, and instead I randomly blurted out everything I had in me... bear with me, guys. It's good to know you're here. I will really try to post here next time BEFORE a fall and not after an almost-fall.

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by tryingtoshteig - 14 Jan 2014 19:38

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Always remember those words you just said!!!!

I strongly relate to those feelings you expressed, I think that is what is meant by "an allergy to lust." Meaning, once I start to think about it, to give in even a little bit, the allergic reaction starts and it quickly starts to spiral out of control.

If I keep in mind that I have a nasty allergy to lust, then I will not even start to get close.

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by gibbor120 - 15 Jan 2014 00:33

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Don't think about it. Just pick up the phone and call when you are in danger ~~even though~~ especially becasuse you don't feel like it. In other words, JUST DO IT!

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by skeptical - 17 Jan 2014 04:18

thatguyoverthere

skeptical

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One can only serve Hashem with happiness. When we're in a down mood, we tend to go further down.

Forget the past and keep moving forward!

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by thatguyoverthere - 26 Jan 2014 02:34

Feeling a lot better now. Wrote about it on the BB forum. Huge victory yesterday!

Today, after dark with the kids in bed, my wife left to take a walk, and left me alone with a computer without filter. She didn't even think about it. Neither did I. Victory!!

Question - are there recorded mp3 files of those phone conferences, or of lectures? Or an audio version of the handbooks? I walk over two hours every weekday, to and from work, and I think this could be good stuff to fill my ears with.

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by SIB101854 - 26 Jan 2014 08:15

You wrote in part:

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That is a great victory!

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 26 Jan 2014 10:45

Indeed that's a great victory. I also read your BB post. Amazing! KUTGW!!!

Here's a link to a page with a bunch of recordings of guest speakers on DC's conference calls.
<https://guardyoureyes.com/dc-guest-speakers/category/guest-speakers>

This page has links to recordings of shiurim on Shmiras einayim.

https://guardyoureyes.com/component/zoo/item/windows-of-the-soul-group?category_id=159

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere
Posted by gibbor120 - 28 Jan 2014 01:24

There are a lot of free AA recordings here: silkworth.net/freestuff.html

The Joe and Charlie Stuff and the Sandy B stuff are popular.

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere
Posted by thatguyoverthere - 02 Feb 2014 01:56

Ok, I fell.

Well, not really, but sort of.

Basically I deliberately looked up bikini photos in my facebook app. Thing that wouldnt do anything to me a few months ago, but that are now powerful enough to make me fall.

I erased the facebook app from my phone and decided only to use facebook on the computer with my wife around. My wife thinks it would be a good idea to see it as a fall and start from zero. Even if it wasnt really a fall, psychologically I will take it more seriously and make sure to avoid it next time if I start from scratch.

So here I am now. Back at day one. Shavua tov.

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere
Posted by dd - 02 Feb 2014 02:40

hi shavua tov!

sorry to hear about your slip(you said your not sure its a fall). i could tell you ive been where you are its a terrible feeling i know .

your wife has a point but in past telling myself i fell kept me down in the fall for a few days till i got myself back up.

so maybe just keep on moving as is. try to figure out what will be most productive for you.

so brush your self off and keep up the good work.

shavua tov!

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Re: Home of thatguyoverthere

Posted by skeptical - 02 Feb 2014 05:21

You're not **back** at day 1.

You are at Day-Whatever-It-Was-That-You-Were-Up-To +1.

You're not back where you started, you're further ahead than when you started.

It's like going on a journey: If the car breaks down at Milepost 3, you're still at Milepost 3.

Get back up and keep on moving!

Hatzlacha!

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