

This time I mean business!

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 27 Feb 2017 18:27

Hi all,

Hashiva has hashiva-d. I don't know to what extent I will be posting or reading, but at this time I want to post about my current situation. I have been inconsistent. I guess I wasn't committed enough to be ready to do what it takes. Or maybe I thought that what it takes will not be possible for me to fulfill. But now I had a thought. Why do BTs usually remain BTs and never ever go back to be non frum? The answer is because they made a sharp cut. They cut themselves off from their old ways and paid a price. They bled when they cut. So it was a real cut - a real cut off. Up until now I have not really cut. There was nothing in place preventing me from going back in a weak moment. So I decided to cut.

I have given up internet access. My computer is whitelist only. My wife's computer is with a new changed password - her password which I don't know. I have decided not to access internet on my own. I am still in search for additional safeguards, which I plan to implement as I find them. Anyone with ideas for me, please say. I have started a new streak today. Not that I fell yesterday, but I have not been clean in the sense that I didn't cut. Today I cut, so today I'm considered clean. The streak is a plan of never return. I am discussing this with another GYE member, so that I make sure it's solid. I had been davening for a good plan, and Hashem hears even the prayers of sinners. May Hashem help us all.

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Re: This time I mean business!

Posted by Markz - 27 Feb 2017 18:53

Hash# you were missed!!!!

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Re: This time I mean business!

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 27 Feb 2017 18:58

welcome back!!

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Re: This time I mean business!

Posted by 360gye - 27 Feb 2017 20:37

Welcome back.

Is the internet your sole problem or is it just another median by which you look at porn?

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Re: This time I mean business!

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 27 Feb 2017 20:51

It is the biggest manifestation of my problem. I basically have no other median.

Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: This time I mean business!

Posted by cordnoy - 27 Feb 2017 21:08

Good to hear from you.

Itl should be with hatzlachah.

Bold moves!

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Re: This time I mean business!

Posted by Singularity - 28 Feb 2017 08:07

Well done! Big stuff!!

I had a vort from last week's parsha, but I made it up so it might be complete bull, deal with me:

Hashem promises he's gonna take us into the land and wipe out all the other nations. Then he's all like, "Nah, I can't do it all in one year, because perhaps the animals of the field will outnumber you" and Rashi comments, "We're not as big as the other nations who 'fill out' the land".

I asked myself, "What BS *is* this!???"

Seriously? The nations who uphold and practice *Avodah Zarah* in our wake? In our midst? And right next to our *Cheiders*? Kill em all! Smash em down! who cares about some animals? Make arrows, for crying out loud! Hunt and kill! Surely it can't be worse than an atmosphere of idol worship? And especially for golden calf worshippers! We're gonna (and did) relapse!

I think the idea is that a change needs to be gradual. If you try knock it all out of you in one go, your mindspace will just be left barren and wasted, with anything to fill it. You'll be insane.

A Rabbi told me in Yeshiva (and I'm a BT) that to make a tree grow, you don't cut it off at the trunk. You prune it carefully, constructively.

Though I'm not denying the occasion for a bold move. So Hatzlocha.

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Posted by unanumun - 28 Feb 2017 16:05

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And I was sure cord' was the member you were in contact with...

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That, you'll have to ask SG.

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Re: This time I mean business!

Posted by eslaasos - 28 Feb 2017 18:28

Hashivah,

You asked for advice from people with long streaks and I have qualified in the past, so I'm throwing in my 2 cents.

Based on my what worked for me, the point stressed by Cordnoy and unanumun is key. Lust isn't my issue, dealing with life is.

On the other hand, it definitely helps to restrict access, so to add to your list of cutting implements, I'm curious about your phone which isn't mentioned above. Personally, I can't afford to have a smartphone. At some point I will use it to escape.

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