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Posted by ainshumyeiush - 15 Sep 2023 07:18

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Re: This time for real

Posted by taherlibeinu - 15 Sep 2023 10:22

Welcome aboard.. sounds like you have come to the right place! iyH the new year should bring you much Hatzlacha with this.

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Re: This time for real

Posted by bright - 15 Sep 2023 13:09

[ainshumyeiush wrote on 15 Sep 2023 07:18:](#)

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Amazing! You're on the right track, keep posting (even if C"V there are times that aren't as amazing...). May your return home be a return Home!

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Re: This time for real

Posted by chaimoigen - 18 Sep 2023 01:57

Here's a warm hand, welcome.

Stick around. The journey, while never easy, is far better when you walk the road with friends. There are good people here.

You can do it! So many others have. Ask for Hashem's help, reach out to the good people here, keep in touch, and keep moving forward.

Gmar Chasima Tova. Gonna be a good year, imyH

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Re: This time for real
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 18 Sep 2023 20:06

TThis is it. Bein hazmanim starts tomorrow (yes i know its early, but we'll leave that for other people to talk about).

my brain keeps jumping between "LETS GO!!! I CAN DO THIS!!!" and "im gonna die. No question. Who decided this was a good idea"

why cant there be a simple cut-off-your-right-leg-at-the-knee-and-be-porn-free-forever system? Would make life much easier imho.

Seriously speaking tho, i know this is going to be a turning point in my life. I dont know what will happen but im going in ready to fight. Ill keep posting and let you know how everything is going.

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Re: This time for real
Posted by frank.lee - 19 Sep 2023 09:00

Great, you can do it!!

No, the reason why we have this challenge is because Hashem knows it is good for us. Even if we don't understand.

Plan ahead before you are in the throes of lust, before the challenge gets tough.

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Re: This time for real
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 21 Sep 2023 21:46

Day 8. 2nd day home.

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ill keep posting and just ride this out.

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Re: This time for real
Posted by EccentricComposer - 22 Sep 2023 02:04

Keep in touch with your partner and make a real plan how to avoid triggers. Feel free to read through my thread to see how i've planned ahead in the past, it might help you out. Keep in touch.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: This time for real
Posted by ainshumyeiush - 24 Sep 2023 02:16

Day 11.

bh still going strong. Just posting so i stay involved. Wishing everyone a gmar chasima tova and thank you for all the help.

and to share something i realized, sometimes someone posts something on a random thread and years later someone else will read it and get chizuk. So you guys dont realize how much of an impact you can have on someone you never spoke to.

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Posted by yud909 - 24 Sep 2023 03:26

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Did you try an accountability system?

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Yup bh i have some people im in touch with.

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thanks for the support and the reminder to take care of this before it becomes more than just my personal problem

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Posted by ainshumyeiush - 26 Sep 2023 17:11

Day 14

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New or not, give it some thought. I'm not new, and I'll be giving it thought!

Your commitment is impressive, the fact that you are being so proactive and understanding that most times it's the situations we allow ourselves to be in that lead to our falls - is even more impressive.

Keep updating!

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