

Fifty years

Posted by Dovid824 - 06 Jun 2018 16:52

Last week I gathered up the large collection of "schmutz" that I began accumulating about fifty years ago, and bundled it into trash bags for disposal. I also deleted the schmutz on my computer.

As a Baal Teshuvah, this may be the last and hardest step I've taken toward full observance of the mitzvot.

My motivation was I'm facing a life crisis that I don't think I can overcome on my own. By becoming "clean", maybe Hashem will have pity on me and give me peace.

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Mazel Tov! Keep going strong. You are an inspiration!

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3. It's my signature and I can put whatever I want there.

Ok. I thought it was supposed to be executed and it wasn't ...

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Re: Fifty years

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 29 Aug 2018 18:02

Mazel tov! Keep it up. Keep in mind that 90 is not a magic number and on day 91 we must watch out for triggers too!

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Posted by Dovid824 - 05 Sep 2018 19:32

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That's a cause for celebration. Even your subconscious was unable to dirty you. What an
awesome feeling of relief you must have had upon awakening. You were finally able to "watch
from outside" and not be part of it. L'chaim to you!

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Re: Fifty years

Posted by Singularity - 14 Sep 2018 10:36

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Re: Fifty years

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[Dovid824 wrote on 13 Sep 2018 20:49:](#)

I was thinking today that it's fortunate that I'm not attracted to cats. My cats often look like they're posing for a porn video.

105 days

I didn't enjoy that one, sorry.

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Re: Fifty years

Posted by KoachCheshvan - 01 Oct 2018 15:38

Dovid824, I'm looking at your posts and wondering if I wrote them in my sleep! My education was in math, my background is in computer programming, but on the iSeries (AS400) which does not have abundant jobs at all, and have had to take lower paying jobs. Right now I am working at a temp job on a project with Excel spreadsheets. My job is about to end in December, and as it would happen, I have arranged to become a live-in for developmentally-disabled adults if I don't find something between now and when my assignment ends. My family is all spread out throughout the states, and I live near none of them.

And I have few friends, but they are "remnants" of my "gay life": if I cut every gay person off that

I know, I would have no friends at all. I would just have friendly coworkers. But even as it is, those friends are all friends-by-phone.

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Re: Fifty years

Posted by Dovid824 - 04 Oct 2018 03:01

125 days

I may be absent from the forum for a while. But i'll be with you in spirit, and, IY"H, clean.

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What does KOMT mean?

A few days ago I was in a dark basement with no way out, except a door leading to a darker subbasement. I tried repeatedly to open the door, but Hashem wouldn't let me. Then I discovered a stairway that led me out of the basement back into the sunlight.

I feel that Hashem has been testing me. I'm not sure when the test started, possibly years ago.

But I think I was presented with a critical test a few days ago, and passed it. As a reward, He's giving me a push in the right direction.

I'm still facing challenges, but I have a plan now, and am hopeful of succeeding.

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