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Navigating the ocean of my life

Posted by amevakesh - 17 Apr 2024 10:21

For the past 267 days, there have been sunny skies, calm winds, the boat's been steady, with nary a thought to the pirates that lurk beyond the horizon.

However, clouds are gathering, waves are getting choppiier, and worst of all, a cry from the barrelman in the crow nest, "Pirates ahead"!!! I've been warned.

As they get closer, thoughts are swirling through my mind. I hear their evil whisperings in my head. "You thought you were off our radar, not so fast." Will they succeed in overtaking the ship I've put so much effort in constructing?

They're faster, sneakier, and more cunning than I, and I know that once they come too close, I'm doomed. But, I have an itch that needs to be scratched, a void that has to be filled, and I'm having a difficult time doing so.

But one thing I've learned here at GYE. There's safety in numbers. So I'm sending out a call to my fellow mates, can anyone help me out in how to overcome these Bein Hazmanim pirates?

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life

Posted by chosemyschem - 17 Jun 2024 14:41

[amevakesh wrote on 17 Jun 2024 05:48:](#)

My job requires me to be in Florida for the next few days. Not easy at all. Many first looks, not so many second looks. First looks mean that I should have known something was coming, but wasn't careful enough. Truth to be told it's all over, way more challenging than where I live. Didn't dwell on it for too long. But it did increase my fantasies in a way that I haven't experienced in a while. I'm going to be here for another 2 days. Need to re-strategize. I don't know how people in Florida manage. Those that figured it out, please enlighten me. Perhaps I'll post here tomorrow for accountability. Can't wait to get back home.

People who live there probably get desensitized. Not in a good way. (Bedouins barefoot on sand etc.)

Someone in your situation, make it a two-day challenge. Read some of the BOTG and focus in that you've got two days to pac-man up a years worth of shmiras einayim zechusim. Don't be afraid to be farfrumt and take off your glasses outside, or walk with your head down. Chap every opportunity of succesful shemira to daven for something important. If it's your chill, go to the mikva each day or something like that as a physical reminder that you're here to crush it for two days.

Focus on the wins, not on any slips.

Massive l'chaims on your successful return home.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by amevakesh - 18 Jun 2024 05:04

Today was a very special day for me. It demonstrated to me what the power of friends here at GYE can do. I posted yesterday that I anticipated a big challenge here in the sunny State of Florida today. I was being put into a situation that I had to partake in for two and a half hours, in the beautiful outdoors, something similar to an amusement park. I was thinking that it would be a situation of damage control, but I intended to give it my best shot. So, last night I thought that my post tonight would be something along the lines of this. "Today I was put in a compromised setting regarding my ?????? ??????, so I decided to use my???? to overcome my???? by posting about my plan. The plan was to buy dark sunglasses and use them instead of my regular ones, (I have a high prescription). I was inspired by choosmyshem's post about not using my glasses, and the plan was to cover up my act by using sunglasses instead." But I knew that I would probably still be taking sneak peaks here and there, but I would be able to consider it a (mostly) victorious day.

But no less than 4 guys reached out to give me encouragement, some with text, some by calling. It caused a shift in my thinking and gave me the extra oomph I needed to shift my approach from doing damage control to striving for something special. I made a decision that instead of doing battle with the YH, I would try my best to steer clear of him and try to avoid him at all costs. Now I deal with a severe case of "f.o.m.o", and I made a resolution that it's worth it to give up on being in the middle of it all and only do what was necessary for me to do, as my presence was needed there.

??? ????? ?????? took on a new meaning for me, when I arrived at the place planning on taking on the YH and giving it my all, I arrived feeling nauseous and a little dizzy, and I thought to myself, perfect I can use the time to put my head down and take a rest. I did so for about a half an hour. Two hours to go. I looked around for a place to be that wouldn't be such a challenge, and I found a small area that looked like it could be a good hideout for me. I spent the next hour and 45 mins there where I felt safe, made some phone calls took care of a few things without needing to compromise my environment at all. For the last 15 mins, when I needed to get out my safety zone, I wore those sunglasses, and only put on my regular ones when I needed to look at something specific. Was I 100%? No, but it was pretty darn close. I left the place on a high. I thought it couldn't get better, but it did. The program I was with had something akin to a ????? ??? ?????? planned, but the feelings of ?????? that permeated that event were indescribable.

I can honestly say, that had the Oilam not reached out, it wouldn't have been the same. I don't think i would have fallen, but it would have been a measly win at best. Thank you '?' for allowing me to achieve this special victory, and thank you friends at GYE for being His special ?????? in making it happen.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by chosemyshem - 18 Jun 2024 13:54

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by redfaced - 18 Jun 2024 14:39

[chosemyshem wrote on 18 Jun 2024 13:54:](#)

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Oirish Coffee anyone?

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Posted by amevakesh - 18 Jun 2024 14:58

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by BenHashemBH - 18 Jun 2024 15:17

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Nowadays the parve options are abundant. L'chaim!

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by Heeling - 18 Jun 2024 15:23

@amevakesh Wow! You're a rockstar! A true fighter.

Beautiful post and a stunning story. You're a legend. A real inspiration.

Keep Rocking!

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by proudyungerman - 18 Jun 2024 17:48

[chosemyshem wrote on 18 Jun 2024 13:54:](#)

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HUH?!?

Care to explain?

L'Chaim!!

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by amevakesh - 02 Jul 2024 23:27

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Posted by redfaced - 02 Jul 2024 23:48

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by Heeling - 03 Jul 2024 00:19

[redfaced wrote on 02 Jul 2024 23:48:](#)

[amevakesh wrote on 02 Jul 2024 23:27:](#)

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Maybe we should hit route 17....

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by amevakesh - 03 Jul 2024 03:02

Thanks for all the offers. Anyway, I just completed the hour. Was not inspirational, went by very slowly, usually the case when I don't learn for a while. ?? ?????? ??? ?????? ??????. Hopefully this gets me back on track.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by amevakesh - 03 Jul 2024 04:34

Wanted to post something here that may seem small, but for me was somewhat significant. A little less then a year ago was my my last fall. This occurred while I was traveling (to the same place I currently find myself in) and I had to connect to WIFI. Being that my computer is filtered, and the only way I was able to connect to the WIFI was by taking off the filter just so I could connect. Once connected, I could reinstall the filter. I called TAG and asked them to remove the filter temporarily so could connect. Once it was removed, I conveniently waited for a few days before I reinstalled the filter. It was then that I fell, one thing led to another and eventually..... This year, I resolved that things would be different. When I called TAG to remove the filter, I made the connection, and right away before I could do anything wrong, I immediately called them back to reinstall it. It feels good to be given the opportunity to rectify the thing I failed in last year. Onward.

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Re: Navigating the ocean of my life
Posted by frank.lee - 03 Jul 2024 07:06

Awesome! This is called learning from your mistakes, and avoiding the challenges instead of getting into dangerous situations. Being smart!

Inspiring, for us and also you prove to yourself that you are strong and in control!

For the future, not sure which dinner you have, but I have Techloq. They have tools that allow you to get into wifi. For example I was just somewhere where they had public wifi and it connected with their welcome page, clicking through, no problem.

Hatzlacha!

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