

Game Time?

Posted by pmarlowe - 07 Nov 2014 06:03

I am a soldier in the Army of Hashem. The battle has been raging on for a while now. Things are getting tougher by the hour, but, B"H, I am 4 days clean for my first time in probably a year.

Will there be any insights in this topic? Not necessarily. But I know myself, and it's clear to me that if I don't make my struggle public in some way, I will feel no accountability. So bear with me as I attempt to be the best I can be

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Re: Game Time?

Posted by pmarlowe - 12 Nov 2014 19:26

Many years have gone into this guesstimation: feeling not in control on some vague level

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Re: Game Time?

Posted by cordnoy - 12 Nov 2014 20:48

Sorry...I do not understand.

Can you elaborate please?

Thanks

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Re: Game Time?

Posted by gibbor120 - 13 Nov 2014 02:22

GET BUSY! Especially with things that involve other people. Get out of isolation. Being alone is

a big trigger for me, and I try to avoid it as much as possible. My wife was away once for about a week (which is very rare B"H). I made a point of calling or getting together with friends. It worked very well B"H.

The busier you are with good stuff, the better. Do you have any volunteer opportunities? Can you play sports or exercise? Organize all the seforim in your shul/beis medrash... Staying busy makes the battle MUCH easier.

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Re: Game Time?

Posted by pmarlowe - 13 Nov 2014 05:48

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Re: Game Time?

Posted by gibbor120 - 14 Nov 2014 02:25

[pmarlowe wrote:](#)

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Funny how that works, when we feel out of control, we try and get control by doing something . What can help, is learning to let go of control. "Let" G-d be in control. He is in

[pmarlowe wrote:](#)

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It doesn't sound like you are "doing work" anyway. So, if you are feeling weak, do something

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Re: Game Time?

Posted by MendelZ - 14 Nov 2014 02:30

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[gibbor120 wrote:](#)

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Now ain't that the truth!

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Re: Game Time?

Posted by cordnoy - 14 Nov 2014 07:13

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[gibbor120 wrote:](#)

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I'm not so sure....I did worse recently....

Warning: Spoiler!

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Well, I'm back.

Posted by pmarlowe - 27 Apr 2015 06:02

Wow. I didn't even realize how long I've been off the forum.

So what's it been like while I was off? Every day has been a struggle. Sefirah is very helpful as a motivator, after all it really helps with the 'day by day' mehalach.

I made two very positive decisions this week, making my summer and shabbat plans in yeshiva instead of going out where I know I'd encounter triggers.

I bli neder (for now) am planning to try out the Taphsic method, but am at a loss in terms of protective fences. Pushups? A walk?

Two ideas I had are 1) going to a store and 2) learning mishnayot. If anyone has more advice about this inyan I'd really appreciate it.

B'ezrat Hashem we'll all be better soon.

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Re: Well, I'm back.

Posted by cordnoy - 14 May 2015 19:39

[pmarlowe wrote:](#)

I **bli neder** (for now) am planning to try out the **Taphsic** method,

hmmm.....that's a thought.

But anyway, welcome back.

What have you been up to?

b'hatzlachah

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Re: Well, I'm back.

Posted by pmarlowe - 02 Jun 2015 01:37

The Taphsic method worked for a few days. Then the cravings started to take hold. Unfortunately I didn't make strong enough fences or knas-es so I ended up doing the normal/light/non-heavy knas 3 times and annulling the vow.

I had made it so that beforehand I had to do 150 pushups and look at the emergency pictures, or go to a store ten minutes away and look at the pictures, or call my grandmother and look at the pictures, or go learn 4 daf of chazara in the beit midrash and look at the pictures. The 150 pushups one wasn't too tough for my yetzer hara I guess. I actually liked the store idea, but it didn't happen.

THE after-knas was going to a mikveh and taking a shower in cold water.

Is it worth trying again or should I work on a new mehalach?

Also, I got NetNanny on my phone and will BE"H have it on my laptop in the next day or two. My phone has been Kodesh Kodashim since then. I'm really scared of accountability (just wish I could feel the same about my accountability UPSTAIRS).

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Re: Well, I'm back.

Posted by pmarlowe - 02 Jun 2015 01:45

Also, I just understood your point now. That was an excellent observation you made.

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Re: Well, I'm back.

Posted by cordnoy - 02 Jun 2015 14:11

[pmarlowe wrote:](#)

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Is it worth trying again or should I work on a new mehalach?

Look back at your history; what do you think?

275 pushups?

\$800.00?

walk to the store barefoot and walk back with your pants rolled down?

mikvah with your clothes on?

when will it be strong enough?

for me.....never!

b'hatzlachah

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Re: Well, I'm back.

Posted by pmarlowe - 02 Jun 2015 20:45

I think that if I eliminate the pushups I will be more successful. Anyway I should be doing them and I won't feel so bad if I do any reasonable amount, and unreasonable amounts aren't reasonable (i.e. if it would be impossible to keep, I don't want to put it into a shvuah.)

The thing is, I just got netnanny on my laptop. So now all my electronic devices have accountability features with people I actually know as moderators. This leaves me with a question.

Now that all my electronics are fenced, what's the next step? I.E. at this time based on my history, while I'm in yeshiva I shouldn't have an issue anymore- I only struggle when I have active devices with me. But the yetzer hara often isn't that simple, so it seems there are new tests awaiting me. **what are they? anyone with past experience, now that I'm filtered what else is there to watch out for?**

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Re: Well, I'm back.

Posted by pmarlowe - 04 Jun 2015 00:14

"Here's what else to watch out for, self. Remember to put NetNanny on ALL your electronic devices. Even your old phones that are in fine condition just a little slow."

THat's right, folks. I had a fall. A pretty heavy one. The yetzzer hara a)reminded me of my old smartphone that could still use wifi b) made the phone strong enough to resist smashing. Gorilla glass.

We see that a) i still need more fences than just a filter b) even if I covered all my bases, I still haven't covered all my bases so there will always be a bechira struggle in the end, no matter how well I set myself up.

Not that these were chiddushim. They were just points I forget from time to time

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