

Succeeding at 90 again

Posted by Voctave - 19 Feb 2018 01:33

I'm a 20 year old male, modern orthodox jew that has tried to stop masturbating and/or watching porn in one way or another. I have been trying to stop since I was 16 and have had successful streaks along the way of 3 months, 90 days, 50 days and etc, however, have always returned. I think my dependence on these things started because I have a truly insignificant speech problem where I stammer when I'm nervous which snowballed out of control due to getting more and more nervous each time. That's why that my goal for the next 90 days isn't just to commit blindly to no more porn or masturbation, but rather to work on finding what my trigger(s) is and slowly improving myself along the way.

Each day I will:

1. The moment I get an urge ill write a quick overview of who, what , when, where, and why.
2. Use above mentioned info to identify cue, routine, reward.
3. read each day from my speech improvement book and start to implement changes.

My goal is to post an update here at least once a week. Hopefully it will help someone with their struggles.

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again

Posted by Voctave - 03 Mar 2018 23:33

Past three days I just relapsed. At first it started without porn and I thought to myself well that's still an improvement. Then it just went downhill fast and I'm back the beginning again. I'm really annoyed that this happened again, I really thought I was gonna beat it this time because I started improving myself alot the past few weeks. I just get these feeling of "boredom" and "emptiness" and then everything just goes downhill. It drives me crazy that I know what I need to do and yet I don't do it over and over again. I hate living a lie and hiding a part of my life. Hopefully I can find some way to succeed.

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 04 Mar 2018 05:53

You have bh come far, and its time to continue. Whats the plan for the next time you feel bored and empty?

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Posted by Voctave - 04 Mar 2018 05:59

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again
Posted by Voctave - 07 Mar 2018 13:48

Past week has thankfully been pretty easy. A big proponent has been in playing sports and being active. I never appreciated how much eating healthy and being active are crucial to getting out of that pre-relapse mood. For me primarily being active at night has really helped because im exhausted and still on that high from exercise when I go to sleep.

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again
Posted by Voctave - 08 Mar 2018 17:10

Started thinking a little about inappropriate things yesterday, so I'll take some time today to meditate, try to learn some more torah, and hopefully try to be active. A big problem for me is that I have this speech difficulty which has gotten progressively worse throughout the years due to getting stuck and getting more nervous in a loop. Been trying this new program, but many of the steps require changes that are embarrassing for me, like speaking slowly or using a different breathing technique, and I can't get myself to do them. I have to learn how to stop living my life based on what others think and start living for myself but I have no idea how to.

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 09 Mar 2018 12:16

The chevra here will not judge you based on a speech issue. And they will have the patience to hear you get the words out if you call. Once you feel that level of acceptance here, you will iyh have an easier time in the "real world" and will see that most people there also do not judge people so much due to externals.

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again

Posted by Aneshama - 13 Mar 2018 08:44

Hi,

i just read your story and I want you to know that I relate exactly to how your feeling, I'm 21 years old, been stuck in this for about 2 years, and i have a stutter.

B"h I had good speech therapy when I was younger, so it in general isn't as much of a trigger for me, however I do now and then have these embarrassing situation's where I get stuck in public etc...and then it sure gets hard.

And thank g-d I'm not on a 38 day streak, what helps for me is the knowledge, that the reason I have this struggle and someone else doesn't, is because Hashem sees unique abilities in me, and put unique abilities in me, that someone else does not have, that I can overcome this struggle! And we can do it!

I can elaborate more but I have to go now, (if you want you can reach me at shmuelh1996@gmail.com)

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again

Posted by Yerushalmi - 13 Mar 2018 10:41

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All the best to you.

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Re: Succeeding at 90 again
Posted by cordnoy - 13 Mar 2018 13:04

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hi voctave, a taphsic might enable you to do that ! check it out ! youre certainly headed in the right direction ,chazak!

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Posted by ieeyc - 13 Mar 2018 15:46

i forgot to mention that a serious working of Tefila is essential!

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one more thing , a system in curbing the appetite in not **too** much noshing/eating. im just mentioning things that helped me in my 11 year streak,BH. a certain person , (Talmid Chacham) was once forced to go on a health diet , and he confided to someone that as long as he was on this diet ,the nisyonos of the street were much less of a nisayon,

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