

This is going to be the time I get to 90!

Posted by Realestatemogul - 22 Aug 2018 21:39

Hi everyone,

I have met a bunch of you already (Cordnoy, YBS, Chaim2009, Schnitzel and Kugel, etc.)

This past week has been the first time I really engaged on GYE.

I have seen how others have benefited from GYE and how it helped them FINALLY break free.

I am posting this thread of my 90 day journey because I don't want to leave this up to just my own abilities. My own abilities have always failed me and put me back into the never ending cycle.

My past history is full of sexual challenges that make acting out natural. I won't go into details but getting a laptop with unrestricted internet for my bar-mitzvah wasn't exactly the most beneficial present. I understand that on my own I will never be able to conquer this challenge. I may be able to go a week, a month, or even a few months without acting out or watching inappropriate things. But ultimately I haven't been able to stay clean.

I want to take this post to say that I will try to from now on surrender my challenges and realize that only Hashem can let me overcome these ever hard feelings. I can not and will not try to beat this on my own. The talmud talks about the yetzer hara showing even the greatest Tzadikim that they are no match for him. I certainly am no better. However, I do have Hashem. I truly believe any test Hashem gives us we can pass and that means he will let us pass. It may just be that he wants me to use the tool of GYE that he gave me.

I am now on my 9th day clean. I have been here before many times. This time WILL be different. This time I WILL make it to 90 days. This time I WILL stay strong. This time I WILL surrender to Hashem. This time I WILL break free!

BUT, I can only do it with all of you AMAZING poeple's help!

Please cheer me on, console me, and encourage me on my journey.

Looking forward to celebrating 90 soon!

Thank you!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 02 Feb 2020 02:48

Thank you appreciate the feedback. That's a good idea to reach out to an accountability partner!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 07 Feb 2020 05:25

I'm reposting this from another thread I posted on:

Depression is probably the biggest challenge Hashem gives us. It always seems like that isn't a challenge and maybe its not even in our control, but the reality is that it is in our control to try and stay positive and have emunah.

One time in my life, I was extremely depressed. I won't go into the details, but I was pretty much lying on the coach in a horrific mood for about a week. I literally wouldn't do anything productive and refused to smile. I spoke to therapists, rabbeim, and friends, but no one was really able to help...it was a very sad time in my life....

Then I realized that I was the only one who actually had the ability to help my situation. It was possibly the single most significant moment of my life. I realized that if I wanted my life to be

better I had to make it better. My situation was what Hashem wanted, but it was up to me to make it better. I literally made a chart of the weeks in the month and hung it up. My goal...was to just be positive for atleast 50% of the day. I knew I was sad, but I had to atleast try to not let it overshadow my life. I checked off every day that I was positive most of the day and within a week I was back to myself.

What I realized that day is the same thing that enables me to come on to GYE and successfully count days (and sometimes fall and get back up and count again). I realized that Hashem gives us challenges and that's okay. I realized that we are the only ones who can actually conquer those challenges. Other people can help guide us or give us chizzuk, but ultimately it is our life and we can live it or destroy it. I realized that if we are doing our best we have every reason to be proud. I realized that we should judge ourselves by ourselves and not by other people. I realized that Hashem loves us and that knowing that is as much an attitude as it is a fact. I also realized that the sooner I accept my situation, the sooner I can make it better. While I was in denial, I was a depressed coach potato. As soon as I accepted my reality, I was able to find the good in Hashem's plan and keep making my life the most incredible gift Hashem gave me.

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 13 Feb 2020 04:37

Wow! B"H I am proud to say I reached 70 days!

It feels like only a short while ago that I was in a serious slump and could barely go a day without looking at seriously damaging things on the internet and being mzl several times in a week or even a day. So it is very exciting to be back in a better position.

In some ways this past 70 days have been easier than prior runs. For example I have a good filter on my devices and before I started these 70 days I made sure that I would no longer watch anything inappropriate. Also, I had previously done 272 days clean and that gives me strength to know it is possible. To top it off, my life is super busy these days and I have a jam packed schedule.

However, as we know from Rashi by Yaakov and Pharoh, we aren't meant to have it easy in this world and this 70 days has by no means been easy. The past two weeks in particular I have found very difficult. I always want to look at girls and still spend way too much time thinking

about them in inappropriate ways. If you have conquered this challenge even for a short period you know that one thought leads to the next, and if you can't steer your thoughts away you are in danger of falling. I am proud to say that I acknowledge this challenge and know that it is hard and I'm okay with that and I daven Hashem should help me conquer it!

BE"H to 90 days and beyond!

Thank you to all the GYE members who give me chizzuk and make this possible!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!

Posted by Snowflake - 14 Feb 2020 15:33

REM,

Thank you for your encouraging words. We are cheering on you.

I totally relate to everything you've been saying.

I've had long streaks in the past (1 yr+), but as of recently it's been a huge challenge being clean even if for a week.

I'd look at the numbers and just despair and say what's the point, etc.

But just as you, I came to realize. Hashem is not tracking our numbers, streaks, etc. He's tracking us. Are we trying our best? Sometimes we aren't, we're so depressed (the YH's favorite trick), that we just "give up" altogether. But if we try our best with a positive attitude, we're constantly coming back here, trying new things, then for sure, we're bound to succeed too. And if we C"V fall, we can be sure we tried our best. And I think what G-d values the most is picking yourself up from a fall, and try with as much force, or more, than before.

That's the biggest number.

Keep posting, you're an inspiration to all of us!!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!

Posted by DavidT - 14 Feb 2020 15:43

Pump yourself up, and your success will spill into your next battle. You are accomplishing what you were put here for! You are succeeding! You are on the road to greatness! Use the exhilaration to impress upon yourself that spiritual accomplishment is worth aspiring for. Celebrating your victories is the most important thing you can do to develop a drive for success through

self-control.

This message is stressed by Chovos Halevavos (5:5), which tells the reader:

Don't listen to [even the smallest of] the yetzer hara's wishes. Rather, hold highly in your eyes even the most minuscule victory and slightest increase of power over the yetzer hara. This will lead you to reach even greater success. The yetzer hara will be quick to obey you and he won't stand up to you if you stand up to him.

This is what happens when we fight back against the yetzer hara and celebrate every victory, no matter how small it seems. Celebrating our victories brings us to win our battles and rule over the yetzer hara.

Because rejoicing over your victories is so vital for success, the yetzer hara will try to ruin your excitement.

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!

Posted by Realestatemogul - 16 Feb 2020 18:51

Hey Snowflake,

Thank you so much for sharing that you found my post relatable! It definitely sounds like you are very much succeeding in conquering these challenges in the appropriate way! I will keep posting, but please also continue to post on other people's threads. It gives us posters tremendous chizzuk when people comment or post on our threads. Otherwise, this would be a

DavidT,

Thank you for the very important reminder that savoring our small successes is the key to fighting this tactic of the y"ח! I didn't know that it was a Chovos Halevavos, but I will definitely have to check it out!
blog not a forum and we wouldn't get nearly as much support.

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 24 Feb 2020 02:58

Why do I want to act out when I am in a bad mood? Obviosuly, it will just make me in a worse mood. Although, maybe that's why...?

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Hakolhevel - 24 Feb 2020 04:18

HALT Hungry, angry, lonely, tired. Those are general triggers for alot of us knuckleheads.

At a simple level, have you not trained yourself, in your years of acting out, that the way to escape unpleasantness is to got to fantasy? It works every time, at least short term.

Although I suppose your question is rhetorical.

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 27 Feb 2020 03:45

Halt is definitely a great acronym to remember things that make us more vulnerable to falling. I guess really the answer is that it is how Hashem made us and we just have to know to identify it and deal with it appropriately .

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Hakolhevel - 27 Feb 2020 04:57

Kol haomer davar baheim omro... I won't take credit for it, it's in the SA White Book

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 28 Feb 2020 03:25

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by DavidT - 28 Feb 2020 03:35

[Q"Realestatemogul" wrote on 28 Feb 2020 03:25:](#)

day 85

85 is the numeric value of pe"h (mouth)

Many Chassidic works are replete with the idea that "bris halashon mechuva negged bris hamaor" and that shemiras halashon leads to shemiras habris (see Sefer Chareidim 66:9). The most common Posuk quoted in this regard is "Al titein es picha l'hachti es bisorchoh"....

keep up the good work!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 05 Mar 2020 05:06

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 05 Mar 2020 12:12

[Realestatemogul wrote on 05 Mar 2020 05:06:](#)

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Mazel tov chaver! What's the plan to continue?

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90!
Posted by Realestatemogul - 09 Mar 2020 04:37

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