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 - 28 Aug 2018 18:29

Thanks for the suggestions!

@Trouble - I think from a physical perspective you are right that you haven't used her.

However, in regards to attributes of a person. Benefiting from someone else (i.e. their appearance) in a way that they wouldn't want you to is in a way selfish and not a good trait. Just like when kids are younger, a little kid could start crying from another kid "staring at them or making fun of them." They didnt do any physical harm. However they did something against their wishes, or in this case without consent (which probably wouldn't have been given).

In that regard working on being less selfish and understanding that you are "using" someone else in a terrible way. (If I remember correctly- An animal that has sexual relations with a human is killed because something "wrong" was done with it. So too having improper thoughts about someone would be a disservice to that person.) If I knew that everyone time I stared at someone for pleasure they got a notification I would be severely embarrassed an I would be able to stop REALLY quickly.

Thanks for the advice!!!

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Realestatemogul - 30 Aug 2018 23:37

#Day17

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I am sure everyone is too busy with the new site rollout. But I'll post anyway

So I am happy to say I am still doing fine with my 90 days regarding porn and masterbation. It doesnt seem like the struggle is too unbearable. HOWEVER, I will say that shmiras eynaim is still SUPER hard! I am just surrounded by things I both do and don't want to look at. This is such a conflict inside me. I guess I just need more support and to realize that me slipping and looking doesn't characterize who I am.

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Hashem Help Me - 31 Aug 2018 03:41

You are a good man buddy! Rome was not conquered in a day. BH you are feeling success regarding two very difficult challenges. Stay focused and iyh you will continue with those two and in general be more and more careful with what you say. Iyh the day will come that you will truly feel kadosh. Go look in the mirror and tell the guy looking back that he is one super fellow!

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Realestatemogul - 02 Sep 2018 01:21

#Day20!

BH I am at 20, which is only half-way to 40!

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by YBS - 06 Sep 2018 00:50 Keep it up Realestatemogul!

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Realestatemogul - 06 Sep 2018 03:49

#Day24!

Wow how time flies! BH at the 2 week mark and I am still here.

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How many times do I look away right away?

How many times a day do I do none of these things?

After I had this thought, I started realizing that the degree to which I feel like I am failing may not be so accurate. Sure, sometimes I enjoy a sight longer than I should. But, it is not the majority of times. Sure these thoughts creep up in my mind a lot, but it definitely isn't most of the roughly 17 hours I am awake. I am very excited about this empowering thought and I am curious how it will enable me to feel success in these areas.

Let me know your thoughts!

I'll keep you posted on my findings!

Thanks again guys and Ksiva V'chasima Tova!

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 06 Sep 2018 04:03

Day 24 wow!!

in other words the first part of the post it your yh speaking and the second half it the yt speaking, bh he had the last say because that's the correct way to truck! All these thoughts are just the yh trying to get you to fall, focus on the fact that your 24 days clean and just the fact your having these thoughts, just shows that your getting somewhere.

Happiness keeps you strong, feeling down is when the falls happen alot! Keep it up and keep posting!

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by mzl - 06 Sep 2018 09:05

Realestatemogul wrote on 06 Sep 2018 03:49:

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I don't think you are wrong about looking at it objectively, but I also don't think it helps you

decrease that number (unless you are depressed and you are trying to restore an objective look at life.) I think you want a simple behavior to use when you have a an opportunity to feel desire, like surrender. What counts is whether you are using that behavior consistently or not (and whether that behavior helps you.) It's really not about totals but about the next moment.

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by lionking - 06 Sep 2018 11:41

Obsession about failure will lead to failure. Just move on. Don't let these thoughts linger.

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Realestatemogul - 09 Sep 2018 17:24

#Day27

Hey everyone!

So this last tool I used really helped this week. Just realizing what was really going on in my shmiras eynayim was so helpful. Now I can try and work on it in a healthy way. Also totally gonna take my glasses off more often. Tried it this week once and it just makes everything SOOO much easier.

Also, special shout out to Schnitzel and Kugel for finishing 90 days! So happy to have been a part of that and what a special way to go into the Yomim Noraim! I'yh many more days strong!

Ksiva V'Chasima Tovah

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 09 Sep 2018 18:36 Appreciate it, thank you!

Shniras ainayim is the most fundamental tool to stay clean! Day 27! Kah! Things should be getting easier from now, bssed in my experience.

As always keep posting

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Realestatemogul - 12 Sep 2018 03:42

#Day30

?It is definitely still going to be a challenge to journey til 90. I won't fall into the trap of saying "oh this is easy" and then next second I trip and fall flat on my face. Some days are easier but definitely some days are really hard (R"H had some tough moments) and with Hashems help (we only get tests we can pass) I will continue to stay strong, connect on GYE, and get to my goal!

Gmar Chasima Tovah!

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Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Realestatemogul - 12 Sep 2018 03:44

I just realized that day 30 is level 5! Soooo excited to have passed another benchmark. The benchmark of Gibor Koach Oseh Devaro. How befitting for my post that I renew my commitment to power through to 90.

Re: This is going to be the time I get to 90! Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 13 Sep 2018 02:46

So happy for you!! Keep it up, give us nachas by posting the good news. That itself can help win

over during a tough struggle, at least for me it helps.