

Once and for all

Posted by Onceandforall - 09 Jul 2019 12:21

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Hi everyone. I posted on the welcome and introduced myself. I was given advice to post regularly and that was always my plan so here goes- hope to post morning on way to work and evening before I get home.

My day day started well. I went to shachris and learned with chavrusa (usually not a problem, but sometimes I sleep in). Working in nyc in the summer is so hard. So much temptation to look at, how do you just keep your head down and try not to look??

This day is going to be great and thanks for joining me in my journey to 90 days+

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Re: Once and for all

Posted by Realestatemogul - 05 Aug 2019 04:21

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Stay strong and keep trucking!

I would be cautious about alcohol if you find that it will cause you to slip easier. It's that simple - if you think it will cause you to slip stay away. By me sometimes I will stay away because I am in a vulnerable place and other times I know it isn't such a danger. It definitely will always put a person in a looser state and therefore they could succumb more easily.

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Re: Once and for all

Posted by Onceandforall - 05 Aug 2019 13:29

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@realestatemogul - thanks! I agree with you. It's more of something I just need to be conscious of and not drink too much. And if I'm in a bad place, don't drink at all. Thanks for the advice!

day 27

BH- I made it through yesterday! I made sure to get up and get out of house for most of day. And there was a time when I was tired and no one else was home, so I just refused to go home until I knew someone will be back home. I don't trust myself yet (ever?).

This morning, the urges and thoughts are not stopping. The crazy thing is, I have really been good about shmiras anayim. But still these images and thoughts are on freight train towards me. It's one of those waves of lustful thoughts that bring back memories of acting out and images I have seen over and over again. My mind puts in the memories of the "best places" I have acted out and tells me how enjoyable it is. ITS ALL NONSENSE!!!

Yes, I'm not going to pretend it didn't feel good, and it wasn't a huge relief/exhilaration after and during acting out. It was all of those things. But it pales in comparison of what the bigger picture of life is and the importance of staying clean- and All of the tremendous enjoyment that comes from being a clean person and healthy mindset. So this is my answer to those thoughts.

But knowing me- that answer isn't enough. So I'll fight with my other tools and tactics and with the great people on Gye. Be"H This day will be OURS!

Strength to all! I'll see you on the chart tomorrow as we go up one more day together!!

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 05 Aug 2019 15:18

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I love your optimistic posts and great fighting!

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by ColinColin - 05 Aug 2019 21:08

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Really important that you find a safe way to release stress.

From your posts it appears that acting out was a stress release for you,.

Even if it is walking around the block...or reading light hearted books...something positive and safe.

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by Onceandforall - 07 Aug 2019 12:41

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Day 29

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ME: Youre probably right. Maybe its not worth all of the endless fighting. IT would be so great to just cave right now, go on a major binge for a couple days and then get back into it.

YH: That's right thats right. You'll end up quitting when your ready, but now you have free time

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ME: AHHHHHHHHH!!!! I cant fight you. I dont care what will happen later or tomorrow. I know that if I act out now it will only be so much harder to quit again later and I need to keep clean now.

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by Dave M - 07 Aug 2019 12:54

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Hah! that's a pretty good description. Btw, have you listened to Rabbi Shafier's (from TheShmuz.com) series on fighting this battle? I gained tremendously from them. In one of his shiur he actually goes through various scenarios/conversations that the YH tries. Similar to your post. His series can be downloaded here <https://theshmuz.com/series/the-fight/>

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Lol, I had the same conversation on day 90, but I'm still here and it's easier now since I've learnt

my surrender method, dont give up and you'll make it there.

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Posted by Onceandforall - 12 Aug 2019 11:28

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Day 0

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by gye5770 - 12 Aug 2019 11:54

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Great for sharing this, it takes courage and the faster i have it done the quicker i can get back up. So get back up and motivate us further, keep your conversation you had with the Y.H. in mind and it will get easier.

What helps me now, allthough i am only at day 8, i cannot have the first drink of lust, even just looking after a barely dressed women, i straight away have to surrender - i cannot let it stay in my mind and i also have to realise that i dont want to go down that path again.

This time i want to stay sober - other have managed before me - so will I.

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I'm sorry to hear about your fall, but your journey to recovery got off to a great start. Just get right back up and keep fighting. Have you identified what led to this fall? What new tools can you implement to prevent it from happening again?

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by Onceandforall - 19 Aug 2019 09:00

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I can do this. It's just been hard for me to get back into it. Very easy excuse that I cave into every time. But I am ready and will be back going every day posting bli neder

thank you for all of your kind support

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by Dave M - 26 Sep 2019 14:53

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I was just giving credit to where it was due. He may never see this post. But he certainly has this zchus heading into Yom HaDin.

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Re: Once and for all  
Posted by Onceandforall - 03 Oct 2019 19:08

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Hi Dave M

thanks for posting this! I did see this post when you put it up last week and it was really special to see. I'm amazed at the power of someone's words and the affect they can have another. So thank you for letting me know.

The past sat couple of months have been rough with trying to get out of my slipping and I couldn't get myself into the right mindset to just STOP.

BH, the last week or so has been good and I have stayed clean. I am just taking it day by day right now. I don't feel like I can post like I did before although I know I should even if I fall again. Maybe after a little more of staying clean and feeling better about the struggle.

I have recommitted to not watching movies/tv as well. Thanks for the advice

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