

My Clean Days Log

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 27 Jan 2020 01:01

Hello GYE Forum.

I will mark my progress in this topic called, "My Clean Days Log." Thanks for any and all support and encouragement.

I will attempt to post a meaningful text (most often religious, but maybe secular as well) to accompany my journey. Comments on the texts are appreciated as well.

Day 1:

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My translation tonight: G-d does not bring down humanity with clever ploys (Avodah Zarah 3a).

Namely, the *mitzvos* that we must keep are doable and are not impossible tasks. As hard as they may seem sometimes, the *mitzvos* of *kedusha* are not clever ploys to trip up humanity, but rather they are achievable *mitzvos*. I believe in the eternity of the Torah and its applicability and relevance to every generation, most importantly this one and my life. It would then follow that I can accomplish great growth in the area of *kedusha* and that I can work to push back against the *yetzer hara*.

Thanks for reading!

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Re: My Clean Days Log

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 02 Jul 2021 15:43

Day #56.

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Re: My Clean Days Log

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 06 Jul 2021 01:14

Day #60.

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Re: My Clean Days Log

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 12 Jul 2021 00:15

Day #66.

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Re: My Clean Days Log

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 13 Jul 2021 15:07

Got to day #67 and then fell.

What led to the fall?

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Thanks for reading and joining with me!

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Re: My Clean Days Log
Posted by HappyYid - 13 Jul 2021 16:16

You *should* be proud!

Many times in the past I would use the day I fell as an 'off day' and would fall many more times, till I would get the courage to start again.

It's amazing how you got right back up!

Hatzlacha!

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Re: My Clean Days Log

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 13 Jul 2021 19:27

[??? ???? ???? ??? wrote on 13 Jul 2021 15:07:](#)

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This is a post from a recovered individual, who like all normal people, has nisyonos. Your brain and heart are BH where they need to be; the nefesh ha'behamis will iyh catch up soon too. Your post should be publicised to all newcomers. Hatzlocha!

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Re: My Clean Days Log
Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 15 Jul 2021 14:20

Day #2.

Thank you all for the "thank yous" and feedback.

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Re: My Clean Days Log
Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 19 Jul 2021 14:05

Thanks for all the support. I fell again.

I brought this issue up a couple months ago and...well...it's an issue! I, thankfully, got a new job and I started two weeks ago. I was given, not one, not two, but three unfiltered devices! I tried, on my own, to install a filter on the laptop with the representative from the filter company, but it seems that there is a security measure that blocked the installation. Did I give up?

Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: My Clean Days Log
Posted by Striving Avreich - 19 Jul 2021 20:45

May I ask which filtering company? Different filters work different way and there may be a way to filter with the technology of a different company

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Re: My Clean Days Log
Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 19 Jul 2021 21:09

I was trying to install GenTech. I don't have administrator privileges. and there is a lock on new installations (outside of their preapproved apps). Content filtering is not on their radar screen. My request got sent up to the upper levels of IT and hopefully I will get a response soon.

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Re: My Clean Days Log
Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 20 Jul 2021 01:13

Day #1. First 24 hours!

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Re: My Clean Days Log
Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 21 Jul 2021 02:50

Day #2.

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Re: My Clean Days Log

Posted by ??? ????? ????? ??? - 22 Jul 2021 21:08

Struggling a little bit with the unfiltered devices that I received from my company. Question for you all, especially the more techy amongst us... My company's IT department has no content filtering solutions for their devices. Any apps, outside of their preapproved ones, need to be approved before they unlock them for the devices. How should I proceed?

I use GenTech Solution, but I'm not sure that is the easiest one to convince these IT people to authorize. Content filtering is so not on their radar. "Just don't look at the adult content" kind of attitude. Any suggestions?

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Re: My Clean Days Log

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 22 Jul 2021 21:23

Tell them that even a basic level of filtering will also protect the devices from phishing and hacking sites, and it's a good cybersecurity investment.

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