

Day 1 for who knows how many times

Posted by bitochonGYE - 14 Jun 2020 17:25

I feel like it's a lost cause. I've reset this so many times I can't even count. Once the urge is on nothing stops it. Once its over I feel bad and reset. Its like I'm shoeing away good judgment and my brain is not listening or doesn't care at the time. Triggers are definitely stress, board, angry, or depressed. Once the urge is high I go as so far and reset my phone, disconnect filters, etc. When its over they are back on..the minute I catch a glance of anything and not even porn I'm already sucked in..i could be watching a TV show, catch a paper, etc.. pritzus is all around how is it possible?? I can't shut myself off from the world we live in today. I was hoping Yosef hatzadik can tell me in a dream some tips.

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times

Posted by Grant400 - 10 Jul 2020 21:34

Thanx for the post! I just want to say that posting doesn't just hold one accountable but is mechazek others in ways you can't imagine. I personally get so inspired when reading a post
) hatzlacha!!!

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times

Posted by wagon - 10 Jul 2020 21:45

:grin:keep at it!

Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by bitochonGYE - 14 Jul 2020 07:06

Day 30 - It's day 30 and it is an accomplishment. I thought or I had hoped I would feel more spiritual. But I don't feel holy. Leave it to the yetzer harah to find anything to dim the moment. I need to find an easy fix for the common triggers like stress, getting down and if I don't, I feel there will always be a door open here to sin. I know people say exercise and all sorts of things but work or things to do always seem to get in the way. I'm already up at 3/4am, do my learning, work till 6/7pm, eat supper, and then maybe watch a little TV to unwind and then I'm done for the day. I need to figure out how to make something work.

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by battle-of-the-gen - 15 Jul 2020 05:20

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I heard a great joke that deals with this:

There was once a lady that came to her rav and told him that its not right- the men get to do all the mitzvos and the women barely get any. She wants to be holy and get the chance do the mitzvos. The rav thinks for a little and hands her a 4 cornered garment and says, lets start you off slowly, first wear this for a week then come back and we'll add tzitzis. The women returns after a week and exclaims how amazing her week was, how kadosh and spiritually uplifted she felt. The rav responds "chachom a 4 cornered garment doesnt mean anything and theres you can no way feel spiritually holier. If anything, if you were actually chayiv then you actually wouldve been doing a issur the whole week of wearing a 4 cornered garment without tzitis and you so called "felt holy".

The morale of the story is that "feeling holy" isnt really something that we can be in touch with. Its hard to feel something you dont know what it is. Im sure in the next world theres loads and loads of kedusha and schar waiting for those 30 days. As you said its probably the yetzer trying

to get to you.

The 30 days is something that you SHOULD be proud of and feel good about accomplishing it. Maybe try to reward yourself and "force" yourself to feel happy about what you accomplished so your mind builds up a chashivus(hachitzonios meorer es hapnimios).

Hatzlacha and keep pounding!

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by Captain - 15 Jul 2020 15:12

This is a great point. But I want to add one idea. This is only naturally, that naturally it's hard to know whether you'll feel holy or not and whether it is accurate or just your imagination. But there is a way to actually feel it and know that it's true. There is a way to actually feel that you are accomplishing and you are becoming holy and to know that it is true. That is by learning about the great feat that it is to overcome the yetzer hora in this area: by learning actual teachings of Chazal that stress its greatness.

Two resources that help me achieve this feeling are the book The Battle of the Generation, and Rabbi Shafier's lecture series The Fight. See the links below in my signature. Try a little of both for 15 days and you will see a clear difference.

Hatzlocha!

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by Dave M - 15 Jul 2020 15:42

This is a great thread. i'm so impressed with how hard you are working. Keep this up and you'll achieve level that you never thought you could. There will be lots of ups and downs. But keep getting up.

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by bitochonGYE - 21 Jul 2020 08:58

Day 39 -

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I guess I will start again. : (

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by wilnevergiveup - 21 Jul 2020 14:24

[bitochoNGYE wrote on 21 Jul 2020 08:58:](#)

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No such thing!

You keep fighting, you keep growing, that's the way it is! You may not be able to see this right after a fall but you are way ahead of where you were before, keep it up.

One day at a time! no one said you have to throw anything away for good, it takes time, give it that time.

Looking forward to hearing good news!

All the best,

Wilnevergiveup

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by bitochonGYE - 21 Jul 2020 15:03

Thanks for the positive message.

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by sleepy - 21 Jul 2020 15:47

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YOU DID NOT FAIL, YOU FELL!

i think someone fails when he just gives up for good , which is **not** your case as you yourself signed out:

- " (editors note , it should really have a smiley)

chazak chazak!

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by bitochonGYE - 21 Jul 2020 16:32

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by A Brother - 21 Jul 2020 19:08

same here i just restarted the counter and its really weighing down on e that i dont keep my act together

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by bitochonGYE - 21 Jul 2020 19:34

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Re: Day 1 for who knows how many times
Posted by Captain - 21 Jul 2020 23:07

Yes we can all try together. Because every struggle is a struggle for all of us, and every success is a success for everyone, because we're in this together.

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