

Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 28 Feb 2021 22:41

Thread 3

Day 0

Restarting from square one

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Re: Square one

Posted by DavidT - 04 Jul 2021 14:44

[Looking_to_improve wrote on 04 Jul 2021 13:55:](#)

I'm feeling some desire now to masturbate. I'm learning on my own this afternoon, but can't really focus, and these thoughts are coming into my head and distracting me

There is a saying "*Don't go in your head alone. It's a dangerous neighborhood*"

Remember that we are here together and Hashem is always with you as well... so you're never alone and you can and you will win!

Please keep us posted so we can keep on getting inspired by your amazing journey!

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Re: Square one

Posted by excellence - 04 Jul 2021 17:40

Perhaps think how happy you will be when you look back tomorrow and see how amazed you are with yourself, and what you managed to achieve in a generation like ours.....

You can do it.... if not for your sake then at least for all of us here at GYE

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Re: Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 04 Jul 2021 21:57

Day 80

Clean bH, but it's been one of the hard days kn a while. Still feeling some desire now as I go to sleep

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Re: Square one

Posted by Zz613 - 05 Jul 2021 02:27

Right now I'm at 50, you're at 80

Hopefully I'll never catch you up!

The goings hard, but let's remember that we can live without this, and continue our lives happily in other pursuits.

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From a brother in the boat

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Re: Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 05 Jul 2021 11:38

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Re: Square one

Posted by excellence - 05 Jul 2021 12:25

Your clarity of mind is incredible. We all wish many were like you. People like you are going to be on front lines to greet Moshiach.

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Posted by eyes - 05 Jul 2021 14:58

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Dear LTI,

?I am totally mesmerized by your commitment and wanting to keep clean.

You mentioned that you will be going to university in a secular environment. As, I have gone to college and universities both before and after I got married I would like to suggest to you the following.

1. It is important to know where your classes are. meaning if you know where you are going the you won't have an issue looking at people or things on your way.
2. Not sure what your major is, but in many classes part of the class is group work. I always tried making groups with males if possible. Sometimes, it cant be done.
3. try to make gedarim around yourself. Like I would do my best not sit next to girls. I also would sit in the front row. I would ask lots of questions. Because of that I would also answer lots of questions which made me look smart. Lots of students asked me questions. Which I answered.
4. Know what season it is. I dont know where you live, or where you are going to university, but now that it is the summer and you will be going in the fall. it will still be hot outside and many women will still be dressing in their summer attire. BTW, on university campuses people tend to dress less classy, so over the year people still might wear whatever they want.

5. Not sure which campus you are going to, but there will for sure be a Chabad or Hillel or both on your campus. Get to know the rabbi's

Being in a secular environment is tough. It could also be full of triggers, but I could tell you one thing. if you need to be there, it be very rewarding in shmiras einayim.

Just to let you in on a secret. Whenever I was careful in my shmiras eynayim/ bris I did extremely well in my courses. Whenever I wasnt, I did poorly.

You could PM me for more if you want.

Hatzalcha

Eyes

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Re: Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 05 Jul 2021 16:29

Thank you very much

I'm gonna be living from home, so I'm still going to have a lot of friends in my community to be surrounded by

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Re: Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 05 Jul 2021 17:09

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It's 'easy' to write a long post like this during my break, but I don't really think I'm gonna be able to stay clean. I'm doubting myself that I'll be able to do it

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Re: Square one

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 05 Jul 2021 21:45

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Re: Square one

Posted by excellence - 05 Jul 2021 21:50

[Hashem Help Me wrote on 05 Jul 2021 21:45:](#)

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i KNOW it was!

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Re: Square one

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 05 Jul 2021 22:29

My dear friend, I'm so happy for you that you've made it to 80 days clean. Such a tremendous accomplishment!

I would recommend celebrating day 88/89 before you return home and use it for hischazkus.

And then do smaller goals when home, like getting to day 90, then celebrating etc.

Something to consider is making a rule to not use any unfiltered device and if u need to for some reason you'll text/WhatsApp a GYE guy first and tell him when ur finished.

Im so happy for you that you spoke with a friend in person about this.

You're a true Ben Torah and Ben Aliya.

With much admiration and love,

YeshivaGuy

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[excellence wrote on 05 Jul 2021 21:50:](#)

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i KNOW it was!

Thank you, I appreciate your positive comments

I have to disagree, I don't want to be overly optimistic, because of my ignorance of where I'm holding. I think I'm being realistic/ maybe a bit pessimistic, but not ignorant of myself.

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Re: Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 06 Jul 2021 05:32

I searched up some stuff last night, but BH didn't masturbate. I'm calling it a slip.

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