Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by Kollel Guy - 21 Dec 2009 18:57

## DAY ONE

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OK, I feel like I should have done this on my 1st day, but I didn't. So here I am a few weeks in. I got over my fantasy of "Now that I'm part of GYE I'll never fall again" with a rather harsh way of being awakened. It's time to start down the path of real work, and real responsibility, and real kabolas ol.

So..... even though on my chart I'm at day 12 today, that's only according to the letter of the law. Meaning I didn't do anything which I wasn't allowed to do according to the rules. But in reality - it starts HERE. I know that today I really did mess up. I looked for it. Baruch H-shem for my filter (2 days old) - I didn't find it. But I looked for it, and that does count in shomayim.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by OneLife - 24 Jan 2010 15:55

Kollel Guy wrote on 24 Jan 2010 06:47:

Should I take a lesson from then or was that a fluke?

just from the trigger caused you fall !

go KG go yo gonna do that,

everyday not to fall, not forever since its pretentious to say forever.

G-d help me just today stay clean.

its a little step that you can do this.

BEHAZLACHA my brother.

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by silentbattle - 24 Jan 2010 16:34

We hope to never fall again...but we do it, one day at a time. We don't worry about tomorrow. Right now is today.

Glad to hear that things are going well, and you're looking positive! Also double-glad to hear that you're going for a bit of a change of pace, hope it leads to great things!

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by Kollel Guy - 24 Jan 2010 20:37

You **will** eventually overcome all obstacles in your way. If you keep davening and keep pushing - H-shem will see your efforts and work things out for you. But why would you want to wait years for all the ones and twos to add up to a million? Why don't you start getting in 100"s and 1000"s now?

In Tehillim 14:2 I noticed today, it says a very interesting lashon. It's discussing how civilization on the whole ignores H-shem and what he wants.

"H-shem mishomayim hishkif al bnei adam" - H-shem looks from shomayim at humanity, "liros ha'yesh **maskil** doresh Elokim" - looking for a **wise** person in search of G-d.

That's the interesting lashon. Why does H-shem care if the person is wise or not? Isn't he the one who measured out each persons intelligence? Shouldn't the only important thing be if the person is searching for H-shem or not?

So I realized that I can find the answer from my own life. It's so clear it's almost shouting at me. There are so many things I do which are well intended, but for some reason I don't ever see anything come out of them. Whether it's a sefer or limud I started, or a kabbala I took upon myself, or a new idea or concept I tried to make a part of myself and of the way I think, they all seem to have no remnance in my life. I know I can't and don't see what they *really* did.... but they are supposed to have a visible effect - at least to some extent.

But that's exactly it. I'm not doing it smart. I just do things without a worked out cheshbon of how I will monitor my success and recognize when I can somehow improve or fix something wrong. I gotta take my success seriously. Not just "be yotzei doing my best and trying my hardest" - regardless of what I'm actually doing, or how I'm doing it, and if it's practical for my growth.

I need to make goals and check up on how I'm doing with them. I need to pick up on my lack of motivation and see if it's just laziness or if somethings wrong.

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I need to get my life in constructive order.

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It's not enough to just "not be doing anything destructive".

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by silentbattle - 24 Jan 2010 22:38

Very well said - it's not enough to simply throw hard work at ourselves, and hope something sticks - we need to tailor make things for ourselves, and to do that, we need to figure ourselves out. You've been working on both of these areas already, and I hope that your success continues!

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by Kollel Guy - 24 Jan 2010 23:06

DAY 19 Sunday Bishalach

Today was seriously awesome. I started with my new chavrusa, and it went great.

It felt great to get out of the house again.

One difference though....

My old kollel, see it was sort of right in my neighborhood, so I got there by using back roads, without even stepping on one street. I left the area only on Shabbos and erev Shabbos. Didn't used see too much, especially since I'm in a very frum area.

But today was different. I have to go to the new Kollel on a bus. And the bus goes through all parts of j-lem.

For the first time in a big while - I felt like I hadn't understood the nesayon others have been having constantly - while I sat comfortably at home with nothing bothering me.

I have a lot of work to do.

But B"H I'm here today saying this. The fact that my work is holding here is an example of how far I've come.

Thanks to all of you!!!

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by imtrying25 - 24 Jan 2010 23:27

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by silentbattle - 25 Jan 2010 05:18

Wow! That's great! Hopefully, once you're moving in the right direction, that'll give you more energy to keep going up and up!

Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by habaletaher - 25 Jan 2010 05:23

WOW KG! Glad to hear, I really hope this new kollel works out for you!!

Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by OneLife - 25 Jan 2010 22:00

KG, i wish you BRACHA VEHAZLACHA in your new way.

from day to day i see you take off more and more peels,

the TALMID CHACHAM is gradually exposed to us,

KUTGW gever!!

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by sci1977 - 25 Jan 2010 22:03

KUTGW!!! Stay positive and remember one day at a time!!!

Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by Kollel Guy - 25 Jan 2010 22:44

i see your posts on the other threads, i wish i have 1/10 from your wise :

DAY 20 Monday Bishalach

I got up early today, but then spaced out watching national geographic till 9:30

Why the heck? I don't know.

I skipped 2nd seder, and was on the computer instead.

What do you think happened?

That's right, almost fell big time.

Slipped and caught my balance just in time.

Well I didn't really.

My chavrusa called and said "Nu are you coming?"

So I gave up trying to bust k9 and went to night seder.

Close call.

Cant let that happen again.

Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by silentbattle - 25 Jan 2010 22:53

Consider it a relatively inexpensive lesson, and use it to plan for the future.

And thank hashem - I think that call counts as a hug!

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by imtrying25 - 25 Jan 2010 23:04

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Re: Kollel Guy's 90 Days Posted by OneLife - 26 Jan 2010 13:01

dear reb KG,

it smiles as the national geographic was the trigger to the rest.., doesn't it??

it tells you that the Y"H is so smart and sly,

it never takes you straight to the garbage sites, it works slowly, gradually and "safely".

as an addict which want to heal himself, you must know his tricks.

glad to hear that you didn't "succeed" to overcome the K9. :-\ :-\ if it was so...

i recommend to you to surf by RIMON in the SHAMUR level protection when the password is keeped by your wife. (as me...)

now, you just have to skip that little inccident, don't think about it, try to forget it, and continue your journey 21,22,23.....90!

we all know the power of urge, just a little effort and you will see that behind you.

you will see that you need it less and less and less.

i promise gever. it do works!

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