

Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by Chooseurname - 11 Oct 2023 20:09

Hello,

I was not going to try for 90 days now. Over yamim noraim I was mekabel just an hour a day to be careful - a machsom l'aynayim. I thought that was where I was holding and it was something I could build real growth on. However, when I heard over yom tov what happened in E"Y I decided I could do more klal yisroel. So here I go for 90 days whatever it takes.

I'm going to try hard to check in daily as I think it'll be really helpful.

It's a good time to start because with all the yom tov I kinda shook loose of some unhelpful habits. On the other hand, I'm glued to my computer following the news so not so great. I wish I could backdate this streak to before Rosh Hashana but alas it was interrupted...

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by chooseurname - 02 Apr 2024 19:20

[chancy wrote on 02 Apr 2024 17:30:](#)

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by chooseurname - 03 Apr 2024 14:21

Anyone know anything about "Addictive Voice Recognition Technique" and wants to summarize it for me?

Is it anything more than what F2F calls finding the fox?

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by chooseurname - 03 Apr 2024 14:26

New signature (inspired by @Chancy's excellent post). I put it in only so that every time I post it'll give me a chance to review this yesod.

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One thing that has helped me fight in the moment was the GYE Shovavim text from Feb 15. It says: "Many people think that urges get stronger and stronger until you give in, but in reality, urges come in waves that grow and peak, before gradually subsiding. **Urges almost never last more than 30 minutes, and usually much less than that.**"

It continued on, but for me that line was extremely powerful. I never knew that the average urge is going to last 30 minutes max!! Suddenly, the battleground has shifted. I felt so much more in control because this doesn't have to end in either failure or terrible agony for who knows how long. Now all I have to do is fight for a few minutes and then I'll be safe.

This outlook greatly lessened my struggle and has helped me feel the freedom of having an urge and actually being able to fight it instead of just giving in right away or saying to myself I'll just give in later.

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Thank you Choosy (I need to think of a good nickname)

That's something I've struggled greatly with for a long time as well.

What i did is first, i blocked everything that's not kosher, even news and similar things, then i got a web chaver that sees everything i search. So the days of just searching for innocent! little things that i knew will trigger me a little and the YH was telling me are ok for now, are over. I cant do that anymore.

Then, i also did something insane, even if i would fall CV and look at some really bad stuff which used to just completely overwhelm my brain and the fight would be over before i know it, now i

would just watch and then say "ok, you already fell %50 of the way, you don't need to actually masturbate anymore, let this be rock bottom" And " this is not so exciting, i've done this many times and while its great, nothing to lose my sh*t over!

In 2 minutes of doing that, my desire would decrease drastically,

Funny thing is that for weeks afterwards i wouldn't feel that pull to watch porn, because once you are able to clearly and logically burst that bubble of losing control and you see that nothing will actually happen even if you watch porn.

So Urge Surfing is great and eye opening because the lie that you are losing control bursts very fast.

The next best thing is diffusion- where you will realize how small that part of you that wants to watch porn and masturbate really is.

We are much larger then that, we have so many better things to do.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by chooseurname - 05 Apr 2024 14:32

Checking in. Feeling pretty good today.

I feel like recently I've been going through this cycle. I fall, work through follow up urges for a couple days using tools I've learnt here (primarily urge surfing and distraction). Then I go through a couple easy days of cruising fine and things are good. But around day 7-10 I start getting urges again and at my difficult points I fall again.

The urges predictably pop up when I'm bored/overwhelmed/antsy at work with my unfiltered computer. The problem is I can survive work through and overcome urges for a couple days, but they keep on coming like waves at the seashore. I think the issue is partially that there are different types of urges. The first couple days post-fall are a desire for porn. I can work through that. The later desires are a desire to escape and seem to be much tougher and more persistent.

I've put on browser add ons to block as much as I can, but I cannot install a filter on my work computer. Although I'm aware that would be extremely helpful, I work with confidential documents at a non-jewish company. They would not go for a filter. And I'm too scared to ask. [Logically, I work on those same documents on my personal, filtered, computer. There should be no difference. But if I pointed that out, they would be likely to require me to use a work laptop at home which would be deadly. When I write this out I see it's very possible I'm wrongly justifying myself here. But I can't ask either way. My boss is not a reasonable person. (This is more justification)].

I think it's progress that I'm recognizing what's going on. And if you'd told me a year ago that I'd consistently be going a week clean I'd be delighted. But I know I can do better.

So what's the plan? What am I going to next Monday or Tuesday when I'm sitting bored, antsy, tired etc. in front of my work computer and I don't remember my motivation and my fingers want to ease me, ever so gently, into hell just to escape work?

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 05 Apr 2024 16:48

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Posted by chaimoigen - 05 Apr 2024 18:37

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How about a **relationship**? Breaking out of the "alternate-universe" of a secret life, and meeting someone who cares and knows who you are. And maybe he helps you see that you can be more than you thought...

See above...

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Posted by youknowwho - 05 Apr 2024 19:14

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by redfaced - 05 Apr 2024 21:06

Stick to the others mentioned above
[youknowwho wrote on 05 Apr 2024 19:14:](#)

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Posted by youknowwho - 05 Apr 2024 21:41

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Guilty as charged.

There's also a beautiful new mug addition to my pantry, it's got the words "The Wisdom" emblazoned on it...

Useful.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 07 Apr 2024 04:56

[chooseurname wrote on 05 Apr 2024 17:21:](#)

[Hashem Help Me wrote on 05 Apr 2024 16:48:](#)

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Well that is not an accountability partner buddy. start it again, but text in all matzavim... And as mentioned it's wise to meet.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by chooseurname - 08 Apr 2024 13:56

Almost managed to ask my Rov to be my "accountability partner". He knows a mashehu about me struggling with this, but only the tiniest tip of the iceberg. I just couldn't bring myself to open up though.

It's not that I thought he'd judge me negatively or think worse of me, and he's very warm and understanding. So Friday night I was thinking to just tell him and ask him to act as my accountability partner to keep me on track. It'd be an embarrassing conversation but it would have a lot of toeles. And a little busha would be a nice kappara. But in the cold, clear light of Shabbos day I realized I just can't bring myself to do that. And admitting to him when I have a fall? I can't.

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