

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 frank.lee - 08 Apr 2024 18:18

It seems it would be so embarrassing, so ask him and hopefully that will help you not fall!!!

And worse comes to worse if you chas veshalom fall, he'll be there for your support.... But imagine that you won't fall again and jump in!

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by chooseurname - 09 Apr 2024 00:22

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Posted by redfaced - 09 Apr 2024 00:43

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by chaimoigen - 09 Apr 2024 03:17

Seriously impressive.

impressively serious.

An act of Gevura, with verve.

(insert Gevura's avatar here)

KOMT!!!!

You are **alive and kicking**.

Admiringly,

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Posted by chooseurname - 09 Apr 2024 13:10

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Lol good advice. Next time.

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Way to go, @chooseurname.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by chooseurname - 09 Apr 2024 19:04

Slow day. Felt very antsy. Some urges a couple times but nothing major.

No response from my boss on the filter, but he's coming in to the office today or tomorrow and will probably respond by then. ly"h it'll go well.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by iyh2023 - 09 Apr 2024 19:45

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by cande - 09 Apr 2024 20:22

I will respond to your email asap, didnt get a chance to look @ it.

p.s. i wont be in the office till after ???.

best regards,

a GYE friend.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by Heeling - 09 Apr 2024 20:53

Wow! Stunning!

I'm blown away!

Impressive.

May you be blessed just for taking the step for sending the email and hopefully his response will be a positive one.

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[iyh2023 wrote on 09 Apr 2024 19:45:](#)

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I too lacked motivation, courage, common sense, anti-bear spray, and everything else required to send the email. And there are a million justifications. I don't know if I should share this because people might take this way too far, but I heard from a very reliable source that one of the gedolei hador told him that a filter is not required at work because a person is scared of his boss. (Obviously, I personally have demonstrated this is not a blanket rule, and certainly it does not apply to someone who has a problem in this area). But, Imaiseh there are a million excuses not to filter up.

What forced my hand was two realizations. First, even if this is not completely necessary to be clean (which I'm not sure about) having a filter on my work computer will make my life a thousand percent easier and lessen the single biggest area of struggle in my life. Second, all I'm scared off is dimyon. I sat and thought it through and there is a 0% chance I'll get fired for asking for a filter (there is a 25% chance I get fired if my boss realizes how much time I've spent watching porn at work). It's a little embarrassing to ask since he has no hasaga of why someone would want to filter for their internet, but so what. That's what email was invented for - so you don't have to ask awkward questions in person.

In short, #justdoit.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by chooseurname - 10 Apr 2024 14:36

Rabbosai, I want to share a lichtige story of hasgache pratis.

If you've wondered, "why do I see all these stories of hasgacha pratis for people who immediately see schar from working hard in kedusha but it never happens to me," then this story is for you.

You won't read this one in living emuna #27. It's fresh off the presses.

Minor details have been changed to obfuscate, but it's absolutely true.

As some of you may be aware, I recently asked asked for permission to install a filter on my office computer. It was very difficult for me to ask, but it was needed for kedusha so I did it. (Translation, my porn usage at work got so extreme I had no choice but to bite the bullet and ask after delaying for 2 months).

Rabbosai, as I sent this modern day korban olah of an email, I knew it was a time when all the shaarei tefillah open. So I took advantage and davened (once I finished shaking). I davened for alot of important things, but most relevant to our story, I davened to win the 1.3 billion dollar lottery.

Now, while I did that I had second thoughts. How can I daven to win the 1.3 billion dollar lottery when a) the drawing already happened, b) someone else won, c) Hashem probably does not want me to have 1.3 billion because of the copious amounts of crack cocaine I would purchase with it? Isn't this a tefillas shav? But these thoughts came too late. I had already finished saying the tefillah. I justified the tefillas shav by saying maybe I'll win the next 1.3 billion lottery.

But Rabboisai, **Hayad Hashem Tiktzor??!!**

As I was walking into a restaurant for lunch yesterday I saw a lottery ticket on the floor. I don't usually see lottery tickets on the floor. And if I do see one, I don't look at lottery tickets on the floor. I certainly don't pick them up. This is because I have studied the two rules of economics: 1) There's no such thing as a free lunch. 2) People don't drop winning lottery tickets.

So I ignored it.

Bur Rabboisai! When I walked out of lunch the ticket was still there! And I happened to glance at it and saw that it was dated to the day of the 1.3 billion jackpot. Rabboisai nothing is beyond Hashem!

So I picked up the ticket! And I ran back to the office to check the winning numbers! And!

Warning: Spoiler!

But. I did think it was a nice reminder that I could have won, even after the drawing and without buying a ticket; and that Hashem heard my tefillah.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by chancy - 10 Apr 2024 19:56

@Chooseusernames.

I Love you!

Stay strong.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by chaimoigen - 10 Apr 2024 21:37

Rockstar ShebiRockstar!!

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