

Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by Chooseurname - 11 Oct 2023 20:09

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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 chaimoigen - 03 May 2024 18:55

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Did you finish the whole bag of popcorn?

I actually would not recommend starting up the Shmiras Enayim conversation about the laptop. It's ok if you have a regularly used computer - to talk about the need for a filter. Because regular use has Shmiras Enayim pitfalls without a filter. But to talk about how you dont want the passcode to a computer that only she uses- that would probably trigger warning bells. (Especially based on the history you mentioned).

I'd rather go for the Chol Hamoed/ Vayimaen conversation first ...

As for the laptop, I definitely like your idea to break it.

There are cheap whitelist options with most of the filtering companies (Nativ, Gentech, Techloq

etc) but i don't know of a free one. I will PM you a number to call.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip  
Posted by frank.lee - 04 May 2024 21:46

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I think there is a way to block everything except one site using the hosts file, google it..

Techloq can give their block all plan for free..

Hatzlacha on the conversations with your wife.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip  
Posted by chooseurname - 05 May 2024 20:41

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Well. Didn't get around to having any conversations. Had a small fall Friday and was not in the frame of mind for any discussions.

Not really sure what my thought process was. I just wanted it and went for it. I think I got overconfident with my new work filter and let my guard down.

Moving forward:

- 1) recommitting to reading TBOTG daily
- 2) updating my work filter with the blocked sites on my home filter (anyone know if I can export a list of sites from techloq and bulk block on a different account?)
- 3) practicing urge surfing once a day for two minutes

I also think I'm going to back off from the "90 day" count. It was stressing me out. **I. Am. Clean.**

It doesn't matter how many days in a row I specifically have lined up. I was counting it like sefira and I think it was creating some unnecessary pressure.

So today is day one. Tomorrow will also be day one. That's as far ahead as I want to think.

[That being said, whatever day I am on is +32 clean from masturbation. I was going to say also +32 clean from 'hardcore pornography', but that is a meaningless distinction in every way.]

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip

Posted by chaimoigen - 05 May 2024 21:39

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Here's a hug.

The difference in intensity and severity of this fall versus previous falls is extremely significant, especially if it's not being used for justification or as a way to mitigate it. Because it's a significant way to see and **feel** that the changes you have been making are becoming internalized, and that you are actually changing. When you can see how you are different **even during a fall then you know you are actually changing. Not just white-knuckling.**

That doesn't mean the fall is ok. Or that it wasn't a fall because it wasn't hard-core. It mean that **YOU** are more than ok, because you are growing, changing, and reworking the way you react to triggers, and learning to have different patterns.

KOT.

Sefira means there's a Mitzva to count **each** day , according to the overwhelming majority of Rishonim. Those single days add up into weeks, into a total. There may also be a secondary Mitzva of the entire count, but even that comes from the days adding up.

So will you. Because I believe in you and so should you.

Warmly,

Chaimoigen

(P.S. At the risk of mentioning something triggering to some , Rav Yisroel Salanter writes that doing Teshuva even in only **an aspect** of the Aveira to ensure merely that it won't be as severe, that it won't be ?????? ?????? is itself a level of Teshuva that can constitute a level of ?????? ?????? . For some reason I think that this reference might help here, otherwise I wouldn't have written it. Feel free to disregard.)

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip  
Posted by frank.lee - 05 May 2024 22:53

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip  
Posted by chooseurname - 06 May 2024 23:15

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[frank.lee wrote on 05 May 2024 22:53:](#)

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They said they could not. Could be I got one of the less knowledgeable people.

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Posted by chooseurname - 06 May 2024 23:17

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Checking in. A rare check in after the end of a work day. My wife's at a simcha. But I told my kids they can stay up till she comes back. Keeps them happy and keeps me honest.

Today went well mostly. Still need to update my blocked sites. Techloq wasn't able to do it the easy way, alas. Spent too long reading some trashy online novel. But better a wasted day than a fall. Though not much better.

So it goes.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip  
Posted by frank.lee - 07 May 2024 05:00

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Posted by chooseurname - 07 May 2024 13:22

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Posted by notezy - 07 May 2024 19:40

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I feel like this belongs on the grump board...

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I feel you on the "Self fulfilling prophecy" thing I have Been there too.

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