

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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Posted by chaimoigen - 19 Dec 2024 21:35

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You may need to prove. Goona need to see Cane-Man-Avatar-Thing limping a bit more than usual

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Checking in on this short clean Friday.

Blew through the no novel thingy instantly resulting in some filter poking. It's interesting. Sometimes the more gedarim you set just results in more of "oh I broke the geder, may as well go for the rest of the fall." I'm not removing my filter, but I suspect I'd avoid a certain amount of falls if "filter poking" wasn't available.

Regardless, I'm not doing the novel thingy for porn. I'm doing it for life. Gotta take some time and internalize giving them up. Should be able to do that over shabbos iy"h.

Hoping for clean and peaceful shabbos.

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Re: Chooseurnames 90 day trip
Posted by Muttel - 22 Dec 2024 10:20

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What he said.

Only thing that was unusual was I was with my wife just for a release and it left me feeling verrry empty. I was pretty happy about it though. I saw I really had made some significant changes in this area since what I did was totally not unusual a year ago and it never bothered me then. Guess the GYE brainwashing is sinking in. Hopefully for good things.

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Is Igor involved?

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