How to celebrate milestones Posted by siyatta - 06 Aug 2024 16:14

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Re: How to celebrate milestones Posted by chosemyshem - 06 Aug 2024 16:36

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I like to celebrate by dancing! When I am at a wedding etc I have in mind my celebrations. Obviously that won't work this week. My other go to is ice cream.

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Re: How to celebrate milestones Posted by BenHashemBH - 06 Aug 2024 17:16

That's awesome!

To each their own, but I'm not good at celebrating myself with materialistic things. For me it is more meaningful to take a proper look at myself, maintaining a healthy pride in my accomplishments - both daily and over time.

Self-affirmations for the daily wins. For the bigger milestones, more of a cheshbon hanefesh, taking a look at my life and really, really appreciating the work I've put in and where I now stand. It's validating and makes me want to keep going. Not too fast, but recognizing when I'm ready to raise the bar and never stop becoming more me.

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I absolutely second this! I like mine double-oaked...

On a serious note, as everyone else is saying, you need to find something that speaks to you.

Personally, I like to have a l'chaim from a nicer bottle or get myself a nice set of seforim. (I've done both already.)

I also like vehkam's idea, I hope to implement it at the right time.

Either way,

KOMT!

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Re: How to celebrate milestones Posted by chosemyshem - 07 Aug 2024 19:45

Mazel tov on 90!!!!!

So how'd you decide to celebrate?

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Re: How to celebrate milestones Posted by siyatta - 07 Aug 2024 20:28

Nothing yet. I told my wife that I was told to by a bottle of whiskey to celebrate keeping up with

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Re: How to celebrate milestones Posted by 1111 - 09 Aug 2024 06:53

I think this is such a valuable question, and once it's internalized that you actually achieved such a lofty level, there's no real reward that would be great enough. I do think enjoying alone might work best as this is one of the rare things in life that you can say you achieved without your close circle knowing about it. It's important that no matter what you do to celebrate, you come back with a smile and ready for the next milestone.

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the Daf Yomi for over a month. We know what it's really for...