

Bruce's Battle

Posted by BruceWayne - 17 Jun 2009 14:30

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OK guys, it took me a little while but I'm finally up on this part of the forum. Most of you probably know who I am by now, so I won't repeat my story. You can find that and a bunch of other stuff at my original thread here: [rehab-my-site.com/guardureyes/forum/index.php?topic=503.0](http://rehab-my-site.com/guardureyes/forum/index.php?topic=503.0)

I will be posting my progress towards 90 clean days almost every day here. Updates will be right before I go to sleep, once the day's victory is secure, or the next morning.

This thread is really for myself. I don't care if no one reads it. It's here to keep me accountable and to help me get there.

So far I have been clean for 4 days. Today will hopefully be number 5.

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Me3 - 10 Sep 2009 13:37

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All this non stop partying has to stop,

I hate being the adult here,

But I'm going to need a new wardrobe soon,

plus there are a few GUE'ers approaching 90, and we need to save our strength for their parties!

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by BruceWayne - 10 Sep 2009 17:58

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OK I HAVE TIED MY OLD RECORD OF 21 DAYS!!!!

TODAY IS 22, BUT I HAVE TO FINISH THE DAY FIRST.....

I had a thought: EVERY DAY AFTER TODAY IS A NEW RECORD!

I'll be like Usain Bolt, breaking records all the time at a dizzying pace.

Really, have you ever seen him? There's no way he's human. It's ridiculous.

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Me3 - 10 Sep 2009 18:10

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Bolt Shmolt, world record, big deal!

Reb Brucey, new (personal) world record, thats a BIG DEAL1

Ayzehu Gibor Hakoveish es Yitzro!

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Dov - 10 Sep 2009 23:11

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Bolt, Schmolt.

What about not counting?

Have you turned into "the Count" from Sesame street (a great guy but obviously had major mental problems)?!

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by BruceWayne - 11 Sep 2009 00:27

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Nope. I was going to go back to NOT counting once I made it through today.

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Dov - 11 Sep 2009 00:34

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So tomorrow will be your first day of "freedom from counting"!! Haha! (it's getting late, sorry...)

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by BruceWayne - 11 Sep 2009 02:11

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For you, yes. But not for me because then I'd be counting.

So tomorrow is day \_\_\_\_\_.

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Sturggle - 11 Sep 2009 13:09

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Sounds great Bruce.

Keep accomplishing...

Today,

What a great day...

Gut Shabbos!!

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Rage AT Machine - 11 Sep 2009 14:09

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congrats on your new record...youre inspiring me

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by BruceWayne - 11 Sep 2009 17:45

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Kedusha - 11 Sep 2009 18:22

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[BruceWayne wrote on 11 Sep 2009 17:45:](#)

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Bruce,

It should get easier, b'Ezras Hashem. Have a good Shabbos!

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by TrYiNg - 11 Sep 2009 22:47

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GBG!

As you said, You are smashing a new record every moment! Good Shabbos!

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by BruceWayne - 13 Sep 2009 01:47

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GBG needs to wait....

I FELL TODAY. Shabbos is normally my freebie. I was hoping so badly that I'd at least get through YK, which would have put me almost halfway to 90.

It happened so fast--it was a blitzkrieg. Today, on the verge of saying slichot for a week, on the homestretch to RH. How can that happen? It's so similar to when I fell on erev Tisha B'av (I think it was then).

I don't get it. I really don't. What a pattern.

But I knew as soon as I got up that it was going to be a rough day. So I didn't go to shul this morning. Too many girls there. So I kept my guard up all day, but it obviously wasn't enough. All it takes is one second.....

For those of you who are in to counting, it was 24 days (the automated counter thingy is a smidge off). Only three more than last time. But those three days were so hard. I literally couldn't read more than just a few lines at a time in my textbook before my mind went elsewhere. I would sit there, fidgeting, biting my lip, trying to focus. Walk around, come back, nothing changed. It was like navigating through a smokescreen for three days. Couldn't see, couldn't think, couldn't pay attention to anything, couldn't focus. I had to ask people to repeat what they just said. I felt like my brain was going to explode. I wanted to smash my head into a brick wall.

Tomorrow is Day One. I don't know how many more Day Ones I'm going to need before I finally get there. When I first started I thought I could do it in one shot. Then I guessed three. Now there is no number. I don't even know which one this is (four?). However many it takes, as long as I keep moving forward. I just don't want to crawl along at three added days each time. I know it's progress, but.....so slow. So much harder than I ever thought. So much harder than anything I've ever done. And I'm no stranger to hard work. In fact, people sometimes tell me that I work too hard.

Should I set some kind of deadline? Like I have one year to hit 90? Maybe I should create some kind of reward system with little rewards every week or every other week, bigger ones for each month, and one mega huge one at the end of 90?

This is going to be one interesting YK. I remember one year in high school when I wanted to make the basketball team so that I wouldn't have time for acting out. I made the team. It worked pretty well, relatively speaking.

Similarly, I'll have less time as the semester progresses and I get swamped with work. But that's really just covering up the problem. I don't want to avoid it by burying myself in work. Like a dog, I don't want to avoid the pit in the yard by being chained down to something. I want there to be an impenetrable fence built up around it so I can be free to explore the rest of the "yard" of life.

OK, now I'm rambling. But I'm still really upset about it. Now I have to start all over again again again again again again again.

What to do? I need bigger/better guns and more ammo, but in what form? Not counting is a good weapon for me, but I need more.

I just don't know what "more" is.

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Re: Bruce's Battle

Posted by Kedusha - 13 Sep 2009 03:53

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Dear Bruce,

I'm running out to Selichos, but I'm sorry about your difficult Shabbos. Rav Shimshon Pincus, ZT"L, tells a moving story about a soldier during the YK war who was taken to the emergency room to have a bullet removed from his leg. After the painful procedure, the soldier was told that he can go home. His response: Home? Home?! There's a war going on! I may have fallen in this battle, but my comrades need me! And the soldier returned to the front lines.

The Nimshal is obvious. Bruce, you have the right attitude, just like that heroic soldier.

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