

Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 28 Feb 2021 22:41

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Restarting from square one

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Re: Square one

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 16 Aug 2021 20:41

[Looking_to_improve wrote on 16 Aug 2021 15:56:](#)

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Posted by OivedElokim - 16 Aug 2021 22:14

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Five stars for this post!

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Re: Square one
Posted by Looking_to_improve - 16 Aug 2021 22:21

Thanks for all the responses, I'll try respond tomorrow when it's not so late bn

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Re: Square one
Posted by Yaakov5782 - 17 Aug 2021 00:10

I think a page out of Chassidus is very helpful here. Even if you “fall” as you put it, do not waste anytime beating yourself down. Recognize it and move on. Spend the day thinking positive thoughts.

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Re: Square one
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 18 Aug 2021 19:06

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Re: Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 18 Aug 2021 20:44

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U good?

Yeah, just a response won't be so quick to write up...

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Re: Square one

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 18 Aug 2021 21:34

I'm gonna try respond to wngu and yeshiva guys posts now, I'll see if I can reply to both now, but not sure I'll have enough time

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Re: Square one
Posted by Looking_to_improve - 18 Aug 2021 22:57

@Yeshivaguy thank you for your response, I appreciate the time it takes to write a long post, so thank you for taking time out your day for it.

I'll try intersperse your post with my comments, hopefully it won't mess up the formatting too much...

[In the end i realised that I misunderstood your point, and didn't differ as much as I thought at first, I deleted my original response]

I think what I meant to say was that I identify myself and success in the area of shmiras einam and bris, by my streak. (And in the other areas of my avodas Hashem by my success in those areas, and together the total combination is how I define myself. Not that my streaks define everything about me)

" I want to try have something to show for it this RH and YK" - when I said this, I meant specifically in this area I want to have something to show for it, not that the other areas of my avodas Hashem don't count for anything. I think my follow up post was also in a similar vein, but I didn't make that so clear. In the same way that I have something to show for working on other areas of my avodas Hashem on RH and YK, I would like to be able to do the same in this area.

From a friend who struggles to sign off long messages with a good greeting

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Re: Square one
Posted by wilnevergiveup - 19 Aug 2021 06:24

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I think you are right, it's very hard to figure these things out by yourself....

That's why you shouldn't.

I feel you 100%, I can never know if what I am doing is enough or too much or whatever and I am never sure of myself. I went through most of my life so far second guessing myself and feeling guilty for either not doing enough or doing too much and burning out.

I learned to ask for help, that was the only way. I can ask a Rebbi what he thinks, I can ask a Rav what he thinks, I can ask a close friend if he thinks what I am doing is okay. I even started talking thigs over with my father and some of my siblings, turns out, they are the people who I can talk to about even the most private things. They care the most (You do have to beware of people who will use you for their own ego, but if that happens, just don't open up to them again). My therapist is also great.

It wasn't easy, and the people who worked for me may not work for you, but if you could find someone who can tell you if you are doing enough, it will be much easier.

Do you have a therapist? Do you speak to anyone about private things (other than GYE stuff)? If you are uncomfortable you can call someone like HHM, or even the GYE helpline (does it work?). I know that @MenachemGYE is also amazing although I am not sure how to get through to him (he is the helpline?).

Eventually, you can actually start figuring this out on your own too.

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Re: Square one
Posted by OivedElokim - 03 Sep 2021 03:32

How are you doing man?

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Re: Square one
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 12 Sep 2021 17:57

So? Hows it goin?

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Re: Square one
Posted by Looking_to_improve - 12 Sep 2021 22:47

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It really takes a lot of courage and strength to come back. Very impressive.

That is amazing that you were able to throw out that old phone.

I don't recall us going through step by step what the precise problems there are, meaning which devices are a prob and when?

Also, what are you doing daily? College? Do you have a learning seder?

Do you feel you're growing in other parts of Avodas HaShem?

"Genuine teshuva," not sure what you mean by that...

The only mahalach I can offer is the one I try to follow which is turning to HaShem with a "Lev Nishbar," admit that we have faults and make mistakes and beg HaShem to bring us close...

YeshivaGuy

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Keep in touch, and maybe speaking to a certain GYE chaver sometime may help