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Posted by Tired of falling - 04 Jul 2021 22:36

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Re: My seemingly endless and dark journey
Posted by HappyYid - 05 Jul 2021 01:45

Hey there!

Welcome to the family!

So nice to have another member.

I don't have much to say right now, just wanted to say hi.

Good luck!

Keep us posted.

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Posted by Zedj - 05 Jul 2021 09:13

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Posted by DavidT - 05 Jul 2021 14:27

We're happy to have another great member with us!

This is a very important point from the Steipler Gaon:

Even if you fall often, don't underestimate the tremendous *zechus* of each success. If one succeeds in overcoming his burning desire, the amount of holiness that he brings upon himself and the spiritual words is tremendous, like Yosef Hatzadik. It also repairs much of the spiritual damage caused by previous falls. Over time, he'll be able to undo all the spiritual damage he has caused.

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Thanks captain

I'm planning on making time daily to listen to them. I realized that part of my triggers are my negative middot. I think if I work and eventually eliminate them, my journey should get easier.

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Posted by Tired of falling - 05 Jul 2021 22:52

Hi guys

1 Day of 90

yesterday after the fall I had a very hard time understanding Gemara, it was horrible. But it was good today BH.

what I accomplished today:

- 1) did my daily learning
- 2) listening to 'the fight' podcast by the shmuz.
- 3) and registered for the second course of 'flight to freedom' program.

goal: continue #s 1 and 2 plus always reading or listening to some kind of chizuk on this subject early in the morning, any free time I have on hand, and before bed.

I appreciate all of you guys.

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Re: My seemingly endless and dark journey
Posted by Captain - 06 Jul 2021 14:05

If you like reading, you can check out The Battle of the Generation (link below)

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Re: My seemingly endless and dark journey
Posted by Tired of falling - 06 Jul 2021 16:20

Hi guys I would like to share something I found to be of chizuk in my learning this morning.

?1) the Kli Yakar notes that in shoftim perek 6, when an angel came to Gideon to tell him to save Am Yisrael from the midianites, he didn't believe in himself (how could he being the youngest of a minor family could rally the whole nation against such a powerful enemy?) and that's what he notes: *these doubts had to be removed before Gideon could succeed, because the more an agent believes believes in himself and the one who sent him, the more he will identify with the mission and gain the strength to accomplish it.* (copied from the artscroll shoftim- rubin ed)

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Re: My seemingly endless and dark journey
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Day 2

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Re: My seemingly endless and dark journey
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chazak chazak! im 51, when i was 17 yrs old thoughts like that entered my mind as well, but read a book called dybuk which freaked me out to what happens to someone in gehinom who commits suicide,Bh im married , bunch of kids BH , had a 10 year clean streak from learning musar and saying tehillim and torah and of course guarding my eyes, wishing you loads of hatzlacha! cheer up, youll make it !!

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