

the void

Posted by nitzotzeloki - 07 Apr 2013 18:34

unfortunately im dealing with some very severe depression which started recently (it usually happens this time of year) i feel like a complete piece of **** and davening and learning is really difficult for me. i want to connect to Hashem but the only g-d i know when im in this state is the g-d of fantasy and temporary pleasure. ive been white knuckling it so far but as dov says 'how long can you hold youre breathe?' i feel totally self involved, stuck in my own head which is the worst place for me to be. ive been reaching out to get some off internet help and im holding on the best i can. i feel this empty space inside and i dont know whats even supposed to go there. im not good at saying what i actually feel, always thinking that i 'have' to be okay. well right now im not okay.

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Re: the void

Posted by Avrom - 10 Jul 2013 13:51

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Posted by snapping - 13 Jul 2013 05:12

I understand you a lot and am sorry you are feeling this pain. something i have learned is "feelings are real". accept any feeling you have and try to be ok with it and keep telling yourself it will pass. "there are 2 things we get from recovery. one is good and one is bad. the good thing we get is our feelings back the bad thing we get is our feelings back". the longer we stay clean the harder it is to run away from our feelings. But the longer we stay clean the more tools we pick up for dealing with them. for me, it is ok to tell hashem "today i am not feeling it, i am sorry i cant give my all, i know you love me and i love you, please understand that i am in a hard place". when i speak honestly with him i am speaking honestly with myself and peace comes faster then fighting it.

.....wait a sec, is it a "he??"

I also try waking up before you would reg wake and starting the day with peace and even writing down a few things that make you happy. they don't have to be great things, it could be "this tree in front of me, the apple i am eating..." by looking at some good things in front of me has helped me remove some sadness for some time.

i hope it gets better, it is very hard to be at peace.

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Re: the void
Posted by Avrom - 14 Jul 2013 02:22

Its amazing, the more we detach ourselves from porn we become real. Suddenly we come to realise that there REAL feelings and emotions exist beneath all the dirt. A true pleasure.

On the same note I read, that to overcome oneself, the first step is to accept the truth. For
I'm not getting mad.. " This
is a distortion of the truth!

The correct response should be "I'm mad, Please help me Hashem to over come this feeling"
Only by accepting the truth, there is hope for improvement.

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Re: the void
Posted by moish u.k. - 15 Jul 2013 19:04

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example: If I get angry - its common to say "I'm not gonna get mad

Before coming into recovery there were only three emotions that i felt: guilt, lust and numb.

And this was a cycle that kept repeating itself.

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Re: the void

Posted by nitzotzeloki - 28 Jul 2013 01:03

what? i have my OWN forum? how come no one told me?

on a more serious note, been some roller-coastering lately. i moved to yerushalayim and for the first time in YEARS am not in a yeshiva. my rabbis and i feel that this (i.e. having to take responsibility for myself, paying rent etc.) is the best thing for me at this time in my life. i have some growing up to do and yeshiva was an escape for me. unfortunately there have been some slips and falls involved in the transition process (cut me some slack, there are EMOTIONS involved) the most recent one was this past tuesday. the Abishter gave me a huge bracha and i didnt go into my depressed-feeling sorry for myself-there is nothing good in my life-im a horrible piece of ~~bad word removed~~ place (okay maybe a little) there is so much bracha in my life. i mean, im living in yerushalayim!!! i have O.I.N.K.! there are people on this forum with the courage to be honest (ahem skeptical, lizhensk, ahem) which helps me chip at this insane diseased NEED that i have to not admit to making a mistake.

step by step, together let's..... ROCK THIS THING CALLED LIFE!

love you all

avi/grandpa

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Re: the void

Posted by nitzotzeloki - 29 Jul 2013 13:53

was lying in bed last night and couldnt fall asleep. tossing and turning. i started feeling like i HAVE to fall. its going to happen. then i started thinking about being powerless. as Dov points out its not about fighting. its about NOT fighting. so i told the Abishter that im giving the fight to Him. im gonna do my best but its His game. and i fell asleep without falling

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Re: the void

Posted by Pidaini - 29 Jul 2013 14:30

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Re: the void
Posted by cordnoy - 29 Jul 2013 17:12

that's great work

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using the master's tools!

And being successful

onward!

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Re: the void
Posted by syataDshmaya - 29 Jul 2013 21:18

You go Avi! Inspiring!

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Re: the void
Posted by inastruggle - 30 Jul 2013 00:32

NICE!

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Re: the void
Posted by nitzotzeloki - 02 Aug 2013 01:05

was at a meeting today where a guy celebrated 25 years(!) of sobriety. some of the points he mentioned:

1. action. as a people who learn gemmarah we tend to spend a lot of time darshening stuff. he said that darshening the big book never got him very far.

2. honesty

3. gratitude. he repeatedly stressed the importance of this. he gave Hashem the credit for everything good that happens and took the blame on himself for everything bad that happens. EVERYTHING. he said we are all off the hook and no longer need to beat ourselves up because its all his fault.

he said over a story that Rav Twerski told him about relapse.

Rav Twerski had to go to the post office and it was icy outside. at one point Rabbi Twerski slipped and fell. he got up and kept on going more carefully. his point was that he didnt go backwards and didnt lose the forward progress he had made

on a more personal note, its been challenging for me to be in the moment. my thoughts and emotions fly all over the place. especially in the past few years i isolated quite a lot. now that im back in yerushalayim i need to get out more. having the OINKers is amazing. i also started going to some 12 step meetings again for some non-lust problems that i have. its a rough road and some days are harder than others. but im breathing right now so that means that Hashem, my loving caring Tatte, feels that seder hishtalshelus cannot exist right now without me in it.

an amazing share that i heard recently

"i have to ask myself, is the G-d that i believe in one that i feel has my best interests in mind? cause if i dont think so, how can i expect myself to have a relationship with Him?"

The Abishter runs the world

The Abishter loves me

something Dov pointed out. "throughout the day there are thousands of ways that Hashem expresses His care and concern for us. Everything that happens is from Him"

Thank you chevra for being here, for allowing me the opportunity to start to come out of my shell and to start to get to know myself.

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Re: the void
Posted by nitzotzeloki - 02 Aug 2013 01:12

what?!? youve never heard of turtle monkeys?!?!?

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shell??? Are you really a turtle just disguised as a monkey