

Tryin'

Posted by cordnoy - 23 Jun 2013 09:41

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Shalom

I am in my 40s married with children

Recently, I decided to get help on a serious level with my addiction .

My mind wanders and the tayva builds.

It would be easy to blame this on the lack of excitement in marriage intimacy, but I had done this at times before marriage, and at times, when marriage bedroom was good, I'd still fall. Perhaps it still is the reason, but marriage stuff is probably not gettin' better anytime soon.

I have more to write, but as this is my first post, id like to hear some suggestions first please.

Thank you so much

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Re: Tryin'

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 30 Mar 2017 17:08

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I like to think of it as "opportunities for growth". The word "Nisayon" comes from the same Shoresh as the word "Nes" which literally means a flag. Just like the purpose of a miracle (Nes) is to demonstrate to the world Hashem's power, so too a Nisayon is meant to show us what we can aspire to.

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Re: Tryin'

Posted by LifneiHashem - 31 Mar 2017 10:16

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Re: Tryin'

Posted by stillgoing - 02 Apr 2017 12:55

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Re: Tryin'

Posted by stillgoing - 02 Apr 2017 13:03

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Rabbi Avigdor Miller used to say that Hashem has us on a rotisserie like a chicken he wants us beautifully golden brown on all sides.

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Re: Tryin'

Posted by LifneiHashem - 02 Apr 2017 13:51

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Thanks for the explanation. I thought you were using the Opportunity to Test your spell check.

Either that, or looking for some variety in your pesach menus.

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Re: Tryin'

Posted by cordnoy - 02 Apr 2017 14:40

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Life is all about opportunities for growth.

When one looks at every trivial thin' that happens in his life as a "test" - "nisayon," that is ego-driven. "Oh, look at what God is throwin' at me now. He obviously likes My progress and He is sendin' Me specifically a curve ball to see how it will react on My new level."

"My wife looked at Me funny."

"My friend hurt My feelin's."

"The neighbor poured sand on My tulips."

Yes, of course it's an opportunity, but let's not allow it (the "test") to get to our heads.

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Posted by LifneiHashem - 03 Apr 2017 13:28

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Posted by cordnoy - 03 Apr 2017 14:11

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 03 Apr 2017 14:51

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i was doing poor job of making the point which Shlomo just stated so eloquently.

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Il long for the day where I can say truthfully that I see God's Hands in my life.

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 03 Apr 2017 19:47

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For me it's the realization that without my perfectly planned life I would not be in there place that I am. Only he could have done that.

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