

a new start

Posted by mggsbms - 24 Jun 2015 14:48

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After being here for many years and succeeding sometimes more then others, I have left GYE.  
im trying to start this thing again with renewed motivation hopefully with good results.

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Re: a new start

Posted by mggsbms - 26 Apr 2016 03:55

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Re: a new start

Posted by markz - 26 Apr 2016 12:08

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[mggsbms wrote on 26 Apr 2016 03:55:](#)

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Re: a new start

Posted by mggsbms - 27 Apr 2016 15:39

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Day 1

A few points. Nothing earth shattering.

It's as important for me to learn how to get up after a fall as it is to have continues sobriety, even though I naturally tend to harp on the latter. Falls will happen. It's getting up and continued focus on sobriety that matters.

That is by.

1. Valuing and appreciating every sober minute. It is literally priceless to have a clear mind.
2. Continued recognition of all the good things in life.
3. Including patting myself on the back when winning some struggles with the help of Hashem.
4. Trying to remember the tumult of a day lost to addiction. Snappy to my wife and kids. Not appreciating the many blessings of a sunny happy plain day.

5. Trying to remember the sweetness of extended sobriety.

Comments are welcome

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Re: a new start

Posted by cordnoy - 27 Apr 2016 15:48

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Re: a new start

Posted by inastruggle - 28 Apr 2016 04:05

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I agree, great post.

KOMT!

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Re: a new start

Posted by Shlomo24 - 28 Apr 2016 09:38

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Re: a new start

Posted by mggsbms - 28 Apr 2016 11:41

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Oh I did write comments are welcome..

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So do I

So much for asking for comments...

This thread is in the "break free" section of GYE. And is meant for strugglers to be able to post at will about the ups and downs of their addiction.

It is mighty painful to fall. And even harder to admit it. And yet even harder to write about it on a public forum to people who know you - some personally - and your struggles. The last thing I would need is somebody to tell me "Btw you smell from alcohol, go back to your hell hole".

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Re: a new start

Posted by cordnoy - 28 Apr 2016 13:01

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[cordnoy wrote on 27 Apr 2016 15:48:](#)

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And mgsmb's, keep on listening to your sponsor/friend, and keep thinking and writing those thoughts. I know you for almost three years and your thoughts from the past two or three weeks are on a higher level than most of the past years. It should be and it will be B'hatzlachah. Live Godly, today! And make sure to tell Him.

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 28 Apr 2016 13:12

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Posted by mggsbms - 28 Apr 2016 13:17

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Well said and well taken.

Thanks

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Re: a new start

Posted by inastruggle - 28 Apr 2016 14:45

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I don't know. On the one hand thinking about it can get you down if you start bashing yourself.

On the other hand, it's when you remember all the details of the fall. After a little while I don't even remember why and how I fell.

On the third hand those revelations didn't help me stay clean. They may help others though.

I got me three hands. Yeah.

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Re: a new start

Posted by realsimcha - 28 Apr 2016 15:03

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When I read Shlomo's post warning of too much thinking on the first day after a fall I really identified with that. I have been there too many times. I am sure Shlomo doesn't mean not to engage in sobriety with vibrancy and energy, just not to make too many cheshbonos. The day after a fall for me is a day where I can't even understand how I could have had that tayva. Therefore, all kabbalos on that day are moot. I need to get back into a normal mode in order to make proper kabbalos. Now, some people I am sure are affected differently. And it could be that thats what caused some negative reactions. But I am thankful to Shlomo for speaking out the words that I was feeling but having a hard time forming into coherent thoughts. I remember hours and hours of pontificating to myself on those day 1's. Painful hours. I learned from experience that the best thing to do is to put one foot in front of the next and to just get through the day sober. Thinking happens [for me] after that.

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While I thanked you for the "non-thinking" gist of the post, I disagree with the placement (meaning: it is true in general, but not in this case). Mgsbms wasn't doing the type of thinking that a sponsor will disapprove of (imho). He wasn't analyzing the fall and what brought it about and the low feelings etc. He was extolling sobriety and bemoaning the failures of living in fantasy. All in all, it was positive thinking, and it should be continued, especially the gratitude part. Additionally, how do you know he's not an addict?

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