

Praying after relapse

Posted by gye1962 - 07 Feb 2016 16:42

Hi

after relapse, i find it really hard to pray since i am so embaressed from Hashem.

Last time i relapsed, i missed minja beacuse i couldnt face H in the Amida.

i always talk with H on amida, but when i sin, i say to myself "how can i talk with H in amida now, if i relapsed only 30 minutes ago?? " its so embarassing.

what do you guys recomend for this?

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Re: Praying after relapse

Posted by markz - 07 Feb 2016 17:09

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Here is the nekudah of the letter,

For a Yid to go to the Mikvah before davening,

It is not a mitzvah,

But what Mikvah could bring to you,

Even the greatest Mitzvah cannot bring.

Same with Depression (Atzvus),

It is not a sin,

But the blocking of the heart,

That Depression can cause,

Even the greatest sins cannot cause.

Now there is a difference between Merirus (Bitterness) and Atzvus (Depression),

Merirus is a true broken heart,

Depression is something very different then that,

You fall there into a daze and a haze,

You cannot tolerate yourself,

You cannot tolerate others,

There is a heavy weight on your heart,

Cannot do anything.

Very sharp with yourself,

Even disgusted

Merirus is Proactive (versus Depression's Reactive)

Does not let you sleep,

Into that deep slumber of Despair,

Just the opposite

Merirus jolts you into action,

You didn't even start yet,

So seize the moment in Prayer,

Grab a minute for learning,

Rejoice in finding a friend,

And be happy to help him,

This is Merirus,

ProActive in that bitter state,

That ultimately leads to Simcha.

So after a Fall,

How do you know that you are experiencing

The Healthy Bitterness,

And not the Unhealthy Depression?

It's what happens right after the fall.

Do you fall into lethargy,

Or do you spring up and proactively fight and fight,

To become a better person.

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Posted by markz - 07 Feb 2016 17:11

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Re: Praying after relapse

Posted by Watson - 07 Feb 2016 19:30

I don't mean to sound repetitive but I can relate, I've been there.

I was stuck in a shame cycle for a long time. Sometimes I would be so ashamed that the only

thing that could make me feel better was acting out...

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Posted by heiligeryid - 08 Feb 2016 01:41

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