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Posted by bjo - 04 Sep 2020 22:39

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Posted by Meyer M. - 06 Sep 2020 00:50

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Your attitude is inspiring, keep it up!

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Re: Just fell

Posted by Captain - 06 Sep 2020 02:16

Why not check out these great free resources to help you take the next step?

My favorite book for breaking free: The Battle of the Generation <https://guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation>. Change your attitude and change your life!

Rabbi Shafier's incredible lectures on breaking free: The Fight. Download here: <https://theshmuz.com/series/the-fight/>

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Re: Just fell
Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 06 Sep 2020 19:42

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Re: Just fell
Posted by wilnevergiveup - 06 Sep 2020 20:06

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I'm no expert in the going on's in heaven but based purely on the challenge, 29 days with one day that you got right back up after a fall might be worth a lot more than a 30 day streak.

Now don't go and fall for this (sorry for the pun) but in hindsight, don't fret, if you get back up, you are standing in a place where *tzadikim gemurim* don't stand.

Now that's something to take before the heavenly court if you ask me.

All the best,

Wilnevergiveup

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Re: Just fell

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 06 Sep 2020 22:01

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Not streaks etc.

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Hatzlocha

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Re: Just fell

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 07 Sep 2020 05:20

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I must humbly disagree with you on this.

On Rosh Hashanah we bring before Hashem change, Nothing more nothing less. Hashem wants to see that we are taking the steps to change ourselves and if a good streak doesn't indicate change then please tell me what does.

Teshuvah means to change, lit. to return i.e. to return to the path that leads to *shleimus*, to becoming close to Hashem. Rabbeinu Yonah (???? ?????, ??? ?, ??? ??) writes that taking the steps to change our ways is the first and most important step of *teshuva*, for someone who is *naaseh lo k'heter*.

Change, change, change, that's what Hashem want's. Not for us to be perfect, just for us to change.

We can put filters, make *shvuos* and *kabalos*, promise to turn over the world but, ??? ????? ??? ??? ??, Hashem doesn't need any of that all he wants to see is that you are a different person then before.

Disclaimer, this is not to say that if you don't have a streak you have not changed, rather that if you do have a good streak then it does indicate change.

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Re: Just fell

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 07 Sep 2020 10:44

Agreed.

I was just saying that there's more to change besides "output."

Obviously your right that we need concrete change, but I'm saying that there's more to a person than technical output.

One who keeps trying harder and harder but keeps falling and hasn't gotten long streaks DID CHANGE. Internally.

All I'm saying is that it's not ALL measured by output.

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Re: Just fell

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 07 Sep 2020 10:50

Not sure I agree with what I said that "HaShem isn't impressed by streaks"

What I'm trying to say is that the ikur is You. How you internally changed.

But ur right that output does show internal change.

Im just saying that Output is a "Siman" to ones internal change.

Though ur right, it's a big sugya, my Rebbe here in Yeshiva gave a whole shmuze Friday night on these inyanim, it's prob not fair for me to just quote bits and pieces...

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Re: Just fell

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 07 Sep 2020 11:13

@YeshivaGuy, I think we are on the same page here.

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Re: Just fell

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 07 Sep 2020 12:32

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Re: Just fell

Posted by bjo - 07 Sep 2020 13:21

Thank you! Downloaded *The Battle of the Generation*. Will take a look at Rabbi Shafier's lectures.

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