

I'm Fed Up

Posted by UpAndDown - 14 Sep 2021 21:44

This Nisayon is to big.

Long story in short: The journey started 10 years ago. A year ago I reached my longest clean stretch of about 450 days. But then I fell. And then I got up. Then I fell again. Then I got up, had a clean stretch and fell again. (with all the emotions that a person goes through...)

Finally I managed 100 days clean.

And then, just 3 weeks ago I fell again. But really badly. My worst ever.

I watched many hours of pornography on a unfiltered device that I got hold of. I acted out many times - trying hard to ignore the fact that it's Elul, AY"T etc.

I don't have the will to get back up again because I have lost my Emunah.

I do believe there is a creator of this world but I am loosing my Emunah in Torah Misinai and in Chazal.

If Hashem is really bothered about HZ"L then why is it not clear in the Torah? (I know there are some answers in the Seforim - but still - if something so important is asked from a person then why not say it clearly?!)

And why is man put in a situation where he will definitely sin, it's only a question of when and how??

I am full of anger, upset and guilt.

I was a top top avreich, but now I wish I could just leave my Yiddishkeit and just live a "normal" human life.

This past Shabbos - Shabbos Shuvah - I had a battle with my YH whether to be Mechalel Shabbos!!

I am in a state where I am open to commit any sin possible...

Dear friends -

Please save my soul!! (and my gorgous family)

I would love to be able to live like a loyal Yid but I need Chizzuk - mainly in Emunah, and I have no Rav who I feel would not judge me. And no Rav who could give me clear answers.

I am utterly fed up!

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Re: I'm Fed Up

Posted by upanddown - 30 Oct 2024 18:23

[chosemyshem wrote on 30 Oct 2024 17:30:](#)

[upanddown wrote on 30 Oct 2024 16:53:](#)

2 days ago i saw a bunch of non jewish teenagers late at night having such fun. The girls looked stunning. I was so jealous. I never had that in my teenage years. Its a thrill which us frum yidden are deprived of.

Thank you for the very honest and relatable share.

I feel like this is a major trigger of mine too. I see people living the free life and it worms into my head. Why can't I also just party?

And yes, I know intellectually all the stuff. Their happiness is probably not very long lasting most of the time, and the life I live is something I've chosen by choice, and is a life that is good in two worlds. But still. . . Sometimes I see something like that and it just eats away at me. Especially if

Now, why that somehow results in copious amounts of masturbation to cope with those feelings is something I will leave to my fellow amateur Freudians, but that is the result. I think a lot of non-Jewish music also activates that feeling.

So what's the solution? I don't know. 12 Steps has a lot of relevant Torah.

I'd like to one day be so comfortable with my own life that things like this don't bother me.

KOT.

Thank you all for your responses.

I'll go with this for now. Thank you @chosemyshem.

I may have many stresses, worries and questions.. but masturbation is not the answer. On the contrary it will just leave me with another bunch of questions...

It's tough though. The struggle isn't over. I'm just pushing it off...

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Re: I'm Fed Up

Posted by vehkam - 30 Oct 2024 19:25

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Re: I'm Fed Up
Posted by vehkam - 30 Oct 2024 22:17

are you living for only this world?

You only have a short time here. It would be sad to spend your life living in a way that satisfies those around you but is not really what you want.

If you are able to figure out what it is that you really want to accomplish while you are here, then you can start living in a way that gets you to that goal. You won't be sidetracked by things that draw you away from that path.

(If intellectually you believe that you have chosen a path that gets you to your goals, then you can work to ingrain it into your heart as well.)

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Posted by upanddown - 30 Oct 2024 22:30

Thank you @vehkam.

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Re: I'm Fed Up
Posted by richtig - 31 Oct 2024 03:20

[upanddown wrote on 30 Oct 2024 22:30:](#)

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Hey, I wanna see it:)

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Posted by rebakiva - 31 Oct 2024 05:12

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Hi brother I really feel your pain it's one of the biggest issues our generation is dealing with.

I've been thinking a lot about this due to me needing to deal with this daily with my talmidim and I've spoken with big rabbunim.

So I'll try to put in my 2 cents just a thought with hashem putting into my head what to write.

Let's narrow this down abit. Being burnt out of the system can obviously only be coming to someone who's living for and within the system. {Which is how we've been brought up and there's basically no way out, the whole chinuch and yeshiva world rightfully has to run on a system but it just doesn't work for everyone}.

Now let's imagine we're living in the times of the bais hamikdash when hashem was begalui he was the centerpiece in every Jews life, it was a time when all the nations bowed to the Jews we were the superior and they were {at least some of them} were our slaves, a time when the wild animals escorted the Jews and served as our guards {although almost never needed because everyone feared the Jews} a time when money grew on the trees for the Jews, **a time when a Jew was able to speak to hashem as if he we're his brother, he literally felt the listening ear of hashem AND DIDN'T JUST BELIEVE IT.**

Would you still think anyone would get burnt out?

Would anyone still be seeing green grass on the other side?

Would anyone still be looking for fake pleasures?

The answer is clearly NO the drop out rate would probably be down to almost zero, maybe some mentally ill people would still be struggling but that's it.

But now is not then, so what's the point here?

The real question is with what is NOW different than THEN?

The answer to that is very simple, hashem is just not the centerpiece anymore, the system is the centerpiece.

But in reality it's much deeper than that, the real difference is LOVE, THEN we openly saw and felt hashem's love, but NOW we don't.

The r' r' zusha of anipoli explained the mamar chazal ??????? ?????? ?????? ?????? ?????? ?????? ???, that the chushuva yidin in the end of times will hate the mehalach in avodas hashem through yiras chet, rather they will be craving ahavas hashem liyisrael, we're craving hashem's love, but we just don't feel it.

So what now?

For that we have to rewire our brain's, drop the system there's no love there, rewire your brain and start living a yiddishkeit of love. As far as the people holding you in contempt and forcing you to stay in kollel or anything else, we'll talk about that later.

So to start feeling hashem's love there's a lot of ways to achieve that, YES IT'S VERY HARD, but it's achievable, 1st and strongest example is tefila, obviously not the way the system taught you, but how about trying to sit down on your bed for 5 minutes every night and just talking your heart out to hashem as if he we're your brother sitting there and drinking up every word you say, as r' avigdor miller used to say, "go to the payphone {for those who know what that is} and make believe you're talking to your mother and say hello hashem it's me moishy (whatever your name is) how are you doing? By me I had this crazy day etc."

When doing this prayer eventually turns into a normal conversation not just mumbling words, and pirush hamilos, is really a knockout, every second word describes hashem's love to you.

I guess you'll figure out more examples on your own, I'm just going way to long.

Now as far as the people holding you in contempt, once you start having a loving relationship with hashem and with yiddishkeit, all that falls away, if it's parents, it becomes a loving mitzvah of kibud av, which you'd love to do because of you feel hashem's love you automatically love him back and you'll do even something that you sincerely hate, and if it's just the system and you know there's no mitzvah at all, {not talking about the mitzvah of learning, in a case where it's a matter of being able to support your wife, the mitzvah of being mekeim the kesuba might out weigh it,provided that one still is koveia itim)} then out of sheer love to hashem you'll just ignore everyone and do what makes you feel loved by hashem.

With much LOVE caring and praying for you

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Posted by kavey - 31 Oct 2024 10:50

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Spot on.

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Thank you for sharing, and very incisive thinking.

Sounds like you've got a lot going on, and I wish you hatzlacha and clarity.

To echo BHBH's point with a twist. Most normal people want to accomplish. That's one of the fundamental drives a person has. Especially for men, accomplishment generally revolves around changing the world. There are special people who can see each daf gemara they learn as creating a precious stone, cut and polished to perfection. But some people don't see that. Hence, they stick around in kollel for various reasons (societal pressure, belief that it's "right", laziness, pick whatever aligns with your worldview) but slowly die inside from a lack of accomplishment. I have no idea what the percentages are (and I feel like I must mention that it's generally a bad idea to say negative things about large populations of righteous people.)

As Rav Leuchter has pointed out, if you were starting a new kollel you would not fill it with the older chevra, you'd want younger fresh guys. Something is deeply wrong with a system that results in older kollel people stagnating.

Accomplishment doesn't have to mean leaving kollel. And there's for sure always going to be an element of yetzer hara in any desire to leave to learning. But smooshing yourself into a system that results in net less avodas hashem for your personal situation is also probably not a good idea. And feeling frustrated and stuck every day is so painful (and btw, that feeling is a lot more common in the workplace but that's another schmooze).

I hope you get the clarity you need to make good decisions.

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I feel a lot in common with your post. It's true that feeling good about your trajectory in life has a big impact on kedusha

I'm also in the kollel system, wondering where I will be at the end of it. I'm younger so I'm not holding by deciding what I do next, for now I am happy to learn. But I totally get your feeling of being stuck where you are. It's a problem that even if someone is koneh major yedios in kollel, you can still end up feeling like your going nowhere.

I think that the kollel system was very matzliach in the last few decades, it is now a norm to go to kollel and be a yungerman as a lifestyle choice. But also with the larger numbers in the system comes new issues. I think for us the system will probably undergo a big shift, what a yungerman does after kolel can't be just getting a shtella if there are 10 guys vying for each spot. You just end up with loads of people just sitting and learning for life like you see in EY but I don't know how many places can work like that

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Re: I'm Fed Up

Posted by odyossefchai - 31 Oct 2024 15:59

My friend, you are in Kollel but you are unhappy.

So leave and go work!

But family and friends will look down on you?

Ok so stagnate and stay in Kollel and be miserable.

Can I ask, is it really true that people will judge you badly for going to work? Do you care what they think?

Ultimately you are responsible for your own life. Not your dad, mom, Rebbe, Rosh Yeshiva or

even Hashem. Only you.

You need to sit down and figure out your own life.

Thinking about non Jewish teenaged girls isn't gonna help you figure it out. That's just a little section of your body below your belt giving you fantasies.

What do YOU want your life to look like, based on the things you are in control of.

No one else will do it for you.

No one else can do it for you.

This has nothing to do with Judaism. Just life in general

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