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Every Jew has a hope of being cured. As long as you're Jewish, you're commanded, because there is yet hope that you will develop a relationship with Hashem and keep his Torah.

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