In need of support Posted by sagewannabe3 - 06 Feb 2013 10:31

I can't seem to piece together all the puzzle pieces. I can say that after discovering this site I was clean from shmiras anayim for over 365 days straight. I had started the 90 day chart and just kept going. But now, when life gets really stressful and confusing, I find that I can end up falling. I'm starting to feel a sense of despair. In need of support!

Re: In need of support Posted by powerless - 06 Feb 2013 12:57

dear friend,

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what can you do to get that extra umphh that you're looking for?

what do you think would help you?

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Re: In need of support Posted by alexeliezer - 08 Feb 2013 00:55

Hello and welcome!

A little more information about what exactly your issues are would be helpful.

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Re: In need of support Posted by Divrei Chaim - 08 Feb 2013 01:20

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Sur mera is the first part, asse tov is the second.

What are your expectations from sobriety? What did your "acting out" include?

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I hope you meant "free from znus lanayim"

Re: In need of support Posted by sagewannabe3 - 10 Feb 2013 08:21

Thanks for the responses... it's nice to know people out there are listening...

I find that the times that I end up falling are when I get overwhelmed with stress. It's as if this very brief internet viewing is going to rid my stresses. Of course it only adds stress to my life, knowing that I'm falling in other areas...

Re: In need of support Posted by kosher - 10 Feb 2013 09:51

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Re: In need of support Posted by alexeliezer - 10 Feb 2013 21:00

Stress is a common trigger for acting out. Even mild stress.