

From tragedy to redemption

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 08 Jan 2015 10:00

I am a middle aged person, highly talented, but leider unaccomplished. I seem to have some strengths but not the strength and the resolve to do what it takes to use my talents to be what I can be. I have had lot's of tzaros in my life which have gotten the better of me and eventually removed me from my learning and my general Ruchnius success. I was not omed benisoyon. I am ashamed of myself. On the outside I still seem like a basically Choshever person but nobody knows what I really am. When I was a Bochur and a young yungerman, everybody was sure I would turn out to be one of the Gedolim. That hasn't happened(yet). I would never tell anyone of my worst failings, but this failing of me not succeeding to fulfill my potential is known. I guess people may have long ago forgotten what was supposed to become of me but looking at me now they see nothing but an empty wasted soul. I haven't forgotten the original plan and somewhere deep down I still hope Hashem will give me back my neshama. My Boosha is maybe a good thing in a way because it keeps things from getting more out of hand. But it makes it impossible for me to get the support and encouragement that might help me do what I should. Maybe I could get the support here. I am middle aged but my mind knows that it isn't too late. I need my heart to know it too.

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Re: From tragedy to redemption

Posted by newaction - 01 Apr 2015 19:57

Wow Hashiva , I knew you were going to take the offer ! I feel very flattered. But you know what now the title has so much hope in it . It sounds so good that after a tragedy C"V there is a redemption from it. And maybe one day we will come to realize that the tragedy wasn't such a tragedy after all but just it was plain ignorance from our part. Either way KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !!

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Re: From tragedy to redemption

Posted by serenity - 02 Apr 2015 03:37

Mazel Tov on your success! Continue to stay as vigilant as you were on the 1st day! Lust is cunning, baffling and powerful! I never doubted you'd make it, even for a second!

Funny, I saw 12 replies on one thread and I was really confused because there is only one

thread that continuously gets so many replies and that is Tragedy of ... Then I saw the name just changed. LOL.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: From tragedy to redemption

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 02 Apr 2015 14:04

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Posted by cordnoy - 02 Apr 2015 16:41

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Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 02 Apr 2015 17:58

I know we have this vikuach. I think a large part of a person's personality is about what he knows he is. If a person could erase his memory and replace it with that of someone who behaves differently and therefore knows only that way of life to be his, it would make a big difference in the way he would behave. We actually see that the bad behaviors are cultivated over some time by acting that way, which means that it isn't totally genetic but it's certainly at least partly about his past experience - in other words what he knows about himself.

But you can still disagree and that's life.

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Re: From tragedy to redemption

Posted by cordnoy - 02 Apr 2015 19:17

i am no expert on the brain, nor am i an expert on addiction, but what is bein' told to us is that us addicts (not necessarily genetically) have trained our brains to think and act a certain way. Now, if you erase the memory, what will happen. Ask Gevurah regardin' the difference between the delete button, a permanent delete, a defrag, or a sinkin' into the ocean deletion. there are differences. So, gettin' up in the mornin' sayin' real loud to whomever wants to listen: I will do this no more! I am sure of it! I dunno.

b'hatzlachah

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Re: From tragedy to redemption

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 02 Apr 2015 20:46

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I fully agree. But that's why I wrote so many reallys: ***If one is really(but really really) sure that he won't fall, then he wont.*** I'm not saying I know how to get to that point but if you do then you won the game, and certainly chizuk and good vibes from good friends could sometimes help.

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Re: From tragedy to redemption

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 02 Apr 2015 22:01

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Reb meir bergman i think says that in shaarei orah, but if you look further, he says as follows (i think, and i know, this entire thing is against my nature): yodea taalumos knows that right now he is like that even though the yodea ha'asidos knows that he will sin again, for the teshuvah is accepted because in his depth that is what he feels. you are sayin that if it is in his depths, then he won't sin again.....i'm afraid that is just not the case....may it be so however, and truthfully, may it be so that someone has it in his depths...what happens afterwards is whatever happens.....

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Re: From tragedy to redemption
Posted by serenity - 03 Apr 2015 04:06

I think there really isn't a disagreement here. The disagreement is in the way people are interpreting what your saying.

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Re: From tragedy to redemption
Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 03 Apr 2015 05:05

Cords, that pshat from sharei orah is very sweet and a limud zechus but the pashuter pshat is still the emes.

Serenity, you may be right.

9494, the baal hatania asks that kasha. See what he says there in length, but he certainly says clearly that if a person has a negative self perception it will cause him to fall, and he quotes the mishna 'al tehi rasha bifnay atzmecha'.

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Re: From tragedy to redemption
Posted by cordnoy - 06 Apr 2015 04:25

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since i dont really know what youre sayin' in the rambam i can't argue, but it did sound like you were continuin' on your theme that if one is sure he won't sin then he wont...if you believe that is the pshat in the rambam and that is the pashut pshat, then i believe that is not the emes.

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Re: From tragedy to redemption
Posted by serenity - 06 Apr 2015 06:26

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I completely agree with this mehalech. I don't know the answer to your your last question because it's very hard to know the taalumos laiv nor can another person know this for you, but the search for knowing this is a search in the right direction.

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