

Mental drop

Posted by mr.clean - 16 Aug 2015 18:53

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Re: Mental drop

Posted by cordnoy - 16 Aug 2015 19:37

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Perhaps write why it's not an option anymore. Up until now, it has been part of your/my life.....what changed?

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by serenity - 16 Aug 2015 19:41

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Thanks for sharing, chaver. Congrats on your success! Forget about the future!!!

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by amusichef056 - 17 Aug 2015 00:11

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It's always good to remember that the pain you think you're feeling from resisting isn't what you think it is. In other words, your addiction is in your body trying to make it bend to its will. You are not that part of you that is desiring to lust. Or you could think of it more as withdrawal.

Point is, it isn't really pain, it's the addiction. I would venture to say that all of us here feel that. And the more you resist it, the weaker it becomes even if it never completely goes away.

Great job on making it so long without acting out, and I wish you many more days of sobriety!

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by yiraishamaim - 17 Aug 2015 01:37

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Great proclamation. Shows that you are a serious guy and resolute to be done with the crud.

I am a big believer in this. However, we all know too well that this alone is far from meeting our needs for sobriety. How many times need we start afresh with a vigor to improve only to ...

To have that strong motivation is most useful and I would even argue essential. However, to legitimize this burst of inspiration is to have it attached to a real working program of recovery, focusing on each day as it arrives.

Then it won't leave you(betray you) as quickly as it came.

Hatzlocho!

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by AlexEliezer - 17 Aug 2015 14:36

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Good for you!

I agree that this attitude of it no longer being an option is important.

It's also important to remember that practically, the way we do it is one day at a time.

Forever. One day at a time. Both.

Tricky business. Balancing act.

The "pain" of not looking, not acting out does get easier as we get some consistent practice. But the cravings never completely go away.

Continued Hatzlacha!

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by shlomoy - 17 Aug 2015 15:50

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by cordnoy - 17 Aug 2015 16:45

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me or him?

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by mr.clean - 18 Aug 2015 01:29

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Good call cordnoy:

The reason it isn't an option is bec even one time will have a dramatic effect on me. It's a slippery slope and I've been telling myself "only one more time" for years now. It's over. I can't

afford it. I'm a happier healthier person when I am clean and I want to stay that way... A few hours of pleasure isn't worth that.

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by cordnoy - 18 Aug 2015 02:49

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[mr.clean wrote:](#)

Good call cordnoy

Thanks; I didn't know you were on today.

We start step 1 tomorrow.

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Re: Mental drop  
Posted by shlomoy - 19 Aug 2015 19:47

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actually you.....and him too.....

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