

Nice and not nice to be here

Posted by Chiam - 02 Oct 2015 04:25

Hello everyone, my name is Chiam (well not really) and I just joined this program. Even though I've tried many ways to breakthrough this problem and I have basically have given up hope, I long to have hope. I read through a few threads and I was relieved that I am not alone and I will now be able to relate my feelings to others who understand what I am going through. One such person eerily made me feel as if I was reading my own messages. abd297, whoever you are, I'm going through seemingly identical predicaments that you laid out on your thread (abd297's title was "starting up").

I have been in Yeshiva quite some time now. I had a little of a rough spot, but for the most part I have been a pretty compliant bacher, and in more recent years I have even been regarded as an exceptional bacher. I love learning, and I try to spend most my day learning (I say trying because many times it doesn't work out due to this and other issues, but on the outside I look like I'm learning a lot more than I actually am). I'm seen as an eidel guy who gets along with everyone and who has outstanding medos. I have a series and perhaps even a Tzidkustik image. All my previous Rebbaim appreciate/love me and I have a shichus/close keshar to all of them. My closest Rabbi reminds me of abd297's Rabbi as being an amazing person with a good grip on dealing with people, but I am way way too embarrassed to bring up this problem with him (I think it's just about the only one I haven't spoken with him about). As with abd297, my series and tamimistic image makes me seem to be the last person with this problem, and even though my dark secrets compel me to consider myself a fraud, I don't like seeing myself as much as a fraud that someone else would take me as. I see myself as a very confused person.

I have many emotional issues similar to abd297. I have been diagnosed with ADD, OCD (btw acd297, anxiety and perfectionism can be taken as OCD), and depression. I feel that these and other problems/factors are associated with this issue. I went to a few therapists and felt as if I was going nowhere. I did however find a therapist who has helped me understand myself on a deeper and clearer level, and has given helpful tips for dealing with many issues. I was in a very good place for a while, but my most recent fall out was so steep that it brought me to this program. A few days ago I felt I came a long way in my healing process, but now I am so down that I feel as if I will always live this two-sided life. I want to have hope but I don't know if I can ever have it.

Thank you to anyone who got through the impossible feat of reading this long but only a glimpse of my confusing life!

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here

Posted by markz - 02 Oct 2015 04:40

Welcome!

And quite like abd too

"NICE-and-NOT-nice-to-be-here"

NICE - to yourself to be here

NICE - for all of us that you are here

NOT nice - to your YH to be here

Warning: Spoiler!

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by Chiam - 02 Oct 2015 14:33

Thanks for the welcome! Yes, it's nice to be here.. Glad to hear abd quite, it gives me a lot of chizik

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by abd297 - 02 Oct 2015 14:52

I am inspired by your strength to face your fears and challenges like you are. I am glad to have been a help in your journey towards recovery. You can find so many people just like you on this sight. Connecting with people is one of the vital points if we want to effectively tackle this issue. Look around and find what works for on this wonderful site. Read and post as often as may.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to post here or on my thread, or private message me. For better or for worse I don't always have access to a computer but I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Hang in there and welcome to GYE. Best wishes, abd297

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by cordnoy - 02 Oct 2015 15:04

Welcome to the group.

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by Chiam - 04 Oct 2015 22:09

Thanks abd... I will most definitely have questions, comments, and concerns, and will try to keep in touch, and thanks cordnoy (what with these names lol? I feel so out of place with Chiam!)

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by cordnoy - 07 Oct 2015 02:02

[Chiam wrote:](#)

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What's wrong with cordnoy?

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by abd297 - 07 Oct 2015 02:15

I'm gonna step back and let you guys fight this out.

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by markz - 07 Oct 2015 02:51

[Chiam wrote:](#)

abd... thanks cordnoy (what with these names lol? I feel so out of place with Chiam!)

Was "c h i a m" a glitch? Was it supposed to be Chlam or Chaim or what? I'm sure if you need a new krias shem that can always be done, or just start again with a new name. We can advise you how to stay anonymous. You can pick *AnonyMouse* I think that's still avail. Maybe go with that so at least us guys will know who you are.

But seriously, lust is THE NAME of our game, lets disregard all else and get to work so we win today, KOT 2hoots

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by serenity - 07 Oct 2015 03:21

Welcome!

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by Chiam - 08 Oct 2015 00:57

Ha.. thanks for the recommendation. Cordoy is a great name! Just felt out of place with a bland name like Chiam! But, as Markz said, the name of the game is lust and we should and can win it. Looking forward.

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by AlexEliezer - 08 Oct 2015 15:54

We all live a double life.

Hashem actually created us this way.

Sometimes we listen to the Yetzer Tov.

Sometimes we listen to the YH.

No double life.

This is how we're designed.

It is only a further trick of the YH to tell us we're living a double life.

He's trying to get us to give up, or give in, or just plain feel bad about ourselves so we can go and soothe ourselves. (Any excuse will do, no?)

Nothing doing.

Your really are that tzadik that people see.

Every tzadik still has a YH.

But the tzadik is the real you.

Unless of course you let the YH define the real you.

This is a common error of young people -- to look at the YH as the real me.

Fortunately Chz'l already told us to make *tocho k'baro*, our inner self like our outer self, and not Ch'V the other way around.

Much hatzlocha!

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by gibbor120 - 08 Oct 2015 21:40

WELCOME! sorry I don't have time to say more right now. Keep posting.

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by Chiam - 09 Oct 2015 02:27

Thanks so much AE, I agree with what you are saying that the true me isn't my YH. I try to tell

myself this every day but it's SO HARD, especially after I cave in to do something. As my Rebbi always says: The biggest YH is AFTER you do the aveira. This is because it convinces you that you are your aveiros, that "you are what you do". Even though this saying might have some truth to it, I try to keep in mind that it's as I put it above: CAVING into doing something means coercion to do it. It might affect me spiritually.. but it doesn't change who I am: Someone who yearns to do good and fill in my inner-self to be like my my outer-self.

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Re: Nice and not nice to be here
Posted by Chiam - 11 Oct 2015 02:52

I posted this on other forum but i'll put it up here... I got a text message from some I got to "know" in the past which triggered me even though I deleted it. I also found a way around restrictions on my phone... I'm not in a good place right now and want to get by tonight

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