

Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 08 Jul 2020 10:35

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Hi all.

I've once before made a thread about who I am and how I'm struggling with shemiras einayim. But due to my constant leaving to go to yeshiva every zman, I've been very much inactive on this site. Even now, in the corona period, I haven't been on, as I thought since its really summer zman I was safe from the yetzer. Almost like I had a mental block - if I thought about shmutz I would say 'I'm in yeshiva, no way!' The yetzer hara totally left me alone from the start of zman until now. But over the last few days he's back same as ever, and I finally fell yesterday and today in the middle of zman.

That's why I'm writing in the introduce yourself section. i want this to be a new start, a new realization that I need to guard myself at all times, no matter what. I feel I should make more use of the wonderful kiddush Hashem that we call gye, to update everyday, to try and keep me from falling anymore. Any support, ideas or encouragement from people would be incredibly helpful.

My issue at the minute is that I almost don't care anymore. I so want to be good, but I feel like I've almost lost the will to fight. Like it doesn't matter if I fall one more time, I'll change the time after. I know its foolish, and I hope my constant updates to this site will refill me with a desire to do the right thing, to be close to Hashem the way I truly want.

Thanks to everyone in this community, and may we fight together to bring nachas ruach to Hashem the way we should.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 02 Oct 2020 00:12

[Im Tevakshena Kakasef wrote on 01 Oct 2020 22:54:](#)

O.K. Firstly, dang it. Secondly, dang it. Thirdly, well, dang it.

Yup I fell. Had one of my greatest streaks at home, but come 1 minute of bein hazamanim and I fell. And not just yesterday, today too. I'll write more tomorrow, I just needed to let you guys know, helps me feel accountable. I won't give up, but I do feel put off. I need to figure out where it all went wrong, and to try again.

Anyway, I'm sorry all. Its crazy the shame you feel admitting things like this. I'll get back on my feet tomorrow, honest. (O.K. bli neder, but kind of redundant as I'm mechuyav to so its a neder on a neder, but now's really not the time for lomdus...)

See you all. May Hashem help none of you to stumble as I did.

Amen. Get back up and keep shteiging!

Ive been looking up to you this whole time and need you.

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Posted by Grant400 - 02 Oct 2020 14:40

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*Shabbos is the same concept...

Shabbos in the sucra! Ah!

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Meyer M. - 05 Oct 2020 05:16

May Hashem help none of you to stumble

B'ezras Hashem and you too!!

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 05 Oct 2020 10:53

[lionking wrote on 01 Oct 2020 23:50:](#)

Sorry to hear. I know how hard it is too admit it. Get yourself back on track, don't let this fall send you flying off the cliff. We are still in the 4 days before the rishon lcheshbon avonos. Start well and may you be zoche to be successful IYH

Thank you for the support. And that point about it being before cheshbon aveiros actually sparked a little bit of fighting spirit into me, so thank you for that.

Amen. Get back up and keep shteiging!

Ive been looking up to you this whole time and need you.

We're in this together.?

Well if this ain't calling the kettle black. You look up to me? Yours is almost always the first thread I go on when I go on this site. You're an inspiration to us all. Thank you for the chizuk.

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Will do my best. Thanks for the idea, and the support.

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Thanks Meyer.

Thank you all for the immediate support. BH I'm now 4 days clean, getting back on track. May Hashem bless you all with all that is good.

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Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 07 Oct 2020 11:30

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That's really amazing. This success should not be underestimated. In many ways, fighting the Y'H after the "first" fall is so much harder, since the Y'H tells you to get whatever you can in before you start the clean streak again.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 14 Oct 2020 11:32

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Re: Take 2

Posted by YeshivaGuy - 18 Oct 2020 05:58

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 19 Oct 2020 09:37

Might as well get this over with.

Last few days have been a disaster. Falling left right and center. Zero self control. No excuses, it was a freefall. So honestly yeshivaguy, not been great. (But thanks for asking.)

I'm not beat. But I'm pretty muddy. Really let loose into the cesspool of tumah that is the darker side of the internet. But I need to stop. I hate this defeatist attitude that I have. I hate that I've lost the little fire that burns inside, that makes us want to be great, that makes us want to succeed. And I'm gonna get it back.

Honestly, what I need now is a break. Stopping totally all this madness, and cutting loose on all the shmutz. It won't cure me, but it will help me find my footing, cos at the moment, I literally have no legs. I hope and pray that I can make it back to yeshiva very soon, which can be my taivas Noach of sorts. And it will be an ideal opportunity to switch out my filter as well, and when I return to hopefully get a much better one.

I penned a response to a few of the points mentioned when I spoke out that I may not be stopping because I feel there is always more time. That I can and will stop when I need to. However, I need to think about it more (something I haven't done in a while is just sit and think), to give me more clarity. I know its a stupid thought, but its internalizing that its stupid that's the hard bit.

So this was depressing and sad. But I hope to get back on my feet. Even if I don't return to

yeshiva, I will be more busy at home so I should find it easier to stay clean.

I'm gonna do it. I'm going to plug this zman. I'm going to work really hard. And I'm going to keep at it. Be it learning, davening, exercising or relaxing, I'm gonna try this zman to give every part of avodas Hashem my all, bli neder.

May we all have a zman of aliyah and success. Thank you all.

p.s. I may have to set a time in the week, say 2 - 3 hours to go on GYE, not everyday, as I'm back in yeshiva at home schedule.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Looking_to_improve - 19 Oct 2020 21:18

Hi ITK

Sorry to hear it's been a tough few days, unfortunately a few of the chevra have been in a similar situation recently, but we have a good group of tzadikim looking to grow.

Try stay a few days clean, maybe a week. A realistic goal you know you will meet. I know for myself that the last few days haven't been pristine, but when I was around day 40, you really feel you've come a long way, and you forget the beginning of that count wasn't perfect.

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distractions. I hope this is something you will find useful.

I'm looking forward to hearing good news from you, we all really appreciate having you around supporting us. It pains me to hear others are struggling, because many of us have had similar experiences.

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I can find the time without any issues. I actually haven't gone back to yeshiva yet because of permit issues. I hope to return there super soon, but yeh, I have loads of time. And while I'm trying to learn more, and keep to a yeshiva-like schedule, its not so easy. Shmutz is readily accessible here at home, so it being on my mind is pretty constant anyway. (Of course learning and keeping busy helps a ton.) My point is, taking a step back and reevaluation may, in my situation, do a lot of good.

Thank you both for your advice.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 22 Oct 2020 09:55

O.K.,BH still holding out. Honestly, the taiva has been pretty bad over the last few day. I've not had the frishkiet of a new streak where the yetzer leaves for a bit before his return. Not great fun....

You see, the yetzer feels that I only have a small streak. So what the b'doodldles, may as well fall anyway. And through chasdei Hashem it seems I am, returning to yeshiva on Sunday. So the yetzer feels I have to chap arein before then, as during yeshiva I won't have access to any sort of internet device. So he's being pretty relentless and viscous reminding me of these points.

But now, writing this, I realize I'm being unfair. Because I'm saying 'the yetzer' this, 'the yetzer' that. And that's not really true now, is it? There is not '*the* yetzer' - there is only 'a yetzer.' Because I've ignored the good old yetzer tov. And that little fellow is screaming don't do it. Screaming Fight!. Screaming be the person you want to be. And I have a choice whether I listen to him.

I want it. I don't want it. Its not a stira. Its 2 parts battling with each other. The animal and the soul. The yetzer tov and the yetzer hara. The choice is mine who I listen to, who I join. We can be G-d like, or animalistic. It is up to us.

Time to stop blaming everyone else. My parents, my computer, even the porn stars themselves. And its time to step up and realize that I have a choice. The most difficult, yet liberating choice available.

Hatzlocha all. I hope and pray I make it through the next few days. And I hope and pray that y'all succeed too.

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