

Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Rebuild613 - 09 Nov 2020 14:55

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by starting - 17 Nov 2020 20:59

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The words 'magnificent tower' does indeed sound overwhelming.

But I don't think we understand it right.

The beauty of the tower is not caused by long streaks or by having never sinned.

A tzaddiks' tower, if you'll excuse me, is huge but quite plain.

It's the tower built by struggle, pain, toil and sweat, by restarting and retrying that has real significance.

It's the first victory after a fall and the victories after abuse that gives us something to be proud of, something to hold high above our heads while we proudly exclaim: Look Hashem, this is for you. This I built purely for your sake, after I felt I had no will to win, after I had given up on myself, after everyone had given up on me when I joined gye and got a new lease on life. This I offer you, proudly.

And indeed, it is the very nicest and most significant of all achievements.

The yetzer hora tries hiding this on us and is unfortunately all too successful.

So please realise, even after all you've been through, that it's on crumpled foundations that the most beautiful towers are built.

Looking up to you and praying for your happiness and serenity

Starting

P. S. You don't have to allow anyone to step on your foundations. The future starts now.

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 18 Nov 2020 04:14

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Demolished, i am sure that you have good reason to stop posting. However, think of the benefit for the oilam here who can gain so much - especially guys who went through similar abuse. Think about this please.

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Captain - 18 Nov 2020 04:56

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Yes. Please continue your story. We all care about you and want to hear. And we stand to gain so much from your story.

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Rebuild613 - 18 Nov 2020 10:07

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**Translation:**

Hashem gave permission to the Satan to do whatever he wants with ?????. But he commanded him, you do not have permission to take his life. The Satan started to inflict upon him terrible tragedies, even murdering his own family etc. Another thing that is well-known is that he had many close friends whom he used to approach for advice on how to cope with said tragedies and the like. The question asks itself, why didn't the Satan murder his friends too, just as he did to his wife and children, specifically since they had the ability to help him? The answer is, because God said " You do not have permission to take his life" and without friends a person is considered dead. My dear Jews! Without you I am a dead man!

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Rebuild613 - 19 Nov 2020 19:01

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by wilnevergiveup - 19 Nov 2020 20:27

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[Demolished wrote on 19 Nov 2020 19:01:](#)

I will not be touched by any compliments because of 2 reasons 1) I had longer periods of clean days in the past I therefore know too well that there is no guarantee for the future. 2) the urge and temptations are alive kicking almost daily and if I do not have where to turn to in time of crisis the danger of slipping down the slippery slope is too high.

Going to anyway.

That's amazing and incredible. You are awesome!

I am very grateful for my current streak even though I have had significantly longer ones and the temptations are alive and kicking. It's all part of the big picture, one day at a time doesn't just mean to forget about tomorrow, it means the realize the importance of today. Every day we have to realize how important each and every day is.

P.S. I am working on my English...

P.S. Thank you for sharing your story with us, it's incredible what one person can go through.

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Grant400 - 19 Nov 2020 21:34

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[Demolished wrote on 19 Nov 2020 19:01:](#)

I will not be touched by any compliments because of 2 reasons 1) I had longer periods of clean days in the past I therefore know too well that there is no guarantee for the future. 2) the urge First of all, your English is great, second of all, it's fun to see *Yiddish* every once in a while and temptations are alive kicking almost daily and if I do not have where to turn to in time of crisis the danger of slipping down the slippery slope is too high.

Of course you deserve compliments! To go through what you went through and still be fighting - successes aside - deserves boatloads of respect. Plus such amazing success!

Regarding your streak, that's amazing! I don't see how past longer streaks has anything to do with how you are doing now. The fact is you are remaining clean, and are successfully fighting

tremendous urges daily. If that doesn't deserve awe and compliments I'm not sure what does.

Now, about the fact that you know that no matter how long your streak is, you must remain vigilant and have a support system for urges, that just means you are learning how to be successful. Unfortunately there isn't any magic switch we can flip that will make us stay clean and remain untempted forever. All we can do is learn how to respond properly and to understand why we should stay clean. So that isn't a deficiency, it's a sign of shteiging!

So to you I say: Respect! Respect! Respect!

You deserve: Compliment! Compliments! Compliments!

Grant

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by excellence - 19 Nov 2020 23:46

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I was not signed up with GYE at the time, so I did not do the day counting I therefore do not know the exact amount of clean days, but it is almost 21 MONTHS clean. Thank G-D for that.

Oh my Gosh, **21 months clean, you are a walking Mussar Sefer**, to have been through a hell like you have, and yet on your own you've managed 21 months clean. I'm embarrassed and humbled with my struggles when my history doesn't reach the toenails of a life you have been through. all i can say is ?????? ?????? ??????.

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 20 Nov 2020 00:24

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Yetzer hora at work again convincing someone he is not deserving of compliments! What absolute naarishkeit! A guy gets molested, suffers for years, stays clean 21 months, talks about it, but (and it is said with a straight face) does not deserve compliments. By the way, the Brooklyn Bridge is for sale.....

Tzaddik yesod olam, aka Demolished, you are the best!

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Re: Yearning for Serenity

Posted by Youngster - 20 Nov 2020 03:03

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**I'm officially announcing a campaign to change demolisheds name to rebuild!!**

please join me to petition this change of names! We will make a big maamed of shinu hashem here, and we will name him REBUILD!!

Guys! I think everybody here has been helped directly or indirectly by this big tzadik, and we need all hands on deck!

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