

It's about time that I am having the courage to admit that there is still a pattern.

I lurked here for about a month. I had a fall and decided to finally check this site out, not for others but for myself this time. 22 clean days. and now again a "minor" fall.

And I finally decided to reach out for help. To stop being stupid.

And I finally admit it. I need brothers. I need others . Because even though I am never alone, and even though I always whisper to the Rebono Shel Oilam, who always helps me, still - I need chaveirim. I need help. I stand in front of you, brothers, humbly ready to admit that I still have a problem. I am thankful on the night of ??? ?????? that it's far, far from the problem I once had. I am thankful and proud of where I am. I do not define myself by my falls. BUT I WANT MORE. I NEED MORE. MY NESHOMA DESERVES MORE

I want to be 1000 days clean and more. I am so UNBELIEVABLY jealous of the heilige yiddin here who are clean for years. I NEED to be 100 percent clean. It's my hearts desire - a white-hot Ratzon Pnimi. But I need help from Hakadosh Boruch Hu and from you.

The deepest part in the center of my Neshoma is sickened by the realization that I may have been still fooling myself [I am not entirely sure if I have been, or if I'm just a work in progress].

I am deeply inspired by the raw honesty and desperate yearning in many posts here. I love that so much. I love honest , searching growing yidden. I want to be an anonymous yid among others who are growing together. I want to grow more, be more, find out what roads are still open to me.

Can you guys help me? Please?

I'm sitting in my office and crying at my computer.

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by richtig - 14 Jun 2023 14:31

[chaimoigen wrote on 14 Jun 2023 12:00:](#)

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I am still susceptible, and life can be hard. I still would have enjoyed what the red haze of abandon would have brought me, while I was in it ???, and that is something that I have to continue to live with. But I am eternally grateful that I don't have to do the same stupid things I have done in the past. I am grateful to have someone to call, who i believe truly cares about me. I care about me too, I think, more than I did a month ago. That feels good too. Thanks for being here

Some post Chaim! This is mamash the work! The different things pile up just right, asking for a fall, and then you think about what to do, and then go through with it. I think this is kedusha, like in the old yeshivos, during shovavim they focused on the mind rather than the eiver. The mind is the real makom of kedusha. Last night was extremely difficult, and sweet. Can be both. And I relate to what you said about not *having to do* the same stupid things- it has been compulsive; as though such and such facts must lead to such and such actions. Turns out I'm learning, they don't. I also feel, not having to knock myself so much, that I care about me some more, too.

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Posted by Eerie - 15 Jun 2023 00:01

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Beautiful growing pains!

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by iLoveHashem247 - 15 Jun 2023 11:11

[chaimoigen wrote on 25 May 2023 01:04:](#)

Chevra,

It's over a month since I started to lurk here. And 8 clean days since my last fall and my first post in this forum.

8 isn't a big number. I'm not proud of it.

But it can have the significance of representing Limaala Min HaTeva.

These 8 days have felt much longer than days normally feel, full of all sorts of conflicting emotions and tumultuous thoughts. New people, new ideas.

I read Vekam's entire thread tonight for a second time. **Malchus Shebimalchus!** New thoughts

and emotions expressed in Tefilla each day...

I (cautiously) feel like I'm maybe starting on the climb up and out. It's not normal, this feeling of **Limaala**, all with Siyata Dishmaya and help from you all. Not so lonely anymore. Not out of the woods, but seeing a path. It's a good feeling.

I bought a beautiful new Tallis for Shavuot. Top quality weave, Niputz Lishma, the whole works.

I want to be standing enveloped in purity and Kedusha as the dawn breaks at the foot of Har Sinai.

I want to feel that there's a new fabric to my life, to my Tefillos, a new texture to my "Lo Sasuru", to my "VeHeyisem Kedoshim".

I felt that special sense when I tried on my new Tallis.

I'm really looking forward to Kabalas Hatorah this year. Will be Davening for all you - please Daven for me. I know there will be big challenges ahead.

Heaven forgive me - if i fall, i'm gonna throw my new tallis in the mud.

8 days = 8 x "one day at a time"

that's a lot of days to me

192 hours worth of days actually.

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Posted by chaimoigen - 15 Jun 2023 11:59

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I am here, in your Light, in your Eyes, standing, reporting for service.

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Posted by richtig - 15 Jun 2023 13:58

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by Horizon - 15 Jun 2023 18:47

mazal tov!!

30 is huge, and you got there real quick.

l'chaim to many many more

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Posted by chaimoigen - 16 Jun 2023 04:02

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(Like we say in Pshischa, ?????? ?????? ??- ??????? ?? ?"????? ??" ?? ?? ?????? ?????? ??? ?????? ????. ?? ??? ?????? ???????... ??? ??? ??? ??????).

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Posted by chaimoigen - 22 Jun 2023 02:02

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Thank you Rebono Shel Olam.

I got the hell out of there, turned away before entering the room, just got in my car and drove away very fast.

I ate in the car while driving, spoke with a friend and a Rebbe, got home after midnight. Not lonely. Not heartsick. Very sad and tired, but with a warm afterglow in my heart.

oh, thou fiendish bride of darkness, i sensed your shade hovering behind the doorway.... I am no longer in thrall to the clammy numbing comfort of your limpid embrace.....

I am no longer that self-deluding fumbler, venturing timidly near the edges of the squalid shadows, waiting for your clutching grasp to reel him in, later to taste foul regret.

Today I choose rather to continue walking only on this safe, well-lighted path, together with my

friends.

*Through Hashem's grace and munificent, undeserved Chesed, i hope I will continue to unfurl the trueness in my heart, wings reaching upwards, **becoming the man who I have been waiting to meet, all these years.***

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Posted by redfaced - 22 Jun 2023 02:16

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You don't fail to inspire . KUTGW

Hashem should help ease the pain and stress in yoiur home

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I too, have wondered what I might be like without the specter of porn over my life; what I might be like without carrying existential shame, who I might be if I was free to learn and daven and perform actions without constant self-reflection, just looking outward. I am a bit intimidated by

that person, it doesn't feel like me. But perhaps we need to grow into ourselves.

(I wanted to say that when it says by yosef ?????? ?? ????? ??????? ?? ????? ??????, maybe they said it was in the window was because Yosef really saw his own reflection but thought it was the heilige Tatte Yaakov. He saw his own higher self and didn't recognize it immediately).

Hashem should take care of you and your family and allow you and yours to heal and find peace.

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 22 Jun 2023 11:14

All seriousness aside, can you become an English teacher in one of our yeshivas? Our kids

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simply can't express themselves like you due to lack of rich vocabularies...