

Hate myself

Posted by barackobama - 05 Jan 2025 08:43

To my fellow Americans,

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Best wishes,

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Re: Hate myself

Posted by colincolin - 05 Jan 2025 08:54

I suggest establishing a routine before you go to bed.

One that involves relaxing.

The time does not have to be set i stone, but it should be an approximate series of steps to relax and feel positive before sleep.

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Re: Hate myself

Posted by stopsurvivingstartliving - 05 Jan 2025 10:29

Hey there fellow single guy! Your post sounds really painful. I and the rest of he warm GYE family are here for you. Maybe pick up the phone and call one of the pros on this site it can be really helpful.

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Posted by vehkam - 05 Jan 2025 14:15

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If you could choose now whether or not to opt in to the contract, what would you choose?

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Posted by jollylemur95 - 05 Jan 2025 14:59

The torah tells us "V'yivez Eisav es Hbichora" - Eisav degraded the bechora by selling it.

Rashi says he was worried about all the different restrictions that Kohanim have when doing the avoda eg: no wine etc.

Rav Yerucham ZT"L asks: Why is that gerading the bechora? On the contrary it sound like he is a Yarei shamayim? He is so scared to fall short that he does not want anything to do with it!

He answers that it was the wrong attitude. He was correct when he thought about all the restrictions and took it seriously. However he should have focused on the unbelievable zechus it is to serve Hashem! The great reward that awaits him when he overcomes and does the right thing! The fact that he didn't was how he was mevaza the bechora! he should have seen what a great opportunity it is! (Rav Yerucham uses the same yesod to explain the gemara in Masechta Eiruv that paskens "Mutav lo liadam sheloi Nivra")

This is the attitude that we are supposed to have in life in general and in this struggle in particular.

Admittedly, this is easier said than done and I myself struggle getting this idea in my head to my feelings in my heart.

Barack,

From the fact that you have such strong feelings when you feel you are falling short shows what a tremendous desire and drive you have to do the right thing! That drive will get you a long way in this battle! Try to imagine what a great opportunity it is when you stay strong. You will be a powerhouse of strength and inspiration for so many! You will absolutely love yourself and life in general! You have what it takes! Speak to the great people, bachurim and married alike, who can help. (PY, can you please provide the contact information for some of the greats?) You will be "h be higher then you ever imagined possible and appreciating everything that you face. You will view it as the opportunity it really is.

Hatzlacha Rabbah and please keep in touch!

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Re: Hate myself

Posted by chosemyshem - 05 Jan 2025 21:20

I feel like I just bumped into myself from my yeshiva days. Well, except for the getting up for shacharis part.

It gets better. Hang in there.

Mostly it gets better when you start actively choosing to live your life. Yeshiva can be a rough environment for that.

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Posted by thompson - 06 Jan 2025 15:47

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I couldn't have said it better myself. (And I've said some pretty melancholy s***). In fact, I'll share the beginning of my journal entry of two days ago:

I can't help but feel that this is some cruel trick that God played on us. The very object of the male desire seems totally oblivious to the desire's existence.

I would tell you that there's light at the end of the tunnel, but to quote a Chinese platform philosopher:

Why did they put the light at the end of the tunnel? When we reach the end of the tunnel, what are we going to do with the light? Wicked world.

Also, the fact that you put in not one but two spoilers with no content in either one demonstrates the depth and intensity of the situation.

Hashemspeed.

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Re: Hate myself

Posted by chosemyshem - 06 Jan 2025 16:17

To amplify my previous post in response to a pm.

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What jumped out of me from the original post was a sense of life dissatisfaction. And I strongly identified with that feeling since I spent a heck of a lot of time in yeshiva feeling that way.

Riddled with desire, not willing to give into lust all the way but unable to stay away. Feeling stuck and sliding into mediocrity. Wishing I could either buckle down and shteig or give it up and party but instead caught in between in some hazy twilight of day to day mediocrity. Unfulfilled potential. Unfulfilled desires for spirituality and lust.

And then throw into the mix the societal pressure to get married. Wanting to get married but caught somewhere in a devil's threesome between wanting to use marriage to escape yeshiva, wanting to finally fulfill some of my desires, and truly wanting to build a bayis ne'eman byisroel with my soul mate.

All that, combined with not enough sleep and feeling like a sinner leaves a guy feeling pretty gross and repulsive. And that's just a drop in the bucket of many yeshiva guy's feelings.

Here's a theory. Many of those feelings arise out of the fact that many of us want to be in yeshiva, but we're not in yeshiva because of that. We're in yeshiva because it's the only viable option. And because we're not choosing to be there wholeheartedly we don't completely shtell tzu.

In yeshiva, it's so easy to float. I'm not saying that if you come to most of the sedarim, come to most of davenings then people will leave you alone (although that's often true). What I'm saying is you can come and participate but also not be totally involved. Instead, on some level, you're just hanging out and waiting for something that you "want" to start happening.

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Love this post. I think its puts some clarity into many peoples yeshiva life

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Re: Hate myself

Posted by moishe11 - 06 Jan 2025 16:57

What a question!

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