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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream

Posted by spaced - 27 Sep 2020 06:18

[Im Tevakshena Kakasef wrote on 24 Aug 2020 11:52:](#)

Yup. I've been stuck in a rut for the last few days. I know the feeling.

As for goy days, I really do know what you mean. There are times when I can spend literally every available second learning, davening, or doing something to enhance my avodas Hashem.

And then there are days I can just about complete tefillah. I can't bring myself to learn anywhere near as much. I just feel totally deflated. Zero steam.

Sometimes we just have to stop. Today I haven't had a great day, but nor a goy day. And I'm determined to have a Yid afternoon. Its the pushing no matter what which Hashem really values. To break the pattern of falling. Go out of our comfort zone. That's what he wants.

You are incredible. You don't feel that way? Meh. That's because you compare your behind the scenes to everyone else's highlight reel. We look at you and see someone who gave up being allowed to chase all of olam haazeh, to be close to Hashem. O.K. other people seem to have no problems davening and learning, everything seems to go great for them. But if you looked at me, I'd be one of those people. And nothing is further from the truth. We all have nisyones. All have days we wish we would do more. We just have to plug on.

So again. Like you said. We all have bad days. Ups and downs. Just keep posting. When you feel like you hit rock bottom, you can only go up. And you'll find solid ground upon which to build.

p.s. Hashem doesn't really want you anymore? If you gave everything to be close to Him, you really think He'll ever abandon you? He'll want you by Him always. I'm rooting for you man. And if I am, you think he isn't?

Sorry for not having replied to this. I rr-read this a few times and you made me cry haha. Seriously, you give great chizuk man. Thanks for being an inspiration and may you continue being one to so many others.

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 27 Sep 2020 11:37

Positivity. Loving it. Keep it up.

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream

Posted by growup - 29 Sep 2020 03:33

i am sure there are many people that could help - such an amazing honest person. firstly, are your devices filtered?

either way if i could be of help email me rebyeruchem@gmail.com

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream

Posted by Teshuvahguy - 07 Nov 2022 16:37

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Wow wow. Just wow. I read all your posts after you responded to my cry for help yesterday. My friend, I am in awe of you. I was a secular Jew who took on the mitzvos at age 53. You were not a Jew and went through conversion and took on all these commitments as well, despite knowing what you would have to fight. What an inspiration you are to me. I am so, so proud to be your fellow Jew!!!! We are fighting the same fights. I hope we can be friends and fight together. You are awesome, man. Just awesome. ??

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by Human being - 07 Nov 2022 17:50

Just wow. you are a superhuman! an inspiration for the world. wow.

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by Geshmak! - 23 Feb 2023 23:58

Hi! What's up?

So did the dream come true,tadik???

I'm sure it did just curious to hear more about it...

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by spaced - 21 Aug 2025 07:50

Been a while since I posted.

Moved to Jerusalem but still struggling with SSA and mzl even in this holy city. If anyone knows of an SSA daily phone call I can join, an affordable therapist with experience in these issues, and a partner who can work the Flight to Freedom program with me every day for at least 15mins -- I would forever be grateful. And Hashem will bless you for helping out a convert, especially now with Elul approaching.

Thank you so much in advance.

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by frank.lee - 21 Aug 2025 08:34

Wow @spaced, welcome back! Hatzlacha in the Holy Land! Keep in touch here.

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by spaced - 22 Aug 2025 09:44

Today, I lost it in anger. But not (yet) motzi zera livatala.

I was talking to a GYE mentor who didnt have SSA, and he urged me to join a phone conference that he said helped him a lot

I showed him that the leader of that group (doesnt have SSA) actually turned me away years ago because I made, according to that leader, my addiction a religious problem. Which to be honest I couldnt fully understand what he meant, and how could he glean that from a short email. He seemed nice enough and apologetic in our convo years ago, but it burned me.

the feelings of being rejected flared up again today when I showed my mentor this and I asked if this is me showing gaava. Which I feel and know that I have a big chunk of.

And my mentor basically said yes. And I felt rejected all over again and now I feel unable to work on stuff I need to do before Shabbat begins.

I accidentally deleted our Whatsapp chat convo after in a fit of anger, I told him bye if he isnt satisfied with my improvements so far. Asked him to resend his chats and voice messages again because I didnt finish reading them. But I didnt exactly say sorry as I feel hurt.

I just want to vent here so I dont do mzl. Because I know feelings of rejection especially by straight men really triggers me.

Imay have said "eff that group leader" and "do you think Hashem will be happy with him -- he made a convert feel oppressed with his words." Yup, I did wrong and not proud of my words. Abba shebashamayim, forgive me for getting angry and saying improper stuff

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by frank.lee - 22 Aug 2025 10:48

Sorry that you are hurt by what happened. Good that you came here to vent. Hopefully you will be able to relax and stay clean. Have a great Shabbat!

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream
Posted by upanddown - 22 Aug 2025 11:27

Dear Spaced,

Firstly, let me tell you what an inspiration you are to me, and I am sure to many others here as well. I've just read through your thread and am amazed by your determination and by your close connection to The One Above.

5 years have past since you've started this thread, I'm sure a lot has happened since, many ups and downs, the move to israel etc. Just the fact that you are still in this battle, fighting like a real soldier of Hashem, is not to be taken for granted. You are truly an amazing, strong person!

Regarding your feelings of rejection – I'm sorry for you and hope those feelings will soon pass. No one has the right to hurt your feelings. Although I don't believe the leader or the mentor intended to hurt you, nevertheless, they may not have been careful enough to make sure to give the correct advice. These topics are very delicate & sensitive and not everyone has the ability to fully understand the inner world of their fellow jew.

Either way, your core inner flame is untouchable. No matter what anyone says or does - nothing at all can change or effect your real value and your pure jewish soul. The Mishnah says '?? ??? ??? ?? ?? ?? - If I am not for myself, then who is?' Only you yourself have the ability to understand yourself, to care for yourself, to elevate your Neshama to higher levels.

So stay strong my friend and don't let anyone get in your way, between you and Hashem!

Keep posting and let's fight this battle together!!

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With love and admiration,

UpAndDown

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Re: Becoming a Tzadik - That's the Dream

Posted by spaced - 25 Aug 2025 06:08

On the bus now to yeshiva. Earlier, a guy did not move on the bench when I prayed next to him on the shul. Like most Israelis, he didnt have a concept of people needing space. I really got irritated until I realized the reason is because he dared to bother me. So I had to face up to being arrogant and it hurts because who wants to be basically an oved avoda zara? Looks like Rav Nachman was right, arrogance does lead to SSA. Because I know I have always had a lot of gaava since I was young

I want to change because not only do I want to be free of SSA, but I want to be someone I can love, that a woman and kids can love. And right now, I hate myself. I am not lovable. I know I could do really horrific things with my gaava, and this is the reason why I didnt want to learn

how to drive -- because I would probably road rage and kill someone who crossed me. My favorite porn is straight guys being raped, maybe because I am absolutely jealous of them being straight and handsome and strong

I am sorry to share these things, I just needed to or else I would have cried on the shul and cried here on the bus. Because I am a horrible human being and I dont love myself for it

If mods think this is too graphic or horrific to read, please delete for me.

Thank you.

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