

just keeping faith

Posted by shmulke - 28 Apr 2015 01:34

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Hi everyone i had a couple slips here and there the past week or so but i am just trying to stay afloat and just keep on trucking and keep faith in myself and be the best that i can be and try to do.

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Re: just keeping faith

Posted by serenity - 28 Apr 2015 01:42

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Thanks for sharing and keep up the positive attitude.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: just keeping faith

Posted by Oku - 28 Apr 2015 06:34

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Hi everyone, I don't know exactly how to feel right now. Last night I watched an inappropriate video and masturbated as well.

And this morning I have been struggling to convince myself that I'm not a bad person but only a sick one getting well. And what happened last night was that I went and ate a particular food the doctor advised against for my quick recovery. And that doesn't make me incurable or bad.

But a part of me calls this attitude a sheer hypocrisy. I really want to be clean. Please continue to help me, God willing I will be clean.

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Re: just keeping faith

Posted by newaction - 28 Apr 2015 07:23

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Hi Oku and welcome to the site. Sorry for what happened last night. Why don't you click on "new topic" and start a thread of your own and share with us all of your struggles. I can tell you already that you are very right in thinking you are not a bad person. So please free in telling us more about yourself. Be well now.

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Re: just keeping faith

Posted by serenity - 28 Apr 2015 12:43

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Hi Oku, you mention that "part of me calls this attitude a sheer hypocrisy". If the attitude that you have an illness is helpful and recommended for recovery and helps you get better, who cares what else you might think about it. Aside from that feeling like hypocrites hasn't stopped us from acting out, so why bother feeling that way.

Hatzlacha

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email

Posted by shmulke - 04 May 2015 16:11

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If possible i need some eamils if people can give me some eamils so i can reach out to them that would be of great help to me thanks so much

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Re: email

Posted by gye1962 - 04 May 2015 16:22

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hi shmulke

in my personal experience, this is one of the biggest weapon the yetzer hara has, i i fell countless times to this particular trick.

know that its just yetzer ahra messing with your head.

i recommend you get an accountability partner (personally helped me alot) and keep in touch with him.

beatzlacha raba

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Re: email

Posted by yiraishamaim - 04 May 2015 17:37

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Oku - I hear what serenity is saying loud and clear. How do I feel?

As a sensitive person I have learned at times to try putting "my feelings" to the wayside and just work on getting the job done.

Just focus on one day at a time - days will automatically accumulate (and you will then feel great)

You will not second guess yourself then.

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letting everyone know how i am doing

Posted by shmulke - 04 Jun 2015 13:49

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I havent posted in a while been doing pretty well i had a couple slips lately but for the most part been well and sober keeping myself busy:) are there people willing to share there emails with me so i can email them to talk with thanks so much i would appreciate it. Also is it possible someone can post a dvar torah that will inspire me for the upcoming week ahead of me thanks so much Htzlacha!!! have a great day everyone and stay strong keep positive.

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Re: just keeping faith

Posted by TalmidChaim - 04 Jun 2015 14:51

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I'll be sending you a PM. I communicate quickest with that. I don't check my actual email for GYE as often as I should.

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Dvar torah

Posted by shmulke - 04 Jun 2015 18:30

Sorry I'm so late on welcoming you here! Welcome

If possible can someone post a dvar torah to inspire me for the next coming week thanks so much.

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Dvar torah

Posted by shmulke - 05 Jun 2015 20:08

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If possible can someone post a dvar torah for me thanks so much Shabbat Shalom!!

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Re: just keeping faith

Posted by serenity - 05 Jun 2015 21:06

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Parshas Behaaloscha

## The Ever New in the Never Old

By Rabbi Label Lam

HASHEM said to Moshe saying, "Speak to Aaron and say to him: When you "light-up" the lamps, toward the face of the Menorah shall the seven lamps cast light." Aaron did so- (Bamidbar 8:1-2)

Aaron did so: To teach you the praise of Aaron that he did not change. (Rashi)

What's so great that Aaron lit the lights? Anybody could do that! Why would he do differently than what he understood with perfect clarity G-d had told him to do? So what's the great praise for?

The Sefas Emes offers an answer that not only did Aaron not deviate in the behavior of lighting the first time but for all forty years in the desert he maintained the same high degree of intensity and excitement as if it was the first time. Even though people are naturally dulled by repetitive actions and driven to search for something fresh the "first time" is the choicest of them in terms of pure passion!

The \$64,000.00 question is, "How do we bottle the enthusiasm of that "first time"? Perhaps that's why people hire photographers and videographers for weddings and Bar Mitzvos! That alone does not do the job! Not only is this a curious psychological point but it might touch upon the greatest challenge of our time and understood properly may yield the secret to our real happiness. How does one always enjoy the old and not be tempted to constantly search for new stimulation!

The Sefas Emes quotes a well-known Rashi on a familiar verse in the 2nd Paragraph of Shema, "And it will come to pass if you continually hearken (accept and review) My commandments that I command you today..." (Devarim 11:13) Rashi explains the double expression of listening, "If you will listen to the old you will understand the new!" On the latter word "today" he says that words of Torah, the commandments should be new and fresh to you as if you heard it spoken to you today!

A joke is told about a general that heard his troops were grumbling and complaining and it disturbed him even more when he discovered that they were upset about the food! He assembled his men and gave them a piece of his mind. Drawing on his knowledge of the history of war, he asked rhetorically, "Do you think Napoleon's men at the Waterloo complained about the bread being stale!?" Just then one of the soldiers interjected, "No sir! It was fresh then!"

How does one retain freshness of that which is no longer "new"? Our national commitment to Torah was 3324 years ago and privately at the time of our Bar Mitzvah and so it is with a marriage! What's the secret? The answer is that there is no such thing as "old" in the world of the spirit! We recite twice daily, "Who renews continually with His kindness the action of creation." Everything is actually new!

Reb Aryeh Levin ztl. of "A Tzadik in Our Time" fame was observed gazing at a flickering flame! When what he was doing, he replied joyfully, "I'm drinking in the light!" "Simple" things do not lose their luster to spiritually sensitive individuals! The candle is casting off fresh light each moment! A glass of water can be more enjoyable to a tuned-in person than a can of coke to the man on the street! King Solomon says, "The person with a good heart is always drinking!" His good thoughts lead him to become intoxicated by any and all aspects of life! The "old" is as fresh as a "first time"! One need only to go up to the light- like Aaron!

One of my boys once told me he was bored! I told him that he is not bored! He's boring! To prove the point I asked him to survey the room and find anything blue. Then I blindfolded him and asked him to tell me what in the room is brown! He immediately reminded me that I had said blue. However, now I want what's brown! Then I asked, for what's green-glass-round-metallic- etc. He realized that he had never explored the room. He never looked at that room or any other the same - and we had only just begun. We may not yet merit the hidden joy of the "new" until we first encounter the ever new in never old.

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I need help

Posted by shmulke - 07 Jun 2015 03:58

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I need help over shabbos i have been thinking about porn and after shabbos i slipped and watched it tonight and i think about women and girls and of there skirts and whats under them and its really putting allot of stress on me and i dont know what to do someone please message

me i feel i am having a breakdown thank you

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