

Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?
Posted by David26fr - 24 Apr 2017 01:11

Hello,

I have an important (and a little urgent) question about Taphsic.

I have a Taphsic neder who is working well since many weeks, and I renew it every month.

It is based on the Taphsic in GYE's handbook.

In the last hour, I was on the edge

The last day was terrible, and I feeled very sad and depressed when I went to sleep.

Automatically, the rush came and I started to masturbate, without seeing p..n.

I wanted to take my phone, to see some inapropriate things and to do zera levatala... But suddenly there was like a snap in my head and I stopped immediately before I saw anything. And there was no zera levatala.

So I am here, and it's calm now.

But, is it technically a fall ? Do I have to pay my knas and... To tell it to my wife, like described in my Taphsic ?

And do I have to restart counting sober days ?

I have the following sentences in the Taphsic

"A fall : I intentionally motzi zera livatala (masturbate) while fully awake"

" If I am honestly not sure that I had a fall, I will not have any KNAS."

What do you think ?

Thank you !

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?
Posted by cordnoy - 24 Apr 2017 01:17

You need to ask a rabbi.

Personally, I don't understand.

Your vow says nothin' about seein' porn.

Your vow is also confusin'. Is it not to masturbate? Is it not to ejaculate?

Additionally, were you awake or not? What does fully awake mean?

Masturbatin' is serious.

Vows are serious.

Double trouble!

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?

Posted by David26fr - 24 Apr 2017 01:36

The entire vow below : it's from GYE handbook.

Method: Ani Nishba (I swear), beshaim Ad---- (in the name of G-d) that until _____ [Fill in the end date we decided above]

If I have a fall, which is defined by one of the following things: Either

(a) I intentionally motzi zera livatala (masturbate) while fully awake

or (b) I intentionally obtain in any way adult sexual material of any sort, digital or printed (including magazines, DVDs, etc.)

or (c) I intentionally go to any websites or web pages, pictures, videos, chats or forums, for the purpose of viewing adult sexual content (including any type of adult oriented images, drawings, videos, audio, or erotic reading material) and I actually viewed or listened to inappropriate content (for more than 5 seconds)

or (d) if I initiate contact with - or respond positively to - any woman other than my wife for a sexually related purpose (including by e-mail, chat, webcams, etc.)

or (e) if I partake of any illicit sexually oriented services of any kind (including calls to adult phone lines, massages)

Then, if _____ [Fill in Distraction 1 that we decided above] Or/And _____ [Fill in Distraction 2 that we decided above. This is optional] Or/And _____ [Fill in Distraction 3 that we decided above. This is optional] within the 90 minutes proceeding my fall,

then within the next 36 hours (or other time frame) I will _____ [Fill in 'Normal Knas' that we decided above]. for each day (or 3 hour period) in which I fall.

If I did not do any (or all) of these things in the 90 minutes proceeding my fall, then within the next 36 hours (or other time frame) I will _____ [Fill in 'Heavy Knas']

that we decided above].

Some disclaimers to say immediately after making the shvuah (Toch Kidai Dibur) :

If I had to do ['Normal Knas'] more than 3 times, the shvuah should no longer be binding on me.

If I had to do ['Heavy Knas'] even once, the shvuah should no longer be binding on me.

If I had a fall without remembering that I made this shvuah, I will only do ['Normal Knas'].

If I am honestly not sure that I had a fall, I will not have any KNAS.

And I added : If I had to do a Knas, so within the next 24 hours I will tell to my wife about my fall.?

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?

Posted by cordnoy - 24 Apr 2017 02:26

Thanks for that.

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?

Posted by David26fr - 24 Apr 2017 02:39

[cordnoy wrote on 24 Apr 2017 02:26:](#)

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?

Posted by cordnoy - 24 Apr 2017 02:41

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Well, don't make a vow without understandin'.

Il have a right to be confused, as I don't understand it. You made the vow. You need to understand it beforehand.

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?
Posted by David26fr - 24 Apr 2017 02:59

Sorry, I misspoke.

The vow is clear for me.

But I am now in the "grey zone"

Personnaly, after a time of thinking, I think that for my vow, a fall when masturbating is when there is zera levatala.j

Perhaps GYE did this to let the possibility to stop and save before it's too late, in case of a sudden rush.

But seeing a porn picture is a direct fall, and I think it's not necessary to explain why...

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?

Posted by David26fr - 24 Apr 2017 15:18

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Re: Taphsic and a near fall, what to do ?

Posted by Markz - 24 Apr 2017 15:47

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You can modify your Taphsic or click "report to modifier" in case you want to try something else ;-)

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