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Posted by simchastorah - 10 Feb 2023 07:52

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Re: Fridays and sadness

Posted by Eerie - 10 Feb 2023 08:12

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My dear friend, here we are your brothers. We don't look down at you, and we have room in our hearts and minds for everyone. Here you can share and no one is judging. Keep on posting, we want to hear from you! And may hashem shine His face upon you and may you and your wife know only of health and happiness in every way! Stand strong! Let us know what's going on my friend

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Re: Fridays and sadness

Posted by Vehkam - 10 Feb 2023 15:00

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Thank you for posting your story. There are others here who have had similar experiences. You can get better. You can learn to cope using other methods. Please spend a few days here reading posts and responding to the ones that talk to you. You will find a group of people that you can connect to and share. Some of the suggestions will work better than others. Everyone is different in what exactly works for them. The key is to stay connected.

It is very important that you learn to have a positive perspective of yourself. That will help take away a lot of the sadness. It can be done. None of us are perfect. Accept that and move forward in the best way that you can right now. Posting here was a great start.

Wishing you tremendous success

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Posted by DavidT - 10 Feb 2023 15:29

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It's so special that you have the courage to come here and write all this. You're going thru so much pain, we can't begin to imagine what it's like to deal with all of this. Being abused and bullied as a young teenager is very damaging as well. **Been there...**

We are here for you! There is light at the end of the tunnel. Let's try one day at a time and we'll celebrate together with you.

**Please stay connected, we need you.**

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Re: Fridays and sadness

Posted by simchastorah - 11 Feb 2023 20:56

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Posted by Geshmak! - 12 Feb 2023 01:16

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Wow a full week clean!!! Amazing! Keep it up brother!!

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btw love your username  
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Re: Fridays and sadness  
Posted by simchastorah - 12 Feb 2023 04:27

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Posted by Geshmak! - 12 Feb 2023 04:44

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Re: Fridays and sadness  
Posted by sleeepy - 12 Feb 2023 05:04

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if you mean me, its not me . btw in yiddish my name is spelled shluuuffy. gut voch and chazak chazak! go shluffy (:

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Re: Fridays and sadness  
Posted by sleepy - 12 Feb 2023 05:06

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oh, thats karma? thanks ,now you have a tzenter! enjoy!

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Re: Fridays and sadness  
Posted by Geshmak! - 12 Feb 2023 05:09

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'm laughing so hard...

but let's not hijack this thread... bring it on in your cheer up thread.

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Posted by Eerie - 12 Feb 2023 05:30

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My friend, you are a gibbor! I feel your pain, it's gotta be so hard, and you have the strength to keep going, and posting, you are an inspiration. May I suggest you reach out to one of the wonderful mentors here, it sounds to me like you could really benefit from having somebody hear you out. Keep posting my friend, we are brothers here, we care about you and we want to hear how you are doing

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Re: Fridays and sadness  
Posted by simchastorah - 12 Feb 2023 19:24

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To be honest, I don't understand why posting and even fighting the fight is gevura. The truth is, I feel in so much pain over

what I've been doing, and I can't stand the pain. But coming here and seeing that so many people have gotten through this

by reaching out, posting, connecting with people about it, and making use of the various tools here, I feel that it's worth a try.

Please someone explain to me why they look at this as gevura. Maybe if I could have a healthy way of feeling good about it

it would be very helpful for me, but as is, I feel that I would be fooling myself to call it gevura

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