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Posted by jollydolphin01 - 18 Mar 2025 11:49

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Posted by BenHashemBH - 18 Mar 2025 13:18

[jollydolphin01 wrote on 18 Mar 2025 11:49:](#)

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Shalom Brother and welcome with your new start!

One of the greatest tools to fight this is connection. Stick around. Post a bit more. Talk to some of the great people here, and with Hashem's help you will be getting right back up.

2.5 months clean! That's huge!!! One mistake doesn't erase that. You are a hero for fighting. Perhaps reading the book The Battle of the Generation can help give you a positive perspective in these struggles.

Looking forward to hearing more great things from you.

All the best

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Posted by captain - 18 Mar 2025 13:28

Yes, definitely check out The Battle of the Generation guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation.., which will help you reframe your perspective toward the challenge. I think right now read Appendix A in the back, and then go onto the rest of the book.

You got this!

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Posted by jollydolphin01 - 18 Mar 2025 23:46

Thanks! I think I had read BotG some months ago, but reading appendix A was nice. Its honestly similar to what my therapist tells me, he just uses more pysch talk instead of torah sources (inner critic vs yetter hara, etc.). Not getting held back by shame is for sure part of the fight for me.

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