I'm back. Please help me. Posted by WeWillWalk - 13 Jun 2010 13:59

It's been a while since I posted here. After all my recent falls,probably this is the way Hashem wants to save me. So please guys,help me out. I was silly enough to think that I would make it on my own and that I was not so serious affected by this thing...well,I was wrong,so please Hashem,forgive me for not realising earlier.

Where do I begin? I feel like one thing I really need is to be able to talk with someone, especially when I'm alone. I've realised that most of my recent falls have come when being alone and mostly a bit sad or anxious. Often when being at home at lunchtime. Please help me, I feel like this is my refuge that has the ability to help me.

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Re: I'm back. Please help me. Posted by DovInIsrael - 13 Jun 2010 15:38

welcome back w.w.walk

welcome to being HUMAN!

you have jsut discovered the secret to real growth.. its called knowing oyu cannot DO IT ALONE..

sitting in front of the computer isolates you ...

welcome back .. enjoy the road to recovery... feel free to pick the flowers... and walk along the daisies..

post...read..post... some more..

join a 12-step group... get a sponsor...

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elaborate, yedidi. I mean I realize that's there's a huge part of it real, creative & artistic. But if it means triggers in your way, and there's no way to separate the two, - well, is it worth it? And is there no way to separate the two? I am an Am HaAretz in photography, amoung other things, but could you be more specific about the challenges you find yourself facing behind a camera?

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Re: I'm back. Please help me. Posted by WeWillWalk - 13 Jun 2010 20:19

Well, the main problem is not behind the camera, since I'm not dealing with dubious genres, like n*des. The website I'm uploading my photos on is one of the biggest art related sites around. I

thought i could just back up what was said earlier.

like to browse photos by other members and usually I do that with a filter that blocks most of the improper sights. I browse to find inspiration and to learn more about photography. But sometimes, there are pictures that can be classified as "subtle triggers"...most of the time, I turn away and just scroll past or click them away, but there has been times when I've been down and it's on this site I got trigged lightly...you take a look and say, it's not that bad, it's not that dangerous, it's ok, I can deal with it, and the next thing you now, this has trigged you into

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Re: I'm back. Please help me.	
Posted by aaron - 14 Jun 2010 13:43	
searching things that are even more explicit. Can you understand me better now?	i

It might be that as much as you love being inspired by the creativity of others, there must be a line. A filter is really only helpful and making a fence, but it is never an end all as you have discovered. Obviously, (and simple for me to say this) the most ideal step might be just **trying not to browse** those other artist's work.

After an honest talk with yourself, if you really find that it is absolutely *impossible* for you to give up browsing for some very good reason, then maybe find **other fences** that you could set up to try and keep you cleaner. maybe there is an environment in which you will be less tempted to fall - like in a more public place or in the presence of family members. or maybe you could set a time limit of how much time you spend browsing. personally, sometimes the boredom alone can be a trigger.

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thank you very much, i'll see how i'll do, probably the best thing would be to browse the site only when not being alone, that seems like a good filter, or?