

I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 21 Aug 2017 01:38

Hi GYE guys. Some of you may remember me. I haven't been on the site in well over a year. I wasn't ready to be on the site anymore. I went through periods of ups and downs. Some very low points. I strengthened my personal relationship with my rebbi and got some professional help. This was all since I stopped using the site. Now I'm done with yeshiva for good. I have a job and am planning to go to school soon. I chose to try out the site again, at least the forums, to have some extra social connection. I realize not all of the site's resources are for everyone but the forums are great. I hope to use this to strengthen my life.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 21 Aug 2017 03:17

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Re: I'm back

Posted by gibbor120 - 22 Aug 2017 21:42

Welcome back!

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 25 Aug 2017 02:15

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Welcome back!

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Re: I'm back

Posted by bb0212 - 25 Aug 2017 05:03

[abd297 wrote on 25 Aug 2017 02:15:](#)

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Over the past two years, I've spent many hours learning about DBT. One of the main points in DBT is mindfulness. It's been very very helpful for me & even though I'm not currently in a DBT group, I think a lot of the DBT has been ingrained into my brain.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 25 Aug 2017 11:54

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 25 Aug 2017 22:33

Good Shabbos guys. It really is great to be back among friends. Thanks

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I would say that CBT is more well known than DBT.

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Definitely true. I had to look up what DBT was because I had never heard of it. Seems like they are similar in principle though. Basically changing the way we think and feel then act.

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 29 Aug 2017 16:45

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Re: I'm back
Posted by Mesayin - 29 Aug 2017 16:57

Keep it strong!

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Posted by Markz - 29 Aug 2017 17:06

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Abd, I feel confident that you **will** fall in the near future (Im a non prophet org)

Unless you do something about it

Perhaps it doesn't bother you too much if your life is on a spiral?

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Dunno why I never thought of this before. When we're in school, every so often there's a fire drill. We all practice adhering to a specific plan should there ever be a fire. Some families may have a similar plan at home. When we fall, there's an inferno, especially if we'd completely let loose for a week, or a month.. What if we make a plan. A fire drill, for when (if) we fall. Would that help stop a truck stuck in downward spiral?

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Re: I'm back

Posted by abd297 - 30 Aug 2017 11:42

That's an excellent question. If we would just ask ourselves that, many of us might have an easier time after a fall. That's obviously only if he planned correctly. I think the reason why I never did this is because I almost wanted to fall. I would get closer and closer to falling without actually doing anything so when I would be in a situation where something really came up it would almost be a relief. I can finally have what I wanted and not feel so guilty about it. That's the mind game that I have played many times. Without this game going on, a proper plan before a fall would be very beneficial.

Thanks for the insight.

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