

Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 08 Jul 2020 10:35

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Hi all.

I've once before made a thread about who I am and how I'm struggling with shemiras einayim. But due to my constant leaving to go to yeshiva every zman, I've been very much inactive on this site. Even now, in the corona period, I haven't been on, as I thought since its really summer zman I was safe from the yetzer. Almost like I had a mental block - if I thought about shmutz I would say 'I'm in yeshiva, no way!' The yetzer hara totally left me alone from the start of zman until now. But over the last few days he's back same as ever, and I finally fell yesterday and today in the middle of zman.

That's why I'm writing in the introduce yourself section. i want this to be a new start, a new realization that I need to guard myself at all times, no matter what. I feel I should make more use of the wonderful kiddush Hashem that we call gye, to update everyday, to try and keep me from falling anymore. Any support, ideas or encouragement from people would be incredibly helpful.

My issue at the minute is that I almost don't care anymore. I so want to be good, but I feel like I've almost lost the will to fight. Like it doesn't matter if I fall one more time, I'll change the time after. I know its foolish, and I hope my constant updates to this site will refill me with a desire to do the right thing, to be close to Hashem the way I truly want.

Thanks to everyone in this community, and may we fight together to bring nachas ruach to Hashem the way we should.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 30 Jul 2020 23:07

Firstly, thank you lionking and Dave for your responses.

My question about labeling this a fall wasn't just semantics. It was more a psychological thing - if i don't truly feel like I fell then its easy for the yetzer to say 'well, you've already fallen, might as well do it again (like lionking mentioned.) But if I have fallen, it feels dishonest to pretend that not. In all likelihood I'm overthinking this, so I won't worry at the moment.

As for what to do in the morning, that will be the challenge. I'm hitting bein hazamanim, which is always the hardest time, and it means the struggle is all day. I have ideas on what to do, so we'll see how it goes, and I'll keep updating. The idea of a vow (for TaPHSIC) terrifies me, so its sort of a last resort if all else fails.

And Hashem Help Me, thank you for your suggestions. I've spoken to a rebbe, and reached out to a GYE member. I also recently joined the partner program, we'll see what happens from there,

Thank you all. Hatzloch and Beracha.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 02 Aug 2020 11:04

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Grant400 - 02 Aug 2020 12:36

Mazal tov on 3 weeks!!! Thanks for making "Kin'as sofrim tarbeh chachma"! Keep updating!

P.S. "Not fallen yet"....a little too pessimistic...Thank Gd pure as can be!!!

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Hashem Help Me - 02 Aug 2020 22:29

[Im Tevakshena Kakasef wrote on 02 Aug 2020 11:04:](#)

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Please do not use the word "yet". It sounds like you chas v'shalom expect to fall. Instead "Thank G-d, clean and moving ahead with His help!"

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Meyer M. - 04 Aug 2020 18:24

Mazel Tov on 3 weeks!! Keep on trucking!!

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Grant400 - 05 Aug 2020 20:30

Don't hide from
us, share what's going on, what happened and why you think you fell. We can help you fix it you
just gotta ask. We are here for you in your ups AND downs!

Remember you can't fall,

without first being tall.

You only landed on the floor,

because you started to soar,

one cannot have hit his head,
if he would've stayed in bed,
you wouldn't have a bruise,
if you would've grabbed a snooze.

Sincerely,

Dr. Seuss

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 05 Aug 2020 22:45

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Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 06 Aug 2020 10:51

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How I'm going to stop myself in the future. Well, I've filled out one of the worksheets on whats important in life, (funny how P&M, which I spend so much time doing, didn't make the list, just like the sheet says! Ironical, no?) I've also added (I think I saw this somewhere) about how P&M interferes with said things. (Again, interesting how it interferes with so many of the things I hold most dear, and yet I do it anyway. Hats off to the yetzer hara, say what you want about him, but he does a good job.)

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Thanks again for all the support. May Hashem give us all strength to do His ratzon and make Him happy.

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Posted by Dave M - 06 Aug 2020 13:14

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Him happy.

Great attitude! Keep on fighting and I'H you will be successful. Life is a journey with its ups and down. So maybe you took a step backwards, but now you'll take 2 steps forward.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Grant400 - 06 Aug 2020 15:43

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Welcome back! What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Now to your question:

Quantum physics. String theory. One day at a time. Body wash vs. soap bar. All complex subjects with an overdose of confusion.

Take a look at the thread in the 12 steps forum called: One day at a time- what does it really mean? It might clarify or just confuse even more.

The way I understand it is like this:

1) It does not mean to delude yourself. It does not mean to say let me fight just today, for surely I can hold off one day, and continue to reenact this daily. Who are we fooling like you wanted to know.

2) ODAAT means that we don't allow the past and the future to impact and influence today's thinking. Doing so is weighing factors that don't exist in today's reality. It was yesterday's and tomorrow's reality, but not today's. Fear and guilt can color today but truthfully, only exist in the

persons mind. We think exclusively for today. If a person starts to ponder upon streaks, numbers, past falls and future struggles that can inevitably influence today's decision negatively.

3) ODAAT: We should be clean FOR today. Not for tomorrow or next year. Of course our goal is a pristine future but that's not why I should be clean today. Today is for today only.

4) Of course we think about the past and future, we can even plan for it but it shouldn't be the focus.

5) Dov: It means to surrender today. Not resist today.

6) ODAAT: The point is to be such a complicated subject that we should dissect and discuss it so much we won't have time for acting out.

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Re: Take 2

Posted by Im Tevakshena Kakasef - 08 Aug 2020 23:02

Woah. I thought it was a simple question, I had no idea it was so complicated. I suppose I'll have to think about it some more. Thanks for the answer. And thanks for the maareh makom.

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Not just my yeshiva friends, it would appear.

Baruch Hashem, all going well. Lets have a good day.

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