

It's about time that I am having the courage to admit that there is still a pattern.

I lurked here for about a month. I had a fall and decided to finally check this site out, not for others but for myself this time. 22 clean days. and now again a "minor" fall.

And I finally decided to reach out for help. To stop being stupid.

And I finally admit it. I need brothers. I need others . Because even though I am never alone, and even though I always whisper to the Rebono Shel Oilam, who always helps me, still - I need chavairim. I need help. I stand in front of you, brothers, humbly ready to admit that I still have a problem. I am thankful on the night of ??? ?????? that it's far, far from the problem I once had. I am thankful and proud of where I am. I do not define myself by my falls. BUT I WANT MORE. I NEED MORE. MY NESHOMA DESERVES MORE

I want to be 1000 days clean and more. I am so UNBELIEVABLY jealous of the heilige yiddin here who are clean for years. I NEED to be 100 percent clean. It's my hearts desire - a white-hot Ratzon Pnimi. But I need help from Hakadosh Boruch Hu and from you.

The deepest part in the center of my Neshoma is sickened by the realization that I may have been still fooling myself [I am not entirely sure if I have been, or if I'm just a work in progress].

I am deeply inspired by the raw honesty and desperate yearning in many posts here. I love that so much. I love honest , searching growing yidden. I want to be an anonymous yid among others who are growing together. I want to grow more, be more, find out what roads are still open to me.

Can you guys help me? Please?

I'm sitting in my office and crying at my computer.

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by Heeling - 24 Jul 2024 20:46

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by eerie - 25 Jul 2024 03:06

Wow.

Dearest CO, the emotions you brought up with those oh do powerful words!

My friend, we are davening, learning, begging, pleading, and we are always, but always, at your side.

Friend, these friends really love you and care for you and all of yours. May you only keep sharing great news!

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by chaimoigen - 26 Jul 2024 02:30

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by BenHashemBH - 26 Jul 2024 16:36

Reb Chaim,

I hope you are ok today and heading into a healing Shabbos.

Kol tov

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by iwannalivereal - 28 Jul 2024 23:13

Buried under a pile of seforim, face aglow
as he slowly turned around - a big smile broke over his face
tried to hide it, from the rest of the cong.

Was a great shmooz! Didn't know about this agenda to try to make
me cry, guessing it was some sort of challenge from red - dw i'll get
you back one day!!!

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by yiftach - 28 Jul 2024 23:26

Some heavy meeting today... Where am I?

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by redfaced - 28 Jul 2024 23:35

[yiftach wrote on 28 Jul 2024 23:26:](#)

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Hopefully in bed

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by chaimoigen - 12 Sep 2024 17:40

Dear Chaverim,

I mentioned that I and my family have been going through a difficult Nisayon the past few months.

Many of you have been Davening for us. Although Tefillos are still needed and appreciated , I want you to know that we have experienced tremendous Siyata Dishmaya and things are on a good path, Boruch Hashem. Hodu LaHashem.

The friends who called and the ones I called. The ones who showed up. And the ones who cried torrents of tears for us- what words can I write? I simply can't. Choking up here. To have such a support system?!? Doesn't really exist elsewhere... and such guys? Ditto. I have no doubt that your Tefillos have had a tremendous impact. No words.

And how can I thank you all for the lessons I've learned here?! These lessons have expressed themselves in other areas of Nisayon, in navigating Shalom Bayis during times of anguish, worry, grief and anxiety. I've learned so much. I'm a different person. I don't think I could have managed this situation without what I've learned here.

There are no adequate words of thanks. I'll whisper the words I can't write here in Tefilla to Hashem, for all of you, for all of us.

May Hashem bless GYE and you all.

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 12 Sep 2024 20:17

And may Hashem wipe away all of your tears - and all of ours....

The Skulener Rebbe zatzal that was recently niftar once teitched - *V'taher leebainu l'avdecha b'emes* as follows. Sometimes one has a heavy weight on their heart that causes so much grief that it is oh so difficult to serve Hashem properly. The anguish is so great that one cannot even get the words out to daven for the *yeshua*. Therefore, we ask Him - *V'taher leebainu* - clean off our hearts/remove the painful issue, *l'avdecha b'emes* - so now we can serve You with a healthy clean heart. May we all be *zoche* together with our *yedid nefesh* and *yedid ne'eman* R' Chaim to pain free hearts so we can serve Hashem....

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by chaimoigen - 17 Sep 2024 03:50

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But that was before the magic of almost 500 days of Tahara....

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by Muttel - 17 Sep 2024 08:09

Ah, R' Chaim,

Who woulda thunk, but I actually know what you're talking about, and it is deliciously gratifying to see this wondrous success you experienced!

I'm wondering what's going on in the pamalya shel maala; I bet Hashem called together his malachim to show them the massive flame of kedusha rising.... Where the yetzer hora bowed his head and acknowledged nitzchuni.....

I'm joining you for a virtual leChaim and thank you for enhancing my day with such a joyful post!

Here's wishing all our brothers here that we all experience this taste of living the way we were intended to.....

With a heart overflowing with love,

Muttel

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by Heeling - 17 Sep 2024 15:09

Beautiful, CO!

Your an inspiration!

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Re: Thought I wouldn't need to ask for help
Posted by smokey - 17 Sep 2024 15:57

[chaimoigen wrote on 17 Sep 2024 03:50:](#)

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Wow super inspiring, touched my heart!

Thanks so much for sharing and I can't wait for you to get to 500!!!

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You omitted the part where, for just a fleeting moment, you thought, "This would make an excellent post tomorrow."

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