Introducing myself Posted by tryingmybest770 - 09 Jun 2023 16:02

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Welcome Tayere Yid! Read around, and try to connect to people. Good to have you!

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Re: Introducing myself Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 09 Jun 2023 16:13

Welcome to the club! There are many of us here, both single and married, and we are learning that we can live fulfilling Torahdig lives despite our SSA. You will find lots of love and support here.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: Introducing myself Posted by chaimoigen - 09 Jun 2023 16:32

Struggles are a lot easier when you don't have to face them alone.

Welcome, tzaddik, your post tells a lot about what a special person you are!

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Re: Introducing myself Posted by Eerie - 09 Jun 2023 19:36

I hope you are already realizing how special the oilam here is, with a welcome like that! Here we are your brothers, we care for you, we want to hear from you, so please keep letting us know

how you are doing. Like GSBY pointed out, there is a lot of chizuk for people going through any situation, with the main chizuk being that you don't have to go it alone

The fact that you opened up to your mashpia is HUGE! Keep up that relationship, and we are here to support you in your journey. Keep trucking!

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Re: Introducing myself Posted by Horizon - 09 Jun 2023 22:14

hello and welcome!

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i'm sorry for what you've gone through, and yes carrying it alone is a killer. you've done a great move opening up about it to an actual person, and i'm sure you'll benefit greatly from this community as well.

when i read your last line, i immediately began thinking of advice/feedback/insights to share, but then i figured that you dont need that from me. **Warning: Spoiler!** 

i think you'll benefit most from opening up and sharing about yourself, and from corresponding and connecting w others. especially w chevra who can relate.

hatzlacha and a lichtigin shabbos!

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