

In dire need of support

Posted by notgivingup321 - 15 Jan 2024 17:33

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Re: In dire need of support

Posted by davidt - 15 Jan 2024 18:23

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Kudos for not staying stuck and reaching out for help. I guess you're a human being after all. Humans are prone to falling, especially when we are exposed to triggering situations. You have been sober for a very long time and you'll be able to be sober for a very long time going forward as well!

If you view your lapse as a mistake and as a product of external triggers, rather than as a personal failure, research shows that you will have a much better chance of return to abstinence quickly. Your lapse becomes a tool to move forward and to strengthen your motivation to change, your identification of triggers and urge-controlling techniques, your rational coping skills, and the lifestyle changes needed to lead a more balanced life.

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Re: In dire need of support
Posted by notgivingup321 - 15 Jan 2024 18:31

Thanks so much for your support it means a lot to me in this time

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Re: In dire need of support
Posted by yitzchokm - 15 Jan 2024 19:20

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Posted by notgivingup321 - 15 Jan 2024 20:06

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Thanks so much do you by any chance have a link of it?

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Re: In dire need of support

Posted by yitzchokm - 15 Jan 2024 20:41

I have a pdf file but I don't know how to attach it to a post.

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Posted by notgivingup321 - 15 Jan 2024 20:43

[yitzchokm wrote on 15 Jan 2024 20:41:](#)

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Nothing attached

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Posted by yitzchokm - 15 Jan 2024 20:46

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Can you please email it to me notgivingup321@gmail.com
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Here is a link. <https://www.hebrewbooks.org/pdfpager.aspx?req=52052&st=&pgnum=386>

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Thank Hashem that you are here NOW, and grab on to this opportunity to make this a one-time slip-up, with the right guidance from the Balei Nisayon here. It's possible! You can do it.

Do not let this get you down, rather let be a sign, that this battle is never over, and you must keep your guard up forever.

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Rabbeinu Yonah writes in Shaarei Teshuva 1:13 that the levels of Teshuva are based on the amount of pain felt but make sure you don't consider yourself a personal failure as that can be very dangerous. I suggest that you read chapter 10 and appendix A of the book "The Battle of the Generation". You can download an e-book at <https://guardyoureyes.com/ebooks/item/the-battle-of-the-generation>

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