

Recovering from a Fall

Posted by sprather - 28 Oct 2024 19:42

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I have struggled with this since I was 10 years old. I didn't grow up frum, so I was exposed to this stuff constantly throughout my childhood, and no matter how much I wanted to quit, I could never stop for long. I think the longest I was clean was probably around two weeks. I finally decided that I was done and signed up for GYE, and it was a game changer. I was suddenly capable of suppress and moving past these compulsive desires. I was clean for 37; I thought I was done for good. Then, over shabbat, I fell. I feel so bad about it. Coming off of that has made staying clean so much harder. I want to move past this, but now I doubt if I can. I just wanted to vent; thank you, to anyone to reads this.

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Re: Recovering from a Fall

Posted by vehkam - 29 Jul 2025 02:44

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The yetzer hara will be satisfied with any amount of yirah that makes you feel badly about yourself.

The point is not to make light of the issurim. The point is to develop a mindset that will have the best opportunity for success.

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Re: Recovering from a Fall

Posted by kavey - 29 Jul 2025 14:18

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If I may bring another Rav Pincus this time from Elul.

He says people think Elul is about being mechazeik ourselves and he says that's like pressing down the gas pedal when driving stick shift. You rev the engine but if you're still in first gear you're not really going faster. It's kind of related to your point where he says that Elul is about a personal relationship with HKBH I guess if you want a stronger Ahavas Hashem listening to the recording or reading his seforim is a good place to start.

However, my main point to I think echo vehkam is that sometimes a mindshift is needed in order to move forward. I highly highly recommend talking to some of the tzaddikim here like vehkam and talk through your questions. What's the worst that could happen?

Or at least have a seder of BOTG.

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