Falling – a sign of strength Posted by snax - 27 Aug 2008 14:07

I came across a Tosfos Yom Tov in Avos which I would like to share with you.

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One of the Nisim that occurred during the time of the Bais Hamikdash was that the Kohen Godel never had to be replaced by a different Kohen during Yom Kippur because he became a Baal Keri. The question is, that since the Kohen was placed in a special room seven days before Yom Kippur which there he would be B'Keduasha Ub'Tahara as seen in Meseches Yuma then why should he become a Baal Keri? On this the Tosfos Yom Tov (Bshem Midrash Shmuel) answers that the Yetzer Tov and the Yetzer Hora are fighting a big battle and when the Yetzer Hora sees he's losing, just as we see many dying men right before they die they strengthen themselves and start talking as a healthy man so the Yetzer Hora strengthens himself with all his might and could bring the Kohen to become a Baal Keri.

From this we see that falling is a sign of a falling Yetzer Hora :o and a strong you/us.:D

Re: Falling – a sign of strength Posted by the.guard - 27 Aug 2008 22:40

Thank you for sharing that. It is very nice, I may send it in a chizuk e-mail :-)

Re: Falling – a sign of strength Posted by niceguy - 28 Aug 2008 07:33

Tha's a very nice vort. i'm B'H feeling exceptionally good lately since i opened up and started connecting to the forum . but i think i recently had an experience like that . if you think of it as the yetzer dying and fighting to hold on to you it helps to let it pass.but he's just hibernating, we put him to sleep,he never dies. not until the Yom HaDin Hagadol.May it be very soon.

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Re: Falling – a sign of strength Posted by Mevakesh Hashem - 28 Aug 2008 14:33

Wonderful! Thanks for sharing.

people: We have to realize that if and when you fall occasionally, IT SHOULD NOT GET YOU DOWN!!! By virtue of the fact that the falling makes you feel bad and guilty, it shows how high you have climbed! That same "falling" was everyday happening in the "old you" and you didnt give it a second thought!

Today it makes you feel bad and you cant get it out of your mind, precisely because you arent the "old you" anymore, rather a "new, improved, stronger, better, holier, you"!

Chazak V'Ematz!

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