

I'm About to Slip!

Posted by Kedusha - 29 Oct 2009 14:14

One of the most popular threads on the forum is the "["I'm about to FALL"](#) thread, started by Uri in mid-August. That thread allows forum members to call out for help if they feel that a fall is impending.

The problem is that it's often too late, the reason being that, if a member is about to "fall," he may well have already "slipped" (for the difference between "slipping" and "falling," see [here, rule #8](#)). One reason that it's called "slipping" is that, once we've slipped, it's often a "slippery slope" until we, c"v, fall and, quite often, fall hard.

So, I thought it might be helpful to start a new thread, for those who have not even slipped yet, but are afraid that they're on the verge of doing so. By calling out for help at that point, they may well be able to change course before things start getting totally out of control.

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Re: I'm About to Slip!

Posted by Ineedhelp!! - 29 Oct 2009 14:24

Great Chiluk Kedusha. Very true that what you said. Reminds me of the pringles moto. "Once you pop the fun(?) dont stop". Hopefully wont be fun though. Kedusha, you always have something inspiring to say weather on here or the phone group. Thanks for the chizuk.

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Re: I'm About to Slip!

Posted by the.guard - 29 Oct 2009 14:37

We should start a thread called "I have feeling I might be in a situation next week that could cause R.I.D".

Just kidding around, I like the new thread idea, Keep up the good work, Kedusha! :D

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Re: I'm About to Slip!
Posted by habib613 - 29 Oct 2009 14:42

i like it too.

a lot.

thanks!

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Re: I'm About to Slip!
Posted by letakain - 29 Oct 2009 15:36

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Re: I'm About to Slip!
Posted by 7yipol - 29 Oct 2009 15:38

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i think it's genius.

oh oh; did he notice?

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Re: I'm About to Slip!

Posted by lamed vavnik - 01 Nov 2009 06:55

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Posted by Kedusha - 01 Nov 2009 14:12

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Check out the second link in my post above.

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Posted by Kedusha - 01 Nov 2009 14:40

[imtrying25 wrote on 01 Nov 2009 14:17:](#)

m not sure that Lamed V meant the rules of a slip etc etc. I think he was asking how can we avoid the slip what precautionary steps should we take??? ???

How to avoid a slip? A slip needs to be viewed in the exact way that a recovering alcoholic needs to view a sip of bourbon: "If I take that one sip, I'm dead!"

(I recognize that, once someone has c"v slipped or fallen, he needs to make the best of the situation and should not let it get him down. But, before the fact, one's attitude needs to be that even a slip is DEADLY, which, indeed, it is).

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Posted by imtrying25 - 01 Nov 2009 14:45

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Thanks kedusha you are so right. But why do i have such a hard time convincing myself of this fact. Harder than not to look at p*** and harder than not ma***** is for me to fully accept amd understand that its so deadly. I just tell myself its not right. Its not the right thing to do. But i cant get myself to realize its **DEADLY** (We can cont on my post if you like)

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Re: I'm About to Slip!
Posted by Giant Leap - 01 Nov 2009 21:53

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Posted by the.guard - 01 Nov 2009 22:03

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However, you're right. In that moment of lust, nothing can help besides:

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Re: I'm About to Slip!
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Thanks R'Guard and Kedusha for responding. Specifically, the link to the topic of surrender is what I was looking for. My problem is that its difficult for me to surrender unconditionally. I guess I still want to have some control over the matter and thats why I am still falling. Besides the point, I can go several days clean and worry free till the YH attacks me blind-sided, then for some reason I give into the the foreign thoughts to search so and so and fall. I understand to some degree in what we are up against when we are fighting the YH. The YH is an angel of G-d and only our faith in Hashem can we defeat the YH. I have to come to the "surrender" realization myself and I guess there is no way anyone can help me with that.

Thanks for your guys' support.

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All right, I'm living through this right now. I accidentally saw something online, immediately covered it up, and quickly closed out of the website. The y"h is in a bit of a bind, because, according to both the Halacha and the GYE rules, this was neither an aveira nor a "slip." So, he needs to stretch the truth, something he's quite good at. But, let's get real, y"h: who hasn't accidentally turned on a light on Shabbos in their life? Is that a reason to then be Mechallel Shabbos b'Meizid? [For the record, I try to tape most of the light switches in my house before Shabbos, but I digress].

There is a difference, of course. In this area, the y"h has the power of an addiction on his side. For this reason, I'm sharing my experience with others, something that I would not have done in the case of a Shabbos mistake. By doing so, I hope that my friends on the forum will not let the y"h dominate the conversation! But, even if no one chooses to reply, my hope is that my getting the truth out in the open will will drown out the sheker of the y"h's arguments.

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