

fresh start

Posted by Sturggle - 06 Jul 2009 19:35

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I was on the list before under a different name and I decided to change it. Previously I was "David". I am nearing the end of my 4th day clean. Today was difficult and challenging. Thanks to your help, I have had a filter (K9) on my computer since Thursday afternoon. That has been helpful. Anyway, happy to be on this journey of sobriety. I'm not so sure how much to disclose about myself and what to write on these forums. I hope to make use of them, though. I have needed, do need and will need help and support.

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Re: fresh start

Posted by Sturggle - 09 May 2010 14:56

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Re: fresh start

Posted by zalmandovid - 09 May 2010 20:36

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Your thoughts are very appreciated and as usual enlightening. I think we are both saying the same thing yet you are using more precise wordage. The task and burden of constantly striving to surrender our burden to Hashem and stay strong becomes lighter and easier to hold once we . It sometimes can be very tough, but adjusting certain Hashkafas we have will make this journey more bearable, and ultimately we will be able to live peacefully with our addiction.

You write

What I mean by "being good" is aligning my physicality and role in this world with the goodness of my neshama and the will of HKB"H. I can and may choose to direct my role in this world through my neshama and let that part of me shine as I can and may choose to cover up the goodness of my neshama by allowing my role (i.e. physical body, ego, etc...) in this world to take on a life of its own.

It is important to also bear in mind that the natural state of a soul is to cleave to it's creator. Essentially we are striving and working to align our Neshama into it's Natural state of being, essentially strengthening the strong bond which is already in place.

internalize tat truth. It becomes easier but that doesn't necessarily mean it's an easy task  
Basically I'm just trying to emphasize pur constant strongbond to Hashem

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Re: fresh start  
Posted by Dov - 10 May 2010 03:53

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Reb b...my turn....am I close?

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Re: fresh start

Posted by Sturggle - 12 May 2010 07:53

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I understand everything you wrote in the first paragraph, except for the last line. A fall for sure helps me realize that I need to be closer to HKB"H. I can either run away, as you say, or work on that connection with HKB"H. Running away to me means that I realize I have a disconnect and I'm afraid of it, can't deal, so I run. Or I can realize the disconnect and be afraid of it and deal with it, reconnecting and becoming ever closer to HKB"H. HKB"H does not change, so if I have a part of Him in me, that must not change either. However, I have other parts as well and I may feel disconnected to Him and that "neshama" in me. Acting out feeds the feeling of disconnect. I only feel closer if I am able to accept my acting out for what it was and rebuild the connection. Then I can be closer than I ever was before, but not because of the acting out alone, but for my work after the acting out. I think I might have written this before, but it can't hurt to repeat. It's like I am connected to HKB"H by a rope. When it rips, I might want to tie it back together and if I do, the two ends are closer than they were before. Now this rope may not symbolize the fact that I am always really connected to HKB"H, but it may symbolize our true ability to appreciate that connection.

And I'm not so sure I'm a Bardichever... :-\

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Posted by Sturggle - 12 May 2010 11:11

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Re: fresh start  
Posted by Sturggle - 12 May 2010 13:54

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nice pic Rage

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and amen to your tefilla!

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Re: fresh start  
Posted by Dov - 13 May 2010 02:37

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Sturggle - you might not be a bardichever, but you must be close to being one. I have met many people who act out and immediately sense the abyss. That's all they see: this dark abyss. Of course, it was there before acting out because that's why they acted out...

A bardichever sees the abyss and doesn't believe it is really there and says, "That distance between Him and me is just more BS, just like the lust was!" He gets up and walks with Hashem through the tears.

BTW. I don't need to act out to learn lots of good stuff and yearn more for Hashem - I stick around and let some of the poor folks at the meetings act out for me! That may sound cruel, but old age does that to a guy.

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Re: fresh start

Posted by Sturggle - 13 May 2010 05:19

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I don't know if it's a good thing, but that last line got me lolling!

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Re: fresh start

Posted by Sturggle - 14 May 2010 12:18

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GOOD DAY! GUT SHABBOS! GUT CHODESH! (ONE DAY!)

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Re: fresh start

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 14 May 2010 16:54

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[sturggle wrote on 14 May 2010 12:18:](#)

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... here we have Three 'Days' at a Time :-\

I hope Dov doesn't try to stop us & put us back on the One Day at a Time track.

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Re: fresh start

Posted by Sturggle - 16 May 2010 07:05

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nice Yosef.

the great thing it to have all of those beautiful things in one day and enjoy them in the here and now.

(i know you were joking, hence the opening to the post.)

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Re: fresh start

Posted by Sturggle - 16 May 2010 07:12

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this all really is about one day at a time.

for me, the hard times are ones to get through. and remember that they will end. things will be good again. by that i mean feel good, because i know my feelings. i believe that things are always good, at least try to.

the good times, well, then i can take stock and strengthen the aforementioned belief that things are really always good, im good, etc... also a good time to really think what is working for me, what may not be and how i'm going to ensure that i stay on this path i'm on (that's right, the good one).

shavua tov!!

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