Psychology of Teshuva Part 1 Getting Ready to Change

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STAGES OF CHANGE

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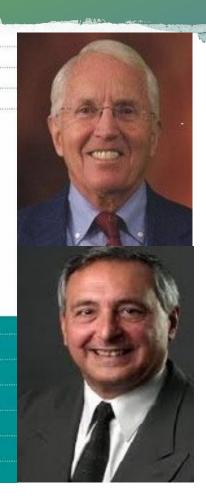
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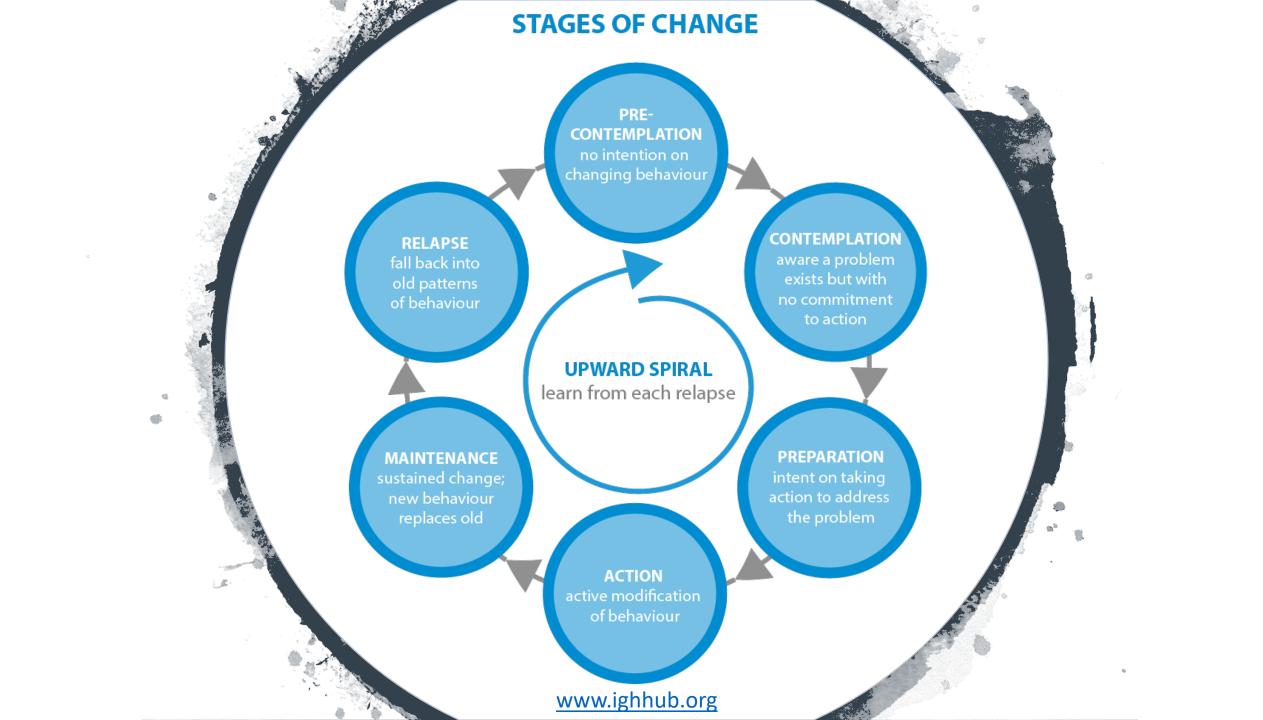
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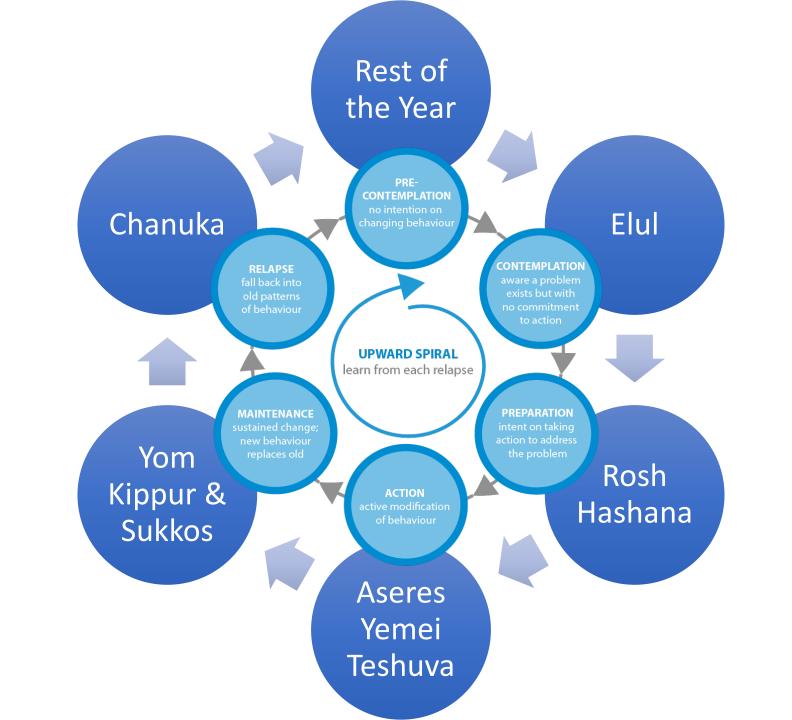
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A REVOLUTIONARY
SIX-STAGE PROGRAM FOR
OVERCOMING BAD HABITS
AND MOVING YOUR LIFE
POSITIVELY FORWARD



- TRANSTHEORETICAL MODEL
- CHANGE IS A PROCESS, NOT FLIPPING A SWITCH
 - RAV KOOK: GRADUAL VS. SUDDEN
- USED FOR;
 - ALCOHOL
 - **SUBSTANCES**
 - CIGARETTE SMOKING
 - WEIGHT MANAGEMENT
 - EMOTION MANAGEMENT
 - EXERCISE
 - SPIRITUAL?
- 5 STAGES
- 9 PROCESSES
 - WITH SUBTECHNIQUES





PRECONTEMPLATION

OUTLOOK TOWARDS CHANGE

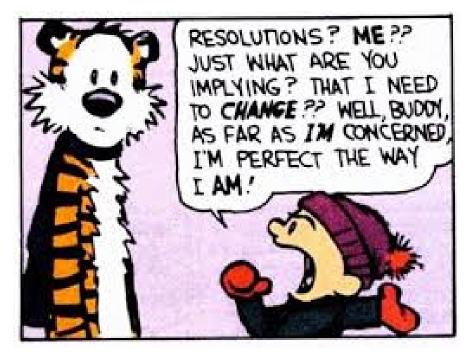
- DEFENSIVE
- DOESN'T DISCUSS, THINK, OR READ ABOUT PROBLEM
- DOESN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

DEFENSE MECHANISMS

- DENIAL
 - "All the ways of a man seem right to him, But Hashem probes motives" –
 Mishlei 16:2
- RATIONALIZATION
 - "If you ask the lazy person [to explain his behavior], he will confront you with numerous
 quotations of the sages, verses from scripture, and logical arguments all of which instruct
 him, according to his distorted mind, to be lenient with himself, and to leave himself in the
 tranquility of his laziness" Mesillat Yesharim Chapter 6

PROJECTION

 We learned "a person sees all defects, except (chutz) their own defects" (M. Nega'im 2:5) and the holy Ba'al Shem Tov explained that "a person sees all defects outside (chutz)" - what they see is a continuation of that person's defects, as our sages say "he disqualifies others with his own flaw."



PATH TO



CONTEMPLATION

1. DEVELOPMENTAL & ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

A. FRESH START EFFECT & TEMPORAL LANDMARKS

i. YAMIM NORAIM, ROSH CHODESH

A. BIRTHDAYS

- i. MIDLIFE 40
- ii. HOW OLD TO BE CHAZZAN?

שער הציון סימן תקפא

דרכי משה. ושם כתוב בלשון זה, ומצוה מן המובחר שיהא למעלה מבן ל'
שאז לבו נשבר ונדכה, עד כאן לשונו, אכן באמת תיבות אלו אין להם שום
ביאור, דהלא אדרבה בן ל' לכח, וכשאדם חזק בכח אין לבו נשבר, וביותר
קשה לשון הכל בו שכתב שם. ומצוה מן המובחר מבן שלשים שאז הוא ימי
הזקנה ולבו נכנע ונשבר יותר. ולכאורה הייתי אומר שטעות סופר הוא בכל בו
וברמ"א וצריך לומר בן ששים ונתחלף ס' בל'. אבל בחופשי בארחות חיים
שהוא מקור לכל דברי הכל בו כידוע, מצאתי שם גם כן הגרסא שלשים, אבל
לשונו שם מתוקן יותר, וזה לשונו שם בהלכות תפלה, וצריך לדקדק שיהיה
בשניו כמספר שני העובדים עבודה, מכ"ה שנה ולמעלה, והמצוה מן המובחר

1. CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING

A. READING, LISTENING, LEARNING

- i. NEED TO APPLY TO SELF
- ii. AWARE OF DEFENSES

2. HELPING RELATIONSHIPS

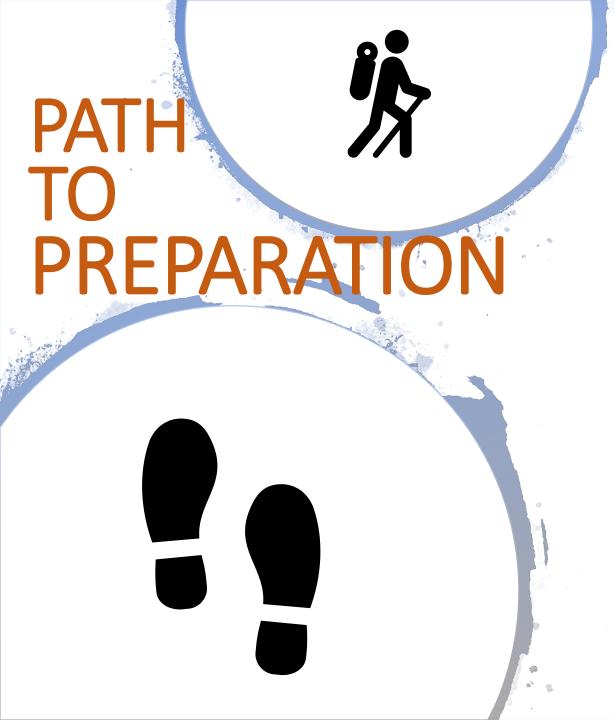
A. TEACHER, FRIEND, THERAPIST

CONTEMPLATION

THINKING ABOUT IT,
BUT NOT READY FOR ACTION

- BARRIERS TO ACTING
 - PERFECTIONISM
 - WAITING FOR MAGIC MOMENT
 - WISHFUL THINKING
 - PREMATURE ACTION





1. EMOTIONAL AROUSAL

- A. LEARNING/INSPIRING SHIUR
- **B. IMAGINATION**
 - i. NEGATIVE
 - i. WHAT WILL YOU LOOK LIKE IF YOU DON'T CHANGE?
 - ii. POSITIVE
 - i. BEST POSITIVE SELF

2. CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING & SELF-REEVALUATION

- A. DEFINE SPECIFIC PERSONAL GOALS
- **B. SELF-MONITORING**
- C. FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS
 - i. ABC's ANTECEDENTS, BEHAVIOR, CONSEQUENCE
 - a. WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP??

3. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

- A. THINK BEFORE YOU ACT
- **B. CREATE A NEW SELF IMAGE**
- C. MAKE A DECISION
 - i. PROS/CONS
 - ii. DECISIONAL BALANCE