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Name: _____

And now we begin...

The first step in our working together is you taking about 45 to 60 minutes to fill out the following **intake paperwork** on the following pages.

This will give you some information about my practice and will help me begin to understand what may be contributing to your depressive symptoms.

My having this information will help me know where to start the process of helping you find the key to unlocking your symptoms.

Please print out, complete the paperwork, and fax or email the intake back to me, AT LEAST 48 HOURS before your scheduled initial appointment, to give me time to really go through it before we meet.

My Fax number is: 866-615-3670

My email is: Josh@IntegrativeDepressionSolutions.com

I am excited that you have taken this step towards healing your depression!

Looking forward to our work together,

Dr. Josh Friedman

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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____

Name of Client: _____

Sex: Male Female Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Number For Phone Session: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

I agree for this person to be contacted in an emergency (initial) _____

Primary Care Physician: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

New Clients –First Appointment

Your 1st consultation will be approximately 45 minutes. During this time, Dr. Friedman will be asking many questions to best understand the possible underlying factors contributing to your depression.

After the first appointment, he will create a written treatment plan to address your specific issues. This will likely include dietary and supplement suggestions, stress management tools and may include recommendations for functional testing that will allow us to understand the “root” causes of your depression.

You will be provided information on how to order tests.

Dr. Friedman will email you this treatment plan following the 1st appointment.

Follow-Up Appointments

If indicated, Dr. Friedman will email you a link, to pay for and choose a time for the next appointment.

These appointments are either 25 minutes or 45 minutes and are by phone. Dr. Friedman will suggest the time needed for the follow up, and he will call you for the appointment at the number provided.

Fees Schedule For Dr. Friedman’s Services

\$375	45-Minute Case Review
\$275	30-minute follow-up
\$350	45-minute follow-up

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Lab Testing

Most of the Laboratory tests are ordered through Direct Health Access Laboratory (DHA Lab). You will pay Integrative Depression Solutions directly when ordering tests. An ordering provider (MD, DO, PA, NP) at DHA Lab will order the testing on your behalf. Since the ordering medical provider will not be seeing you for an evaluation before ordering the tests, your insurance provider will NOT pay for the testing. If tests are from a different lab, you will be provided information on “direct to consumer” companies where you can order the suggested tests.

We receive your lab results 2-4 weeks after you mail your sample to the lab. If you don't already have a follow-up appointment scheduled, you will be contacted to schedule one to review the findings.

Cancellations

If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, you must notify our office a minimum of 24 hours before your scheduled time or you will still be charged for that appointment.

International Clients

If you are outside the United States, you will be required to call for your appointment at the allotted time. Please email us at Josh@IntegrativeDepressionSolutions.com to make sure you have the correct number to call for the appointment.

Insurance Requests

We are not in a position to offer super bills or collaborate with insurance companies for reimbursement of any services. The receipt you receive when purchasing items with Integrative Depression Solutions is the only document offered to substantiate services.

Important Notes

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Josh Friedman is not a medical doctor and does not service medical emergencies. **If you have a medical emergency, you must contact your primary care physician or dial 911!**

If you are in need of psychotherapy or psychiatric care it is critical that you find one, or both in your local area. Work with Dr. Friedman is in no way viewed as a replacement for psychotherapy, psychiatric, or medical care.

Please contact me at Josh@IntegrativeDepressionSolutions.com if you are not clear on any of our policies or procedures.

I, _____, **have read and understood Integrative Depression Solutions' Policies and Procedures.**

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

CONSENT TO TREATMENT

It is with full consent that I am entering into a professional relationship with Dr. Joshua Friedman.

I have been made aware that he addresses brain health and overall wellbeing with nutrition and lifestyle recommendations. I am aware that he may recommend dietary changes and specific supplements, and may educate me about specific functional laboratory tests and tell me how I can order these tests.

I have been made aware that he is a licensed Psychologist, but that in our professional relationship he is working as a Certified Holistic Health Counselor, accredited by the American Association for Drugless Practitioners and not as a psychologist.

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Therefore, I am aware that his work with me will not be considered psychotherapy or the practice of Psychology. As such, he will not diagnose any mental health disorders or use mental health therapy procedure codes, and therefore his services will not be billable through third party insurance carriers. I have been made aware that if I am in need of either psychological or psychiatric care, that I should find a qualified professional in the area where I live.

He has informed me that the dietary education he may provide is not intended to “treat” or “cure” any disease.

Even though personal health information may be provided during consultation with Josh Friedman, these consults shall not constitute the practice of medicine and should not be considered a replacement for the care of a physician, psychiatrist, psychotherapist or other health care provider.

He has advised me to speak to my physician before making any dietary changes, taking any dietary supplements, or ordering any functional laboratory tests. Any decision to stop taking any prescribed medication should be made in full collaboration between you and the prescribing medical provider.

By signing below you agree to take full responsibility for taking any natural remedy that Josh Friedman might provide education about. You agree that he is not liable for any adverse effects or complications from such natural remedies, however rare. You agree to stop taking any supplements that cause any adverse effects, and to notify him and your primary medical provider immediately.

Additionally, you will notify Dr. Friedman of any new medications you are taking, especially psychotropic medications such as antidepressants, as supplement adjustments may be necessary. You will also notify him if you become pregnant, as some supplements may be inappropriate during pregnancy.

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Dr. Friedman may provide you education about functional laboratory testing that research has shown maybe helpful for identifying biochemical factors linked to depression. You are advised to speak to your doctor or other healthcare practitioner about whether these tests might be helpful for you. Dr. Friedman will not be ordering these tests but will help you find ordering providers if you wish.

Dr. Friedman will not intentionally release any personal medical information to any other parties without written consent from you.

Please sign and print your name below to indicate that you have read the above statements and willingly agree to enter into a professional health counseling relationship with Joshua H. Friedman, CHHC.

Signature of Client(s) (or Legal Guardian):

_____ Date: _____

CREDIT/ DEBIT CARD

All clients are required to provide a credit or debit card to be kept on file:

Credit card number

Expiration Date

Security Code

Zip Code

(3 digits on back of card)

I agree for Dr. Josh Friedman to charge my credit card for any outstanding fees

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owed:

Card holder's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mental Health History

What is your chief concern? _____

Other Concerns? _____

Occupation: _____ Hours of work per week: _____

Relationship status: _____ Children?: _____

Do you sleep well? _____ Do you wake up at night? _____

What times? _____ To urinate? _____

What time do you generally get up in the AM? _____

Constipation/diarrhea? _____

Women: Are your periods regular? _____

How many days is your flow? _____

How frequent? _____ Painful or symptomatic? _____

Please explain (if necessary); _____

Do you take supplements or medication? If so which? _____

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Any therapies or healers you are involved with?

What role does exercise play in your life? _____

Do you drink coffee, smoke cigarettes, or have any major addictions?

What percentage of your food is home cooked? _____

Where do you get the rest from? _____

Please describe your current level of stress:

How do you relax? _____

What do you do for fun? _____

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Please tell me about the food you eat during a typical day (use a day recently that you remember).

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Snacks

Liquids

Mental health Symptoms Chart

1) In Column A, put a number from 1 to 10 by each symptoms experienced, with 1 being slightly felt or hardly ever felt and 10 being strongly felt or felt all the time. 2) Check the substances in Column B that are used to reduce the symptoms in the same section of Column A.

A: Symptoms

B: Substances Used

Type 1: Low Serotonin

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon or evening
cravings | <input type="checkbox"/> sweets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> negativity, depression | <input type="checkbox"/> starches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> winter blues, SAD | <input type="checkbox"/> tobacco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> worry, anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> chocolate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> low self-esteem | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecstasy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> guilt | <input type="checkbox"/> marijuana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> obsessive thought or behaviors | <input type="checkbox"/> alcohol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> perfectionistic | <input type="checkbox"/> anti-depressant medication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> irritability, rage | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> panic attacks; phobias (i.e. fear of heights, small spaces etc.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> suicidal thoughts, feelings | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hyper-activity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dislike of hot weather | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fibromyalgia, TMJ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> night-owl, hard to get to sleep | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> frequent awakening during night | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> waking up too early | |
| typical sleep hours:
_____to_____ | |

Type 2: Low Catecholamines

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| ___ apathetic depression | ___ sweets |
| ___ lack of energy | ___ starch |
| ___ lack of drive, motivation | ___ chocolate |
| ___ lack of focus/concentration | ___ Aspartame |
| ___ Attention Deficit Disorder | ___ alcohol |
| ___ easily bored | ___ marijuana |
| | ___ caffeine |
| | ___ Cocaine |
| | ___ speed |
| | ___ tobacco |

Type 3: Low GABA

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ___ stiff, tense or painful muscles | ___ sweets |
| ___ over stressed and burned out | ___ starch |
| ___ unable to relax and loosen up | ___ tobacco |
| ___ often feel overwhelmed | ___ marijuana |
| | ___ Xanax, Klonopin |

Section 4: Endorphin Deficiency

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| ___ very sensitive to emotional
or physical pain | ___ sweets |
| ___ cry (tear up) easily | ___ starch |
| ___ crave comfort, reward, or numbing | ___ chocolate |
| from drugs, alcohol, foods or | ___ tobacco |
| behaviors | ___ heroin |
| | ___ marijuana |
| | ___ alcohol |

Adapted from *The Mood Cure* by Julia Ross

Did any of the following events occur in the 6 month period prior to: 1) the initial onset of depression, or 2) the period in which your mental health started to decline?

___ High levels of stress/anger (e.g. family/relationship related)

___ Emotionally traumatic event(s) (e.g. death of a loved one)

___ Excessive physical &/or work activity for you

___ Sleep deprivation/sleep disruption/night shift work

___ New medications (e.g. antibiotics, antacids, hormones, psychiatric)

___ Changed dose of medication (e.g. lowered hormones)

___ Started supplement containing > 600 mcg (0.6 mg) of copper

___ Illicit drug use or started smoking

___ Significant change in diet (e.g. crash dieting)

___ Increased coffee, diet soft drink or alcohol intake

___ New house/job/office/school/class room

___ House/work/school renovated or repaired (inc. vinyl wall paper)

___ House/work/school freshly painted or sprayed with pesticides

___ New mattress, pillow, carpet, furniture or refinished furniture

- ___ Amalgam (silver) filling insertion or removal
- ___ Root canal insertion
- ___ Broke glass thermometer
- ___ Three or more servings of fish per week (1 serving = 150 grams)
- ___ Regularly eating one of the following fish - Swordfish, shark/flake, marlin, broadbill, orange roughly/sea perch or catfish
- ___ New gas heater, gas stove or other gas appliance
- ___ Water contamination (e.g. leaks/flooding) in house/work/school
- ___ New or increased mold growth in your house/work/school
- ___ Commenced new hobby
- ___ Other chemical exposure (e.g. work or home related)
- ___ Insertion of breast implants, silicon injections, metal crowns, braces,
- ___ Joint/hip replacement, metals screws/pins/nails/slips, etc.
- ___ New cordless phone near bed, started using electric blanket, started
- ___ Sleeping near a meter box or new WiFi system
- ___ Food poisoning / gastroenteritis / parasitic infection
- ___ Household member with parasitic or bacterial infection

___ International travel, camping, wilderness activities and/or
Travel to parasite prone area

___ Viral or bacterial infection (other than typical 'cold') / fever

___ Tick or spider bite

___ Recent Vaccination (e.g. Hepatitis B or Tetanus)

___ Blood transfusion or donation

___ Hospitalization

___ Surgery (e.g. hysterectomy/appendectomy)

___ Pregnancy/miscarriage/abortion/menopause onset

___ Injury / head injury / stroke

___ Unprotected sex with people of unknown STD status

Section A- Mark the symptoms that apply to you

4 ___ Low energy

4 ___ Easily Chilled (especially hands and feet)

4 ___ Family members with thyroid issues

4 ___ Can gain weight without overeating; hard to lose excess weight

3 ___ Have to force yourself to do even moderate exercise

4 ___ Hard to get going in the morning

3 ___ High Cholesterol

3 ___ Low blood pressure

4 ___ (For women) weight gain began near the start of menses, a
pregnancy, or menopause

- 3 ___Chronic headaches
- 3 ___Use food, caffeine, tobacco, and/or stimulants to get going

Total_____ (add up the numbers next to symptoms marked)

Section B- Mark the symptoms that apply to you

- 3___Crave milk, ice cream, yogurt, cheese, doughy foods (pasta, bread, cookies among others and eat them frequently
- 3 ___Experience bloating after meals
- 4 ___Gas, frequent belching
- 3 ___Digestive discomfort of any kind
- 3 ___Chronic constipation and/or diarrhea
- 4 ___Respiratory problems, such as asthma, postnasal drip, congestion
- 3 ___Low energy or drowsiness, especially after meals
- 4 ___Allergic to milk products or other common foods
- 3 ___Under eat or often prefer beverages to solid food
- 3 ___Avoid food or throw up food because bloating after eating makes you feel fat or tired
- 4 ___Can't gain weight
- 3 ___Hyperactive or manic-depressive
- 3 ___Severe headaches, migraines
- 4 ___Food allergies in you family

Total_____ (add up the numbers next to symptoms marked)

Section C- Mark the symptoms that apply to you

- 4 ___Often bloated, abdominal distention
- 3 ___Foggy-headed
- 4 ___Depressed

- 5 ___ Yeast or sinus infections
- 4 ___ Used antibiotics extensively (at any time in life)
- 4 ___ Used cortisone or birth control pills for more than one year
- 4 ___ Have chronic fungus on nails or feet
- 3 ___ Achy muscles and joints
- 3 ___ Chronically fatigued
- 4 ___ Rashes
- 3 ___ Stool unusual in color, shape, or consistency

Total _____ (add up the numbers next to symptoms marked)

Section D- Mark symptoms that apply to you

- ___ Being anxious, shy or fearful or experiencing inner tension since childhood but hiding these feelings from others
- ___ Having bouts of depression or nervous exhaustion
- ___ Poor dream recall. Stressful or bizarre dreams or nightmares (Low B6)
- ___ Excessive reaction to tranquilizers, barbiturates, alcohol, or other drugs in which a little produces a powerful response (low B6)
- ___ Preferring not to eat breakfast, experiencing light nausea in the morning or being prone to motion sickness (low B6)
- ___ White spots or flecks on the fingernails, or opaquely white or paper-thin nails
- ___ Liquid Zinc sulfate having a mild taste or tasting like water
- ___ Poor appetite or having a poor sense of smell or taste (Low Zinc)
- ___ Joints popping, crackling, or aching pain or discomfort between the shoulder blades; or cartilage problems (low zinc)
- ___ Pale or fair skin or being the palest in the family, or sun burning easily; now or when younger
- ___ Disliking protein or having ever been a vegetarian or vegan
- ___ Being sensitive to bright sunlight or noise
- ___ Upper abdominal pain on your left side under the ribs or, as a child,

- having a stich in your side as you ran
- ___ Frequent fatigue
- ___ Being prone to iron anemia or low ferritin levels
- ___ Tending to have cold hands or feet
- ___ Reaching puberty later than normal or having irregular menstruation or PMS
- ___ Having frequent colds or infections, or unexplained chills or fever
- ___ Having allergies, adrenal issues, or problems with sugar metabolism
- ___ Having gluten sensitivity
- ___ Neurotransmitter imbalances, especially low serotonin
- ___ For women, belonging to an all-girl family or having look alike sisters

Total _____ (one point for each symptom marked)

Section E- (For Women Only) - Mark the symptoms that apply to you

- 5 ___ Premenstrual mood swings
- 4 ___ Irregular periods
- 4 ___ Premenstrual or menopausal food cravings
- 3 ___ Experienced a miscarriage, an abortion, or infertility
- 4 ___ Use(d) birth control pills or other hormone medication
- 3 ___ Uncomfortable periods-cramps, lengthy or heavy bleeding or sore breasts
- 4 ___ Peri- or postmenopausal discomfort (e.g. ho flashes, sweats, insomnia, or mental dullness)
- 3 ___ Excessive hair growth or loss, acne

Total _____ (add up the numbers next to symptoms marked)

Section F (For Men Only)- Mark the symptoms that apply to you

- ___ Testosterone deficiency
- ___ Lower sex drive/libido
- ___ Difficulty achieving an erection
- ___ Softer erections
- ___ Takes longer to achieve orgasm
- ___ Decreased ejaculate volume
- ___ Less sexual enjoyment/satisfaction
- ___ Increased abdominal fat
- ___ Loss of muscle mass/strength
- ___ Tendency to feel depressed or irritable
- ___ Decreased memory
- ___ Fatigue / lowered stamina
- ___ Loss of muscle mass/ strength
- ___ Slowed growth or reduction of hair on
face, chest, legs or pubic area
- ___ Reduction or absence of voice deepness

Total _____ (one point for each symptom marked)

Section G- Mark symptoms that apply to you

- ___ Do you get canker sores?
- ___ Do you have slow sexual responsiveness or low libido?
- ___ Do you have tension headaches or seldom have headaches?
- ___ Do you have heavy growth of body hair?
- ___ Do you tend to carry an excess fat in your lower extremities rather than
evenly distributed around your body (pear shaped figure)?
- ___ Do you have a lot of dental fillings?
- ___ Do you have a head full of grand plans but are easily frustrated?
- ___ Are you suspicious of people or do you feel paranoid?
- ___ Have you ever heard voices inside your head?
- ___ Are you able to stand pain well?
- ___ Do you have ringing in your ears?

- ___ Do you get few or no colds?
- ___ Do you have low tolerance for medications or drugs?
- ___ Do you tire easily?
- ___ Do you need at least 8 hours of sleep at night and are you a slow riser in the AM?
- ___ Is your mouth usually dry?
- ___ Do you have a tendency to despair, or have bouts of crying?
- ___ Do you experience frequent irritability?

Total _____ (one point for each symptom marked)

Section H- Mark symptoms that apply to you

- ___ Do you tend to sneeze in bright sunlight?
- ___ Were you a shy and oversensitive teenager?
- ___ Can you make tears easily, and are you never bothered by a lack of saliva or dry mouth?
- ___ Do you hear your pulse in your head on the pillow at night?
- ___ Do you have frequent muscle cramps?
- ___ Do you have a high sensitivity to pain?
- ___ Do you find it easy to have an orgasm

Total _____ (one point for each symptom marked)

Section I- Mark symptoms that apply to you

- 4 ___ Crave chips, cheese, and other rich foods more than, or addition to sweets and starches
- 4 ___ Have ancestry that includes Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Scandinavian, or Coastal Native American
- 3 ___ Alcoholism and depression in family history

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- 4___ Feel heavy, uncomfortable, and “clogged up” after eating fatty foods
- 3___ Had your gallbladder removed
- 4___ History of Hepatitis or other liver or gallbladder problems
- 4___ Light-colored stool
- 4___ Hard or foul smelling stool
- 4___ Pain on right side under your rib cage

Total_____ (one point for each symptom marked)

Please Provide any additional information below that you think may be contributing to your depression or other mental health symptoms: