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Life After the Big Book Call Posted by Steve - 04 Jan 2010 19:11

This thread gives us a public opportunity to give much deserved Kovod and Thanks to our friend and mentor Duvid Chaim, and I would like to be the first:

Duvid Chaim,

Like I tried to say on the call, you have no idea how much you have done for me by choosing to become a sponsor and becoming mine. I will be indebted to you (i know, as Hashem's shliach, but nevertheless) for the rest of my life. That does not entitle you to any privileges, BTW, especially loans, but it DOES mean that I consider you a very close friend, and i look forward to the day when i can give you a great big bear hug in person. I am going to miss my daily connection to you SOOOOOOOOOOO much! But like you said, my recovery can't be dependent on any one else - just on Hashem and me. So I know we've gotta cut the apron strings. i'm just glad that you are so good at what you do. I think i can speak for everyone who has finished today to say **that not one of us ever felt** you were in this for mostly for yourself, and that we were just pawns in your own recovery. Your genuine sincerity is obvious to us all.

Thank you for the chizuk, and for the wise suggestions to underline and take notes. I originally thought that was for helping others later, but now i see it's for myself mostly, cuz it will help me relive the calls better when re-reading the book, which I intend to begin this week. I've been using the on-line version, but i'm going to get an official copy, rewrite my notes and underlines/highlights, but above all keep a separate journal to record my impressions and thoughts, bli neder.

I still have a lot to learn from you, my friend, so you're not getting rid of me that easy.

Have a safe, meaningful trip. I'll look forward to your email announcing the next time our chevra can speak together as a group, and of course to hear when you are starting in Feb., IY"H.

Love,

**GYE - Guard Your Eyes**