

kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 09 May 2011 07:34

I'm very tired right now. It's worth saying anyway (why wait!?). I have BH years of sobriety, happy marriage and kids, normal daily struggles etc.. I find that we see CLEARLY on these blogs that being 'religious' doesn't 'save' anyone. I've learned to see ALL yidden completely equal. I'm 'religious' (Shomer Shabbos, beard, tefilin etc), but once a week, I DAVKA, go visit a secular jew on my lunch break. He doesn't care about my lusts at all! He thinks it's just normal life... BECAUSE IT IS! He appreciates that I'm honest with him and that I hold myself to a 'higher standard' by staying committed to my wife BH. Our entire relationship started when I asked if he's jewish. He said 'yes' (he really is) and I've been seeing him 1/2 hour a week over a year so far. We talk about jusaism, he plans to come for Shabbos. I walk in to his office and dance and sing some chassidik melodies. He dances with me. The 'highlight' of his week is when I come' he tells me. I got him matza for pesach. I mention this because instead of just thinking how 'bad' we are here (which is TOALLY A LIE) we can actually do THE BEST 12TH STEP IN THE WORLD by (gently and patiently)sharing our glorious heritage with our brothers who (for so many, many reasons; the war etc..) 'just don't know' the greatness of yiddishkeit. And if YOU don't know the greatness of yiddishkeit, well,.. Try it! Watching another yid get inspired to Hashem has GREATLY helped my OWN sobriety and judaism together these past few years. Even on my 'tired/down/confused days, I visit him. He shouldn't miss out, just 'cause I'm 'out of it'.. I think one of the reasons we suffer with this here on GYE is because it teaches us that "yes! All yidden are equal". By us connecting here, and with yidden everywhere, gives Hashem the greatest nachas as a father who sees the children who have what to offer, helping their siblings who 'don't know their way around'. I have a handful of connections like this, and BH we seen our 7 and 8 year old children teaching brochas to 'grown adults'. I share my human desires and passions with these 'fry' jews (but really, with a yetzer hara like mine, exactly who is the 'fry' one here???), and we all learn to grow, each on his own level, closer to Hashem.. So there! That's 3:30 in the AM for you. And BH I plan to be up @ 6 for a shiur and another blessed day of sobriety, family, work, Torah, Tefila, responsibility, and most importantly: phone calls and friends!

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by JackAbbey - 25 Oct 2011 20:41

dov you are allways looking for a brighter future

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 27 Oct 2011 04:10

:-) I hope we all are.. Good to be back

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 14 Nov 2011 03:42

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 15 Nov 2011 22:11

Whoever said that once we hit rock-bottom there is nowhere further to fall, has not yet discovered gravity.

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 21 Nov 2011 03:52

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by heuni memass - 21 Nov 2011 16:31

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 25 Nov 2011 06:31

Simply hard to breathe past 2 months from big stress w/my parents.. Dad in coma, now awake. Mom trying to get him in jail.. Crazy stuff.. I went back to SA meetings regularly now for the 1st time in a few years: it helps a lot. It's 1:30 am now & I'm sitting w/friends-shluchim in from out of town this weekend & finally checked here .. Wishing all good to all

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Dov - 25 Nov 2011 13:51

Is it my imagination, but is everyone here but me a Lubavitcher?

Jail, Comas, Mom on the warpath....sounds like a time for G-d in your life...

Hatzlocha, our tefillos are with you, brother.

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by gibbor120 - 25 Nov 2011 15:58

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by obormottel - 25 Nov 2011 21:11

Serene, stay strong, buddy, whatta story....

Gut Shabbos

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I'm thinking of starting Non-Lubab Anonymous.... You know you want it...

Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Dov - 27 Nov 2011 06:55

Oy, the imagery...

The poor guy gets up right after the whistling at a farbreng and says with eyes on the floor of 770, "Hi. My name is Zalmy and I'm actually not a chabadnik." He shuffles away amid a disorganized but well-meaning, "Hi, Zalmy, welcome, keep coming back, it works if you work it."

My gargelch is turning (do boys have on of those or is it only *female* chickens?)

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by JackAbbey - 30 Nov 2011 22:00

well, after a glass or two of vodka, what do you expect?

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 01 Dec 2011 03:30

VERY happy 2 c everyone is enjoying themselves here :-). (My parents aren't frum.. And yes:it's crazy .. BH I'm not a big drinker either , sorry to spoil the fun..but I'd happily sit at a kiddush w/any of u and a small l'cyaim any time. But WOW, with all the dysfunction I saw as a kid, and now seeing the EXACT SAME CRAZINESS happening in the 'religious world', it's SO CLEAR to me how anyone who held that ALL YIDDEN ARE EQUAL was right.. Because someone shared the light of yiddishkeit w/me, I like to payback to life often and try to share it w/other yidden too. BH last Shabbos, a 65 year old had his 1st Shabbos meal EVER @ our house.. He was allmost teary eyed and smiling the whole time.. (I also hate the term 'religious world'.. There is a 'jewish world' including every single yid on the planet, and every single one of us is part of that world.. Ok: finished. My sermon is done for tonight). [Ok dov's line tickled me about being disorganized.. Here: "if one doesn't like organized religion, then come to Chabad; it's the most disorganized religion on the planet" :-)... And I fit right in perfectly]

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 13 Dec 2011 05:43

Not giving into lust, actually ended yosef up in prison! But little did he know that soon after, in the palace of the most powerful country in the world, G-d ordained that the ministers of the most powerful king in the world, would stumble in serving the king (with a pebble and fly), and those ministers and their mistake would become the biggest talk of the 'white house' and the 'Egyptian Times', and those same ministers would be led to Yosef's jail... All in order to bring ENORMOUS SUCCESS to yosef both spiritually and physically...(Which happens to be Rashi's pirush for a ben chumash l'mikra: a child should know that G-d will turn over the entire world, sometimes slower, sometimes longer, for a yid who stays connected) It's often painful to avoid a lust hit; avoiding it feels like we're entering a dark 'prison'... When in truth however, after the wave of passion subsides, one day and one moment at a time, the end result is the life we also can look at, with our own big handfuls of blessings, even in a land as depraved as egypt... And we can be the ba'al ha'bos over the land.. Not G-d forbid the opposite.

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