

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 Gevura Shebyesod - 28 Dec 2011 16:03

Beautiful!!!

You need to remove the . at the end of the link or it won't work.

Gevura!

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 28 Dec 2011 16:19

Lyrics to song #2: I believe

Every day I try my best 2 do what's right,

even when I lay my head to sleep at night.

All the places that my mind goes while I'm dreamin'

there are sometimes that I cannot describe the way that I am feeling

But one thing that I know for sure and u can bet.. I'm the one believin.

There are sometimes that I might slip and let my body take control

It only covers up on all the glory of my soul

Who's waiting so impatiently for me to let her shine so bright

Just to illuminate my bones and to bring brightness to the darkest night.

She's part of somethin' higher than I'm reachin' and I'm the one believin'..

That every single step we take is guided from above, to help us actualize a true blessing for true love

To see the good that's in the world latent deep inside... If we really try

'Cause I know we believe it

That something inspirational is here

To reach for and to shine it's light: to hold so tight so dear

And never let it go to keep the fire burning bright.

To reach up straight to heaven with all my heart and soul and might

And even though it's dark I know we still can see it.. And I know we believe it...

Yeah...

The scream that comes from deep inside too deep to make a sound,

Inside the awe unspoken, in the wonder all around

Standing next to you in silence simply just alive

Striving higher in our wisdom on each other's side.

With a faith as strong as steel you know I mean it, and I'm the one believing..

That even if the world's on fire now, that I will stay in line,

With an everlasting majesty not limited by time.

The good inside you rooted in a place beyond the skies,

Don't need no proof that it's true, i see it shining in your eyes..

'Cause I know we believe it... :-)

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by ZemiroShabbos - 28 Dec 2011 17:08

beautiful words and beautiful sounds!

thanks for sharing those

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by NeiroYair - 04 Jan 2012 04:28

Just kidding...sorry.) but after reading your very first post on this thread, I was proud to be a part of the am hanivchar, the chosen nation. May Hashem bless you with a serene smile that exudes peace and purpose from within your very essence. Thank you from the bottom of my bottomless
I'm so full proud of myself.

Ha!)

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Serene, I know there are like 13 pages of posts (most of which are created by you.....
Posted by Serene smile - 08 Jan 2012 04:44

If ur feeling proud 2 b a yid, then it was worth every page just to get that result!.. Now please share that pride, in a pleasant manner, with the world! (Not sure if u heard the songs 3 posts back :-))

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heart.....(I'm not sure where that came from, but it sounds good, no?
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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 08 Jan 2012 04:53

Wow; Ps. That yid mentioned in my 1st post came for his 1st friday night Shabbos meal EVER 2 weeks ago.. He's 66 yrs old! He was ELATED the entire time!(Let's see here.. Spending hours and hours wondering why 'I', me me me, can't get close to Hashem the way I learned in , actually SHARING my imperfect judaism with others who really appreciate it.. Hmmmm ???? Tough question) DUH!!!

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by NeiroYair - 08 Jan 2012 18:43

Nicely done. Kudos and kol hakavod to you!! I hate the yetzer hara for repeatedly saying we can't do something. It's always the things I don't spend too much time thinking about that get done and are successful. Arghhhh!

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 09 Jan 2012 10:28

Very 1st thing Moshe did as an adult (va'yigdal), notwithstanding that his whole shevet(an entire community!) was in Torah comfort(!), was risk his life to help the ONLY family of the entire jewish people (who were not part of his 'circle of friends') involved in a low, grub, matzav.... This is a lesson in TORAS EMES

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 13 Feb 2012 10:33

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office. Following her husband's checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office to speak with her privately. He said, "Your husband is suffering from a very severe stress disorder. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely deteriorate and die." "Each morning," instructed the doctor, "fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant at all times. For lunch make him a nutritious meal. For dinner prepare an especially nice meal for him. Have the dinner waiting for him on the table, hot, as he arrives home from work. Don't burden him with chores. Don't discuss your problems with him; it will only make his stress worse. No nagging is allowed. You must also compliment him at least five-six times a day, telling him how brilliant and talented he is. And most importantly, never disagree with him." "If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year," the doctor said, "I think your husband will regain his health completely." On the way home, the husband asked his wife, "What did the doctor say?" "He said you're going to die," she replied.

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Dov - 14 Feb 2012 21:46

Didn't read any posts for three days now. Not right now, either. It's the liberation I need right now to focus on taking a step back and letting go of some stuff, coming home for a while to rest.

Just to be polite to my sweet friends here, this is to report that b"H all is well but I am taking a break from the *forum* for a while to focus on my own recovery. I will be checking email for PMs, though. The forum is just too much time for me to handle time-wise, right now. Maybe for a few weeks, maybe a few months...no way to know, cuz it really is one day at a time. Love you!

Till then,

Dov

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 19 Feb 2012 15:51

Never ceases to amaze me how real ch 27 in Tanya is for our daily struggle

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by obormottel - 22 Feb 2012 16:46

Or the end of ch. 28, where he says to daven for machshovois zorois to be taken away...

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 24 Feb 2012 16:50

Yes..

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Re: kiruv, outreach, kiruv

Posted by Serene smile - 08 Mar 2012 04:21

"Raba 'shechted' R. Ziera". The malach ha'maves couldn't get Raba because of all his kedusha and he could violently kill another yid???? AND ask to do it again next year!?!?!

'zier' means small. Shechting means to 'pull'(gemara chulin). They drank 2gether and Raba (big!) 'shechted'-'pulled' R. Ziera (small) to such a high medrega that his neshoma left him (like nadav v'avihu who were also drunk when they died and were holier than both Moshe and Aharon)!
and he did

nothing 'wrong'! :-D

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Raba blew him away w/ruchnius! So no problem asking next year 2 do it again!