

Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 21 Oct 2014 17:59

i came to israel for y"t and i am staying here,
im going to be going to yeshiva here also.

Why did i switch? well i came here and i was hooked up with a bunch of guys who also have ssa just like me. that is something that i never experienced in america, simply because of logistics and availability. i israel there is a whole support group of guys who are willing to reach out and connect with each other. its amazing.
hey whats up yall? im in israel now, permanently

additionally, because the gay rights group has a much smaller contingent here, many therapists openly say that they can change ssa. something that i would say is close to nonexistent in america, b/c u could lose your job from saying that, especially if the media finds out. i started going to a therapist who specializes in ssa and so far it has been awesome.

another reason is that in israel the general atmosphere is an atmosphere that is dedicated to torah and growth in yiddishkeit (at least in yerushalayim). i personally see that the level of tznius is much higher here. in america it has become normal for women to wear skirts above the knee, i am not sure who made up that garbage halacha. in israel the percentage of women who are untznus is soooooo much lower.

also, i have started going to sa in israel. what is unique is that i would say 97% of the members are frum, not just that, in fact most of them are in yeshiva/kollel and look like yeshivish guys.

basically, the feeling i am getting is an overwhelmingly positive one. with a lot of seyata deshmaya i have arrived here. i actually have to thank gye, because i would have never gone to sa if not for gye. also i made contact with someone who has ssa through gye and he was the one who gave me the original numbers of other guys that i could talk to.

KOT! YTC!

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by gibbor120 - 18 Jan 2016 16:42

Just adding my suport and encouragement. IY"H this will pass. Hang in there.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 18 Jan 2016 17:01

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by markz - 18 Jan 2016 17:06

You should have deleted HIM

guardyoureyes.com/forum/23-Just-Having-Fun/267452-Dirty-Jokes-----see-first-post?limit=15&start=30#271159

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Posted by eslaasos - 18 Jan 2016 17:19

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Where do the good boys go to hide away?

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 18 Jan 2016 19:05

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I have no idea. I understood that your refuah sheleima was for his stomach virus, not his addiction. My comment was on that and making no assumption about your opinions of the disease model, physical allergy-mental obsession, or any other model of understanding addiction.

But are you?

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 19 Jan 2016 03:25

Oh also yesterday was my five month birthday.

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 05 Feb 2016 16:16

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Hi Shlomo,

Whoa. You're a good guy; I would say "Why so hard on yourself?" but I do the same thing to myself so often, and I'm sure our struggles don't help.

You are who you are- whether too strong, too sensitive, too reactive- there's nothing wrong with the way Hashem made us. Sure, we have things that we need to fix, but having those flaws in the first place is called being human.

I for one enjoy your participation and am happy to have you aboard. But don't take chizuk from me; find it in yourself (which is of course very hard).

We're with you.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 17 Feb 2016 16:17

I am 6 months sober today by the grace of god. I was told by another member to write down things that I did 6 months ago that I don't do now. So here goes:

1. Masturbate
2. Watching Porn
3. Calling Phone Sex
4. Anonymous acting out with married men
5. Touching Myself
6. Active lusting

And here are some things that I do now that I didn't do back then:

1. Surrender
2. Making frequent calls
3. Step work
4. Lead a meeting
5. Take care of myself
6. Self love
7. Help people instead of fixing people
8. Understand my boundaries
9. Talk to god as if he were my friends

Peace Out.

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