

## Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 21 Oct 2014 17:59

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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 Shlomo24 - 29 Mar 2016 13:50

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 29 Mar 2016 13:59

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Ok, I am flabbergasted. I never get these jokes. Oh well! I'm still happy  
Look out behind you!

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Yesod - 29 Mar 2016 14:15

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Markz, on a "scale" of 1 to 11 how absolutely thrilled beyond all comprehension are you that the  
PA has returneth

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by markz - 29 Mar 2016 14:26

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Well, you wrote "PA snacks on sharks", and I'm one, so i need time to **digest** this

Does the scale have a minus?

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by markz - 29 Mar 2016 14:34

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Kidding aside I'm thrilled to have PA back, and to have you both - Yesod and Shlomo too!!

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 29 Mar 2016 14:35

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I, for one, am super happy.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Yesod - 29 Mar 2016 14:41

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Shlomo, you are one happy feller today

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 29 Mar 2016 15:18

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God's grace

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by stillgoing - 29 Mar 2016 23:01

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[Shlomo24 wrote on 29 Mar 2016 14:35:](#)

I, for one, am super happy.

Shlomo, are you sure that the wine wore off already? maybe i can get some of that stuff you're taking...

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 30 Mar 2016 15:41

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Just putting out there that I think the forum has really evolved and is a very healthy and good place. It's by no means my forum but for some reason I'm proud of it.

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by stillgoing - 31 Mar 2016 02:10

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I don't know if you mean this thread, or the forum in general, but you should be proud. You're a part of this, and everything you do (and post about) effects the entire oiler. Keep it up! Without trying to sound like your grandfather (which I'm not even remotely) We're proud of you.

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by realsimcha - 31 Mar 2016 14:47

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Agree. [about being proud and not being your grandfather:] ]

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 31 Mar 2016 14:53

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Hey, at least someone is proud of me!

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 06 Apr 2016 22:34

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I just talked to Mark! AHHHHHHHHHHHHH! I need to process this.

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