

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 Shlomo24 - 06 May 2016 13:03

[markz wrote on 06 May 2016 11:45:](#)

Major infiltration going on here

This is King Shlomos thread, and I'm worried his Royal Truck broke down since we haven't heard from him recently

so please

NO TRESPASSING

Ehrliche Bachur from Moscow, can we please have this discussion on a different thread

It is fine. I can decide that for myself.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 06 May 2016 14:30

[ehrlliche.bochur wrote on 06 May 2016 10:06:](#)

[cordnoy wrote on 06 May 2016 05:45:](#)

[inastruggle wrote on 06 May 2016 05:36:](#)

[cordnoy wrote on 06 May 2016 04:29:](#)

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by markz - 06 May 2016 19:26

The king has spoken

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by realsimcha - 06 May 2016 20:59

[stillgoing wrote on 06 May 2016 05:40:](#)

[realsimcha wrote on 06 May 2016 05:28:](#)

I dont like the idea of being harsh on people. But Cords has a point. At which point do we just say "this is crazy!" If we make believe it makes sense then we are giving credence to it. I feel bad for the harshness. But, EB, I have to tell you, you are not even close to understanding your friends here. Maybe speak this out with someone.

Oh, Cords, btw, I am happily married. So there arent just single guys here

RS, there have been posters in the past who refuse to hear the thoughts of others which contradicts theirs. Perhaps i can hear harshness there (although it most probably won't work), my impression here (which could be wrong) is rather of someone willing to (at least) hear.

I guess so. Not sure I heard that in the "tone" of the post but I guess thats one of the imitations of posting. Its hard to hear the "nigun". In any event, EB does have the zchus to find his way like anyone else. I guess he hit a really raw nerve in myself and I think in others ...

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Mark, can we get this one up on the "post of the year thread", i can't cross thread quote on my phone.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 09 May 2016 19:33

I want to share something that I found to be helpful with my anxieties surrounding dating: I am very nervous about my future/potential wife's acceptance of me. (Note: I know that fears are irrational, this post is about my emotions, not about logic or ways of dealing). I am nervous that I won't want to do something even though she wants to, that my only motivation will be for her. I thought that it wouldn't be a good motivation because I wouldn't be doing for myself and what I want; I would be letting others come before me. So I talked to my therapist about it and he said that the most important thing about love is evaluating a spouse's desire as equal or greater than one's own. For example: I come home from work exhausted and my wife asks me to take out the garbage. In that situation I might not want to for myself, but I know that she wants me to. He said that in a case like that it is a great thing to evaluate her needs, even though I wouldn't want to do it for myself. This relates to me very much in terms of yiddishkeit. I am very nervous about my level with religion and shidduchim. I thought it would be bad for me if I only woke up for shachris, (at least in the beginning of marriage, I am working on religion), for her and not for me. After my therapist said what he said I felt a surge of relief through my body. It was the best thing

he could have possibly said. Still nervous about dating though. Which is normal and healthy.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by stillgoing - 09 May 2016 20:07

I think your therapist is one smart cookie. From a marriage perspective, doing something for your wife's sake - even if only for her sake is a great idea. In my understanding it's because the very foundation that marriage is based on is a commitment from each spouse to each other. By doing something only because she wants it, you are showing and strengthening that commitment. (btw, sometimes say only one of the two partners feel the 'draw' (I'm talking about during the marriage - not before it) almost always (maybe always) the one who is enjoying a stronger bond is the one who is more committed to their spouse.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 09 May 2016 20:31

Yeah, that's what he was saying.

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Btw, There is also the concept of 'mitoch s'lo lishman, bo lishma.' If we do something good for alternative reasons, we can come to a level of doing it for the right reasons.

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Posted by cordnoy - 09 May 2016 21:01

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Posted by thanks613 - 09 May 2016 22:37

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So I actually was talking with him b'davka about shachris, he just brought up taking the garbage out as another example. He agreed with me about shachris. He even said that it's ok if I go to shul and do stepwork or something similar. As long as I am respecting her wishes. I don't think it's dishonest for me, I used to think that. I think that now it boils down more to wanting to sleep more and actually just getting out of bed early/doing other things than daven shachris. I davened today though! (First time in a long time).

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A lot of guys freak out about the wedding night. My previous therapist said there was an argument about whether a guy should take Viagra the first night or try to get through it without it. Preliminarily, I am not worried about it. I have reasons why I am looking forward to it, things that help me even though the actual sex part sounds a little scary. In terms of being intimate, yeah I

think it's a good analogy. From what I hear in the rooms, not everyone wants to have sex all the time, one side could want to even if the other doesn't. I believe that's part of what my therapist was talking about also. Also, this isn't just for me. He said that we should make this decision together, for each side to commit to valuing the other's as theirs or greater.

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