

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 - 04 Aug 2016 06:13

Thank you for the warm welcome. The topic of breaking shabbos is for a Rav and not here. In terms of Pikuach Nefesh, there are those, like me, for whom it is. Last time I masturbated I relapsed for a month and could have easily died or got sick. But I will not be commenting on Halacha anymore.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Markz - 04 Aug 2016 12:10

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by cordnoy - 04 Aug 2016 12:35

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Posted by Workingguy - 04 Aug 2016 17:58

[cordnoy wrote on 04 Aug 2016 12:35:](#)

Some might post on Shabbos as well.

And some might watch porn on Shabbos because otherwise they will go to a bad neighborhood to find a prostitute and you can get killed there.

Sex addiction is terrible, destructive, and can get you into a whole lot of trouble, and I'm sure that in rare cases is even responsible for death by suicide, disease, etc. but the question is so technically complicated- both in terms of the reality of one's addiction and how that reality plays in Halacha- that for most people on the board, this is way out of their league and should really not be discussed here.

I also want to point out that from most people's own descriptions of their behavior that I've seen on this board, and b)seeing he admittedly disastrous results of certain falls, I still haven't seen basically any where it seems like it became a life threatening issue.

So someone can say that they could have gotten sick- but that wouldn't cut it. Someone can say that they could have had unprotected sex with people with diseases- perhaps, but that would still possibly go into the question of whether that was an imminent issue or a later result of a fall.

So I'd like to request- can we really leave this question for people asking their Rov and indeed, if they think it is really relevant to them, I'd encourage them to ask now before it's relevant and not violate Shabbos and ask afterwards?

Otherwise, it's, as we say, boich sevoros, many of which I can tell you just aren't true and don't hold up, and can be a michshol. If someone asks a question to their Rov based on their specific scenario, not much michshol can come out of that. (I'd also like to point out that there is a drastic difference between whether you would have to violate a Torah prohibition or a rabbinic prohibition. One possibly wouldn't need it to be life threatening if done in a different manner- but I digress bc I'm not your rabbi)

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Yudi - 09 Aug 2016 17:49

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by aryehdovid85 - 09 Aug 2016 21:39

Welcome back to Yudi as well.

~~Welcome back Shlomo!! So good to see and hear from you!!~~

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 31 Aug 2016 17:50

Alright buds, I haven't updated here in a while. I'm not going to on GYE that much, but just wanted to talk a little bit. I'm in a really good place in life now. I have many jobs that I'm going to be working in. All of them are helping other people, from education through physical and mental health. God has definitely given me a gift. I'm also in a relationship which has taught me many things about communication and I have grown a lot from it. What I need to work on now is not getting ahead of myself and making sure to take care of myself and to respect my disease. I need to know that regardless of how successful I am, I will always be a sex addict. I need to go to meetings and make calls and work the steps. I'm grateful that I have the opportunity to do those things because they lead to a very fulfilling and open life. And I'm still only 20 years old and I have leadership roles and important positions; I can affect the life of others in a great way, which is awesome. Plus I'm taking 5 classes, phew!

Peace Out.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by xyxorwa - 01 Sep 2016 22:39

Shlomo--

I haven't caught up with the entire thread, just read the last couple of posts. But it sounds like you're doing pretty well! I hope you continue to have hatzlachah. Let us know, from time to time, how things are.

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Posted by ehrliche.bochur - 12 Sep 2016 07:20

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Posted by doingtshuva - 12 Sep 2016 09:47

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And I think we have to stop having this conversation on the site because it freaks out many people and most don't understand the nuances of when it may and may not be permitted, and because it can only be answered by a qualified posek.

From the conversations I've seen on this site including by many people who've said that of course you can call and have had drastic falls since and still lived to tell the tale, and in fact seem to be hovering around the same place, I think whatever heter there might be is probably a lot less relevant to most here than the conversation implies.

I think a stock answer of ask your posek is a good answer and leave it at that.

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There's one thing we need to try promote, and that is understanding

Understanding that people are different

The issue of Shabbos or not is yes an important topic but not for most of gye guys I think. It's not a mute topic but cannot be bantered about by simple folks like me

Kedusha brought up the topic and it has its place... Probably not on this page

I don't understand Shlomos struggle. But I understand that he is working hard on his life on many levels

To think gye supports chilul Shabbos means you don't understand that there are others on this planet besides for yourself that have their struggles which are different to yours.

Today's lesson:

understand that you don't understand everything

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 12 Sep 2016 21:20

This topic is ridiculous. I fully agree with Mark though. This is not a topic for the forum. Speak to your posek if you want to. The only possible purpose is that if someone wants to know if there's a possibility that it's not being mechalel shabbos, to which the answer is yes. That's it.

EB, if you don't agree with me, please do it somewhere else. I don't own this forum, but I really don't appreciate that this topic is constantly brought up on my thread.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Markz - 12 Sep 2016 21:28

In other words

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Shabbat Shalom