

## 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 Singularity - 03 Jan 2017 09:08

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 05 Feb 2017 19:14

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by stillgoing - 05 Feb 2017 19:48

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As my friend Shlomo would say "90 times 1 day."

ly"H many more.

Hatzlacha.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by GrowStrong - 05 Feb 2017 22:11

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Wow amazing Shlomo

Inspirational!

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 05 Feb 2017 22:17

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Also, I haven't been so active on the forums because A) Life (I have a very busy schedule) B ) I am working my 4th step right now and I don't feel in a secure enough state to respond on the forum for many items. A lot of times I want to respond, but it's because I get a feeling of resentment. For now, I am just letting go and not getting involved in the conversations in the first place. Also, I'm going through a time period where it's very hard to hear the shares of newcomers. I tend to get angry and feel like I have all the answers. So maybe when things settle down I'll be more active, but not right now. Although, I do love the "Daily Quote" section. I think I check it every day. Very nice and not very political. (Speaking of which, I only read sports news now because the political climate is so volatile and it feeds my resentments and anger. And I'm a Republican even).

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Workingguy - 05 Feb 2017 23:36

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Totally relate to the getting angry at the shares of newcomers. It's very hard sometimes.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by cordnoy - 06 Feb 2017 01:07

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Go Cubs!

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 06 Feb 2017 03:52

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Posted by Singularity - 06 Feb 2017 09:34

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Beautiful sentiment.

But I'd rather hear advice from someone with a little *more* than one days' recovery.

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 06 Feb 2017 12:26

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I understand but now that you hit 90 bli ayin hora i would reconsider. "Im koton ata b'einecha, rosh ata lanu..."

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 06 Feb 2017 14:12

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HHM: I hear, but it's not happening. If I didn't do it for 89, I'm not doing it for 90. (I've hit 90 days a bunch of times). No length of sobriety yesterday guarantees sobriety today. I had 9 months and then I acted out for a month straight and I did things I had never done before.

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Posted by ehrliche.bochur - 06 Feb 2017 15:57

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