

Shidduchim for Recovering addicts

Posted by SalerMoish - 18 Dec 2016 01:44

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Posted by cordnoy - 18 Dec 2016 02:01

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You have a rebbe?

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Re: Shidduchim for Recovering addicts

Posted by SalerMoish - 18 Dec 2016 04:04

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Time to start.

Either way, recover for today.

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Re: Shidduchim for Recovering addicts
Posted by Shlomo24 - 18 Dec 2016 17:18

I agree with Harav Cordnoy Shlita. I think having a Rebbe/Mashpia/LOR/Spiritual Guide is very important in these delicate manners. To take advice from an anonymous forum can be detrimental to you. A word of caution though: Try to find a Rebbe who knows this inyan. I have confided with Rebbeim who are incredibly nice people and are very spiritual, but they just didn't have experience with what I was dealing with.

Hatzlacha.

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Posted by Singularity - 19 Dec 2016 09:10

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True. I've been so tempted to tell any run-of-the-mill rabbi my issues. But it may well be divulging your running interests to an avid weightlifter. You might get a pat on the back (watch out!) but nothing more, really....

Welcome! Hatzlocha! Enjoy some free Karma!

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... when the six hour cool-off period is up. I thought that was only person-dependent? Guess it strokes across the board.

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Re: Shidduchim for Recovering addicts
Posted by gibbor120 - 19 Dec 2016 22:13

Welcome! Rabbi Twerski has some words of advice. Search GYE for a couple letters he wrote. Your main task right now is to get sober. Have you tried before? Has anything helped? Have you read the handbook?

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Re: Shidduchim for Recovering addicts
Posted by SalerMoish - 20 Dec 2016 02:17

Yes, I just installed a filter (Gentech) on my phone, which has definitely helped. I'm also 5 days clean so far on the 90 day chart. I'll check out Rabbi Twerskis articles. Thanks!

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Re: Shidduchim for Recovering addicts
Posted by Singularity - 20 Dec 2016 08:35

Only continued Hatzlocha! May your recovery grow exponentially!

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