

My Story, Being Honest For OncePosted by ilovehashem247 - 22 Sep 2022 01:20

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Posted by ilovehashem247 - 01 May 2025 02:54

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Posted by chancyhk - 01 May 2025 16:50

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Good for you.....

I have 2 brothers, 0 with both of them.

If only we can choose brothers.....

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Posted by ilovehashem247 - 05 May 2025 17:56

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once
Posted by alex94 - 05 May 2025 20:50

GROWTH!!!!!!!

You are an inspiration!

Keep on shteiging!

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once
Posted by ilovehashem247 - 12 May 2025 03:10

just got back from JSS. What an inspiration!

Had a great time with my wife, lots of bonding and healing.

just registered for the international SA convention in Dallas later this summer.

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once

Posted by ilovehashem247 - 15 May 2025 01:20

customer came to my shop today with her teen daughters. the odler one (about 17) looks like my good looking niece from a different town (chofetz chaim yeshivish type) and i felt like she was devouring me with her eyes the whole time. i called a friend to talk about it and he said not to trust where my brain goes. but I know that look....

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once

Posted by ilovehashem247 - 15 May 2025 02:40

spoke to another fellow and he laughed and told me that she was probably thinking "why does he have food on his face from supper he is an adult..."

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once

Posted by iwillkeepmybrith - 19 Jun 2025 09:43

I think you need to know why she is like that. Try to speak with her not because you want that she change, because it's not the purpose but to try to understand her. What is her reason, without judgement, maybe that can help.

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once

Posted by ilovehashem247 - 25 Jun 2025 16:52

hey fellas it's been a while

passed two years sobriety in AA this month, and 10 months in SA sobriety

got honest with my finances (i started a luxury goods business a few years ago) and realized that i need to find a job in the current economy

i reached out to some friends including recruiters and others, and two weeks later I've officially gotten the docs for a corporation I'm opening with my close friend to expand his existing business.

I also have had many breakthroughs in therapy including the realization that no hero will save me - and that my childhood experiences taught me to turn to "hero" figures like cult leader and mother's helper who molested me. i can tie it in to experiences like my mother yelling at my father angrily when i was 6 or 7 and shouting "that's it, I'm done, I'm leaving" and actually leaving for a few days at a time. The trauma of my mother's abandonment shaped me.

I have also come to realize that I am ready to commit to my Higher Power (Hashem - not the punishing god of the holocaust, rather the loving and caring one) - He love me because I am. I exist, and I am enough. there is nothing I can do for Him and He doesn't need me. I need him, and He does everything for me. Since He doesn't need me, there is nothing I can do or not do to cause Him to abandon me or leave me. He's always been there even when I was in my darkest places.

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once
Posted by alex94 - 25 Jun 2025 19:04

[ilovehashem247 wrote on 25 Jun 2025 16:52:](#)

hey fellas it's been a while

Yes it has been. You have been missed! Its great to hear from you! So happy your doing good.

I relate to the hero complex - still working on it...

KOT!

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once

Posted by ilovehashem247 - 26 Jun 2025 19:22

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Posted by markz - 26 Jun 2025 21:37

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BOUNDARIES BRO, WELL DONE!

Physical abuse cannot be tolerated.

You did the right thing

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You absolutely did the right thing. A great life skill is to be able to step into the uncomfortable. You did that and you should be proud of yourself. It gets easier.

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Re: My Story, Being Honest For Once

Posted by ilovehashem247 - 26 Jun 2025 23:36

i am second guessing myself like crazy

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