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Posted by BenTorah4L - 27 Feb 2023 22:14

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Re: New Here

Posted by Tun - 27 Feb 2023 23:52

First of all, welcome!!!

welcome to the club where we are all trying very hard to do our best

let anyone here know how we can help

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Re: New Here

Posted by Vehkam - 28 Feb 2023 00:26

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Hi there. A great resource is the book The battle of the generation. Send me a pm or email if you would like me to get you a copy. I read it every night and it has changed my perspective in this battle.

best wishes

vehkam

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Re: New Here

Posted by Eerie - 28 Feb 2023 00:57

Welcome, dear brother! Here we are friends and family, we are here for you and we want to hear from you. So please stick around, there's so much to learn, connect with the chevrah, keep posting and of course, KEEP TRUCKING!

BTW, there are many people here way past 3rd year struggling mightily, myself included. Try kollel yungerman, ~~maggid shur~~, etc. This battle is across all lines and denominations. And you came to the right place to stop it all. Stay around!

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Posted by jackthejew - 28 Feb 2023 20:56

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12 Steps of AA have been translated for SA as well. If you are used to a 12 steps Mehalech it may be easier for you to start with the white book and learn the technique that way, and then move over to the techniques here. Just off the top of my head. Maybe some of the oldies here can tell me if I'm off on this.

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