

Meet a New Person

Posted by bendurdayah - 22 Apr 2010 01:28

Well, here I am again, BH.

It is quite amazing to see all of the stories, feel all of the pain and despair, and read all of the support and hope that you all offer.

My short story: I've been struggling for a long, long time. I've lost so much that I cannot even begin to speak. But, BH, I have not lost hope, and I am very thankful for that.

As the Rambam says, a bal teshuva becomes a new person, not the same person that committed the aveiros. And that is the new person I would like to introduce you to, and introduce myself to.

I do feel that this addiction is not the cause of my problem, rather, a symptom of never really getting to know myself in a real way. Always trying to escape that profound encounter. I don't know if I am scared about what I think I will find, or just too lazy. And if you don't know yourself, how can you know a spouse, your children, community? Everything becomes so superficial --- passing time till the next escapade - escape-aid.

So, I hope to get to know you venerable members, and I hope and pray that I can get to meet myself, and cease the great escape.

wishing you all tremendous hatzlocho,

BD

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Re: Meet a New Person

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 03 Feb 2011 18:03

[silentbattle wrote on 03 Feb 2011 06:36:](#)

Hey - can I ask what prompted the name change?

[Bira Amikta wrote on 03 Feb 2011 00:27:](#)

I was asked to change my handles as it may cause confusion. It used to be **Bendurdayah**.

BA

[Ben Durdayah wrote on 03 Feb 2011 07:42:](#)

Wow!

That was so considerate of you!

WOW!

DO YOU GUYS REALIZE??

THE ONE WHO HAD THE NAME FIRST(!) IS THE ONE WHO WAS *MEVATER*!

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