

Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Blind Beggar - 28 Aug 2010 21:19

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Hello Tzaddikim! I just found this site last week. I think it is going to make my Rosh Hashono and Yom Kippur. I think the newness of the 90 day chart will get me 40 clean days to Shemini Atzeres but I am afraid of what will happen next. Does anyone have any suggestions?

I have read enough of the forum to see that you are all tzaddikim and all serving Hashem every day clean and again after every fall.

The holy Baal Shem Tov taught that the yetzer horo is more interested in the post-sin depression than in the sin itself.

Blind Beggar who wants to have eyes only for Hashem.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Blind Beggar - 30 Jul 2011 21:12

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I just saw this on Twitter: "I want to look because that's normal. I can't because I'm not."

Grammatically correct and correctly spelled and a great vort!

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Blind Beggar - 30 Jul 2011 21:25

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by ben durdayah - 30 Jul 2011 22:05

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[Blind Beggar wrote on 30 Jul 2011 21:25:](#)

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I have often pondered that as well...

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I hear. Thanks for sharing.

It is possible that you're being a bit hard on the gal?

I mean -is she takke greedy, frivolous etc. ? (okay pritzus is pritzus).

Also, what you say that "He should be jealous of me!", IMHO -no he should not! We should all be Sameach BeChelkeinu.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by 1daat - 03 Aug 2011 05:17

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Hi BB, Vi geytz a Yid? (fyi: "Vi" and "Yid" don't have the red squiggly underline for mis-spelled word. "geytz", however, is squiggled. Does anyone know how to spell "geytz"? Actually, it's probably, "geyest" (nope, another squiggly)

"??? ???? ??". Ahhh. Pretty formal, but it'll do

It was great talking to you. You sound very strong. And going to live SA meetings with milk and pritzus! You are the go-to never-give-up guy on GYE, and we all learn from you. I admire you, in case you hadn't figured that out.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Blind Beggar - 12 Aug 2011 08:23

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Back to English.

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Good Shabbos,

Blind Beggar.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by JackAbbey - 12 Aug 2011 10:15

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you are my rolemodel, my mantor!

keep it on, you give me strength

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 12 Aug 2011 15:16

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thanks for checking in rebbe BB, count me in among the people who learn from you

have a gevaldiger shabbos

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Eye.nonymous - 14 Aug 2011 16:10

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MAZEL TOV!

And thanks for switching back to English.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Dov - 15 Aug 2011 04:46

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Good Shabbos,

Blind Beggar.

Quit fooling yourself. You are not sober *in SA* - you are sober *in Hashem*. Only with Hashem. If you use SA right, it brings you to *into* Hashem. For years, we lived as though we were 'outside Hashem', as most people do - and can get away with. Addicts cannot. If we are not in Hashem, we die.

Near the end of AA, they wrote (I paraphrase), "Each member in his personal story (printed at the end of AA) describes how he established his or her own relationship with G-d." That is how AA sees recovery - it is not about not drinking, for anyone can 'not drink' for a time. But they are saying that true Recovery boils down to one shaylo: Are you in a genuine relationship with your G-d - or are you just getting more *religious*? 'Religion', practically speaking, is about keeping rules. A relationship with G-d (or with another *person*) is definitely *supported* by rules - but it is not *created and defined* by the rules themselves.

For how many years did **we** say to ourselves, "well, at least I get to shul on time; learn well; really care about being mekarev other yidden; really feel deveikus during davening; know the shulchan aruch better than most people, etc. - as a nechomah for our acting out? And what's so bad about that?

Well, at some point it is no longer a nechomah. Hypocrisy eats us alive, until even the great sweetness of our drug-of-choice doesn't work so well any more, and we up the ante. Soon it starts to weigh too much...

Boruch Hashem you are finding this before too long, that you are getting recovery now. Wow!

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Blind Beggar - 15 Aug 2011 05:08

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Thank you again, Dov.

Today I am sober according to SA's definition for 143 days with 26 days on the GYE chart. This is mostly because of the fellowship of SA and all the tools of GYE, especially TaPhSiC. I am

working a little on Step 3.

For many years I have been defining my level of closeness to Hashem by how frequently I have been masturbating. Now I see that there is much more to it than that. I am lusting less and being shomer my eyes more but I think I was much closer to Hashem a few years ago even when I was acting out.

Oy! Do I need a relationship with Hashem

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by mechazek - 15 Aug 2011 18:40

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Hi dov, you wrote in your previous post that religion practically speaking is a set of rules. What did you mean by that?

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Dov - 16 Aug 2011 03:13

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I meant that that is how people generally **use** it. Not what it really *is*. Even from decent people may use it that way. Not to really get a relationship with Hashem, but to please Him so that their lot will be better. Is that evil? I think not. Is it a low madreigoh? In this day and age, I think not.

But that is just not the way that *addicts* can successfully use religion, it seems to me. The precious thing for us about religion is that it connects us close with G-d while we are here on this goofy planet and with our goofy brains. And it is not because we are on a higher madreigo than non-addict yidden, but because we are more delicate and in greater danger than others.

Kind of like I think the Chovos haLevavos puts it. And the Zohar, too. They both say that the mitzvos are the *eitzos* to get a relationship with Hashem.



It is not a question of keeping *halocha*, but a question of focus. One can certainly be a *very* good Jew heeding the Chofetz Chayim's typical mussar about doing mitzvos for great schar in Olam haBa rather than being a fool and running after Olam haZeh. But for addicts, that focus completely misses the point. Addicts like me need the mishna of Antigonus ish Socho, who said "Al ti'hiu ka'avodim ham'shamshin es haRav al m'nas l'kabel p'ras - ella hevu ka'avodim ham'shamshin es haRav *shelo* al m'nas l'kabel p'ras, vihi morah Shomayim aleichem."

Halevai we should have some morah Shomayim, too.

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