The Hand of Hashem Posted by Positivity - 31 Dec 2012 19:19

Hi All,

Even though I am a newcomer, I wanted to start this thread to talk about times where I feel that the Guiding Hand of Hashem steers me away from potential problems. I would love to hear if you have had similar experiences.

Two things that happened to me recently:

1. I was slated to spend two Shabbatonim in which I would be in close quarters to a woman from the community I am attracted to. The first one, they could not find babysitting coverage and could not attend. The second one has actually been scheduled for when I will be away - however, I am taking this as a Divine

sign that He will help me pull through.)

2. After a great day yesterday - learning, being Mr. Mom (my wife was out of town for the day) - I felt myself burning out and getting the desire to act out. However, my 4-year-old had other plans - I had to lie down with him until 11:30 because of his tummy-ache. By that time, I was basically too tired to do much, and managed to stay clean.

Does your life run like this as well?

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by yehoshua - 17 Jan 2013 02:39 \_\_\_\_\_\_

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Anyway it is a struggle to keep awake after everyone is in bed and read Rashi or post on GYE, but this is why I am here. I need to get my thinking sober, my actions sober - and being tired is real dangerous if you still want to get some work done.

Hm, is reading Rashi "work"?

Anyhow all the best to you, and I hope I didn't write something stupid and offend you. If so, please forgive me.

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 17 Jan 2013 05:31

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by jjblue13 - 17 Jan 2013 06:04

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Mr Mom

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by Positivity - 22 Jan 2013 19:17

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by cordnoy - 24 Dec 2014 08:58

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by reallygettingthere - 24 Dec 2014 09:14

cordnoy wrote:

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Interveneless?

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by yidtryingharder - 24 Dec 2014 20:15

my experience is most of the time if YOU want a distraction itll come and if you don't want one its bederech sheadom rotzeh laylech molichin oso

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by skeptical - 24 Dec 2014 21:16

cordnoy

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by cordnoy - 24 Dec 2014 22:08

skeptical wrote:

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You can't?

Dictionary: Independent:

1. not influenced or controlled by others in matters of opinion, conduct, etc.; thinking or acting for oneself:

"an independent thinker."......Is our opinion or conduct influenced or controlled by God? This is a good bechirah question.

2. not subject to another's authority or jurisdiction; autonomous; free:

"an independent businessman.".....We are subject to His authority.

3. not dependent; not depending or contingent upon something else for existence, operation, etc. .....We definitely are dependent upon Him for existence.

4. not relying on another or others for aid or support. ....We do rely!

So Skep; what is it that you meant?

Thanks

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 24 Dec 2014 22:33

"...letting you believe ... "

See what you wrote for definition #1.

If He didn't let us believe that then there would be no Bechira.

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by Bigmoish - 24 Dec 2014 22:35

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Re: The Hand of Hashem Posted by cordnoy - 02 Dec 2015 17:52

Bigmoish wrote:

Ow. My head hurts. I can't believe I let you guys make me think so much.

This thread wasn't good for my head either....all these new posts showin' up.