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Posted by BenHashemBH - 01 Sep 2024 15:20

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Hashem, I want to ~~do~~ be better. I know that I can ~~do~~ be better. I Believe that I can ~~do~~ be better. I will ~~do~~ be better.

What I do makes a difference. Who I am **is** the difference.

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Posted by tzaddikvikam13 - 01 Sep 2024 18:33

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Re: Elul Kabollos

Posted by yitzchokm - 01 Sep 2024 18:40

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All that BenHashemBH is saying is that your advice isn't right for him. He doesn't feel that it is the right thing for him to be doing now to be a mentor or partner. He wasn't saying anything personal against you.

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Re: Elul Kabollos

Posted by BenHashemBH - 02 Sep 2024 15:39

Well, last night and today I'm in a unique personal matziv and had my first opportunity and BH fulfilled my kabolo to reach out to a fellow Yid.

Still in the situation and the chizuk and accountability helps me a lot.

The power of connection is really something else!

Kol Tov my Brothers

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Re: Elul Kabollos

Posted by BenHashemBH - 26 Sep 2024 13:01

Alright, I haven't been to a wedding in quite some time, but I have one to go to this evening. Despite not wanting to pretend to be all high and holy, I think I'll bring a pocket mishnayos to hide my face (eyes) in as needed (I don't currently learn mishnah yomi, but no one else knows , maybe I'm really far behind). My wife isn't going, so there isn't a single woman there that I should be looking at. Hopefully I'll find a friend, or if I'm lucky maybe even a Rav, and I can try to spend my time and focus in their direction. That might not be available, so I need to mentally prepare to forage ahead as the dynamic duo - it's You and me G-d.

Game face on, let's go, and BezH I'll have good news to share with my Brothers tonight/tomorrow morning.

Kol tov

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Re: Elul Kabollos

Posted by BenHashemBH - 27 Sep 2024 03:53

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8.5 is dynamite. I often wondered why it is acceptable to have the wedding gowns fitted leaving nothing to the imagination.

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