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FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by jerusalemsexaddict - 21 Sep 2009 18:08
Possibly flakiest thread in GYE's history
Listen,life is scary.
All of us have a lack of trust.
In the world.
In Hashem.
In ourselves.
That's why this thread is gonna change all that.
Hashem runs the world.
I know what you're all saying
"O man.Another bitachon shmuz!"
NO!
This is the HASHEM LOVES US corner!!
Here we will come each day and share or at least acknowledge one hug that Hashem gave us that day.
And when we all feel ready,we can move up to two.
And three.
And a million.
Could be big hugs.

**GYE - Guard Your Eyes** Generated: 2 August, 2025, 20:25 Small hugs. Fat hugs. Thin hugs. They're all good. The point is to just spot it and feel it!! This is a big step in our recovery chevra!! Who's in? -uri Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by the guard - 22 Dec 2009 22:16 kum, ki zeh hayom asher nasati es sisra biyadecha Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by lamed vavnik - 24 Dec 2009 06:49 vus is de shaychus? Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!!

no time today

Posted by lamed vavnik - 24 Dec 2009 06:53

but just wanted to say
no matter how i drey
and make my life go astray
H' is with me anyway
vayigash eylav yehudah vayomar Bi odoini (my master is inside me - chelek eloika meema'al-mamash!)
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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by 7yipol - 24 Dec 2009 08:45
Another poet!
Todays hug so far:
I WOKE up
I SAW the sun shining
I HEARD the birds
FELT the warmth
and SMELLED the burning toast!
Thank you Tatty!
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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by silentbattle - 24 Dec 2009 15:16

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I posted this in my thread, but I don't think many people read it, and it also belongs here - and other people might find it useful!

I usually don't consider myself an extreme person, but a few years ago, as Elul came along, I decided that for one Elul, I could do something that (to me) seemed a bit extreme, the kind of thing that "those" guys do. You all know what I mean - thy guys that take things just too far, etc. (of course, my perspective on this "too far" was about to change - Hm. I should write a post just about that concept alone...)

Anyway, I decided that whenever I left super-chareidi areas, I would take my glasses off. Just an extreme Elul thing.

To my surprise, it wasn't weird - it was liberating! I suddenly just didn't have to battle my eyes, didn't have to fight to avoid looking at things I didn't want to...everything became a blur of shapes, to the point where I could barely tell that a particular shape was a woman!

Unfortunately, while I did end up doing it past Elul, it didn't last as long as it should...but I'm starting to do it again, albeit not on a regular basis. And it just feels great!

I kinda feel like it's a perfect example of "let go and let God," because by taking off your glasses, there is a certain loss of control...

As a side note, the first time I did this recently, I got an almost instant wave and hug from Hashem (in a form that made it clear (to me) that I'd done the right thing) - in the form of an opportunity to do a mitzvah! A half-block after taking off my glasses and slipping them into my pocket, I noticed a frum-woman shaped blob in my blurry vision, about to start dragging a baby carriage up the stairs to an elevated train station. I seized the opportunity for a mitzvah, and helped her with it, and got the bonus of not even having to know what she looked like!

Hashem, you ROCK!

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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by Steve - 24 Dec 2009 19:23
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KLANG!!
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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by imtrying25 - 24 Dec 2009 23:00
Steve wrote on 24 Dec 2009 19:23:
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As the saying goes; some bump into women thinking it is a pole, some bump into a pole hoping it is a woman. Nebach. :'(
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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!!

Posted by lamed vavnik - 25 Dec 2009 07:17

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i got a hug today from an unusual place . i realized how much my friends care about me , think about me . it surprised me a bit . they have me in mind to help me , in so many ways . every so often it shows and i realize that there are so many parts of my life in ruchnius and gashmius that would've been so different with out my friends . we need people in life . friends are a great gift.

thanx H'

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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!!

Posted by silentbattle - 25 Dec 2009 13:04

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But the thing I like about it is that when I have my head down, there's always an urge to look up and around. Once the glasses are off, things tend to be much smoother (at least for me).

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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!!

Posted by lamed vavnik - 26 Dec 2009 22:43

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i got a hug from the chizuk mail today . i think the last two from baruch are right up my alley . positive distraction . focus on actively shifting to a good thought . your wife , H' , torah , the mitsvah your getting right now etc. instead of fighting it negatively . this is an old torah yesod , that i never used properly. also the take on surrender to H' was novel and interesting . he implied the surrender was a change of focus more than "giving up". rather not fighting, by putting total focus only on doing what H' wants and doing his will . putting all your mind onto that will leave no room for the tumah . you can't think about 2 things at once . its more than that b/c your focusing on the avoidah davkah . but thats what your surrendering . your choice to think about sin . a total hand over of thought , absorption of mind to H' . thats practical i like it, ;D

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Steve - it only works if you have glasses

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Generated: 2 August, 2025, 20:25 ==== Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by lamed vavnik - 26 Dec 2009 23:00 tried the no glasses thing i like it too . 8) . i am grateful to H' that i can read . i really lke to learn \_\_\_\_\_\_ Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by silentbattle - 27 Dec 2009 06:46 My hug to start off the new week - I was playing guitar motzei shabbos, and thinking, "hm, it's hard to play, cuz my nails are too long...I really need to cut them!" . imagine if i couldn't read. ? thanx for the torah and my eyes. Flash forward to about an hour later, as I'm cutting up veggies for a salad, the knife (which is wicked sharp, by the way) slips and takes of a chunk of my...NAIL! If my nails had been shorter, my typing would be a lot slower now. I might even have needed stitches. what I thought was a problem, was a HUG from Hashem! Thank you! Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by silentbattle - 27 Dec 2009 06:48 36 - yeah, that's my understanding, as well - kinda like, if I let hashem take over my body right now, what would HE do? ====

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Re: FEEL THE HUGS!!! Posted by Momo - 27 Dec 2009 08:34

## YOU ARE SOMEBODY SPECIAL!!!

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