

Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K

Posted by Pidaini - 05 Jul 2013 18:00

Why? it's a long story, but the truth is we don't really know what it stands for yet, so if anyone has any ideas what the roshei teivos can be, please let us know. It can be just one also, meaning either OINK or OYNK.

Yup, that is the name of our group here in Yerushalayim!!!

We, BH, got together for the second time last night. TZ, Avrom, Nitzotzeloki, Hashem's Soldier (from the olden days, soon to be on the new forum), and I, (lizhensk missed it, but he's part of it too).

It was surreal, just imagine a beautiful hill, full of grass, surrounded by trees, and in the middle.....a MUSHROOM TABLE!! (for anyone who doesn't know what that means you can ask TZ)

We had a nice conversation, about a few things, but the most important one was what the tachlis of the group was going to be, which path would we take.

We decided we'd let our larger group give us ideas and we'll discuss it next time we meet (which is, btw, hopefully every thursday night) and decide upon something.

To summerize we are asking for two suggestions,

1) What the H-E-double-hockey-stick does O.I.N.K or O.Y.N.K stand for?

2) What should the point of the meetings be?

Anyone else interested in joining is more then welcome to contact any of the above mentioned (even though there are only 6 seats at the mushroom table, we'll figure it out)

Have a GREAT shabbos!!

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by Pidaini - 18 Nov 2013 02:34

It's sooo good to be back!!!

I was mamish lifted in the air with excitement!!!!

The group was right up to where we had left off at the old mushroom table (which with all due respect, lizzie, was much more geshmak, both in location and scenery).

12 and 12 was explaining how we had used making other people look self righteous, in order for us to keep are own self esteem in place, that we weren't any worse than them.

TZ told over a vort from a big mikarev, that a person can know if he is ready to do kiruv, if when he sees other people who are frummer than him, he doesn't try putting them down about how they are empty frummies, but rather he still finds the advantages and good parts about those people. Then he can know that he is confident enough with his own spirituality to be able to give it to others.

Another point that was well brought out, was how we always said we beleived in Hashem, but only when it went our way, but the moment things happened that didn't fit in with the perfect plan we made, we lost all "faith". Even when we prayed, we prayed "Hashem do this and that" and never acknowledged that there is a greater wisdom that may know better than us.

We also found out that santa is really

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ummm....oh....we started making plans for the CHANUKAH PARTY!!!!

Stay posted for the upcoming events!!

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K

Posted by jewish jew - 18 Nov 2013 13:54

I was in Yerushlaim yesterday but I could not come to the meeting. I will IY"H be there on Wednesday. Are you coming on Wednesday, or are you for the Sunday only??

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K

Posted by think good - 18 Nov 2013 13:57

wonderful a real meeting in Yerusalyim with real people not just cyberspace

Dov must be very pleased

I guess I can't pass the buck any longer, but must join

TG

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by Pidaini - 18 Nov 2013 14:29

JJ, I hope to be by every meeting I can. These chevra are the only chevra who I feel entirely comfortable with, and through that I am slowly becoming more comfortable with myself.

Hope to be there wednesday, see y'all!!

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by Lizhensk - 18 Nov 2013 17:32

So, after such an UPLIFTING meeting last night, TZ and I went to the Kosel.

We saw alot of tourists, and wondered what exactly they see when they look at the stones. They're probably dead bored, so we decided to put on a bit of a show for them.

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by jewish jew - 18 Nov 2013 21:45

Lizhensk, I felt the same being there a few hours before you with tons of tourists around. They always take pictures of me faking to daven with kavonah and I wonder when will I find myself in a tourist picture book.

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by think good - 21 Nov 2013 13:08

Thanks for allowing me to join O.I.N.K

but we need to be more structured not just a place to hang out

Clean day for everyone

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by Pidaini - 21 Nov 2013 13:59

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We have been having a hard time finding exactly what we want, as we do want some hanging out as well.

You do have an advantage over the rest of us, as I think you came expecting something. Can you let us in on it?

What structure were you expecting?

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by think good - 21 Nov 2013 14:26

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- 4) set a schedule something like:

20 mins - everyone's status

20 mins - 12 steps or whatever

20 mins - discuss a problem like stress which came up several times last night

remaining time for anything else

and keep to it

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- 6) make group rules which we all have to keep

- 7) for example when a lust attack starts and before the fall the member ***MUST*** contact other group member with an SOS

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by Dov - 21 Nov 2013 15:28

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OK, is this thread private/ I hope so...cuz i will be frank and discourteous. (hahaha)

Your experience in management will bite you in the butt, chaver. And it will be a bad bite. (not to be triggering chuleelu)

This thing cannot work if we are controlling it, period. I suggested to someone in your group to read thru the 12 traditions (long form, or maybe even the entire 12 chapters in *the back* of the 12and12). Especially the tradition about "*We have no leaders, only trusted servants, but are managed by a loving G-d Who reveals His Will through the group conscience of our members*", or something like that.

And I see in the "20 minutes of that, 20 minutes of the other thing..." a typical thing I do - and many others do, too. It's overcontrolling and it will make you kookoo. (is that spelled with a k or with a c?) It will bring ego into your group and destroy it to the foundations. Practically every aspect of your suggestions from the "get advice from dov, it must be a group leader, start on time even if some are late," vechoolei - it's all gonna make you nuts, break apart your fellowship

and all the good you have found, and u dont want that, do you? It's all typical addicts stuff,

Did youall really *build* this OINK thing - and are all the magical brochos of it **your** doing - or are they rather a magical gift from G-d? I'd guess it is the latter. And a healthy dose of child-like, though, so whoever you are, TG, you are probably in the right place, at least! Irresponsible surrender is a good idea, here.

So take a look at the AAs and what they did. They straddled the beam between control and taking credit for success - and letting go and giving up to the group so as not to let planning and egos get the better of them...for that is what will happen to your fledgling group of you try to manage it too much, even if your suggestions are all perfect.

Well maybe this is advice from 'an expert', but it's mainly about not getting too much advice. Kind of funny...

Now what do you say?

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K
Posted by think good - 21 Nov 2013 15:42

thank you dov its an honor to get such a response!

you sure don't like the structure bit!!!

the idea is how to get more out of the meetings or is this even too controlling????

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K

Posted by think good - 24 Nov 2013 12:53

no one has any response?

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K

Posted by Dov - 24 Nov 2013 20:57

I was serious when suggested reading carefully (not skimming) through the twelve traditions of AA - the second half of the AA book titled, "Twelve Steps and Twelve Tradidions." We have read it at meetings - it is just as much 'recovery' as reading the steppy stuff. If one takes it to heart. The steps and the traditions are both all about growing up, for a change. I need that. Maybe your OINKers do, too. It's OK. Real success will probably only come from something like that, I guess. You have my best wishes and hopes that I will b able to join an OINK the next time i visit the holy land.

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Re: Our Israeli N'kiyim Klan-O.I.N.K

Posted by think good - 25 Nov 2013 17:35

Dov

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will read carefully as you suggest.

OINK happy to have you aboard

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