

Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 28 Jan 2015 07:33

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I have over 80 days clean and I feel more confident than ever. All suggestions and comments are more than welcome

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 14 May 2015 22:08

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You're right that I misunderstood your intention but yet my responses challenge your premise. Yes, a life in which you are compelled to do all of the things that folks out there are doing, and don't have the freedom to live in a way that's safer, then you're right. But I challenged that.

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 15 May 2015 00:27

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 15 May 2015 03:55

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[yiraishamaim wrote:](#)

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Posted by cordnoy - 15 May 2015 09:51

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"Had," not "have."

An ordinary work place setting would be a direct path to failure. ....certainly a type of situation spoken about above.

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 15 May 2015 15:11

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K - Hatzlocho - miracles have happened/keep happening to our chevra here.

I pray that Hashem sends you one soon- tailored made for your personal challenges.

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 03 Jun 2015 05:48

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In the newest edition of Jewish Action magazine Rabbi Yitzchak Breitowitz writes a truly brilliant and informative article titled "When Leaders Fail"

One paragraph particularly caught my attention and thought you guys may also appreciate it.

In fact, I'd go as far to say this was tailor made for us in the forum.

He writes:" ...the *malchut* of the Jewish nation was assigned to the Tribe of Yehuda rather than the Tribe of Yosef. One thought that appears with some frequency in *sifei chassidut* and kabbalah focuses on the different ways these two personalities respond to temptation. Yosef successfully rises above sin, simply defeats it;"just says no." We stand in awe of his moral perfection and spiritual strength.

Yehuda,on the other hand, succumbs to temptation in a moment of weakness as his descendant Dovid HaMelech does later. He fails, but through sincere and honest *teshuvah*and by taking responsibility for his misdeeds, he is forgiven.

G-D wanted us to fully appreciate the awesome power of *teshuvah* to elevate and purify and thus chose the *ba'al teshuvah* over the *tzaddik gamur*.

G-D's message is one of hope, recovery and resilience."

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by TalmidChaim - 03 Jun 2015 13:06

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Thanks for posting that. Brilliant stuff, as usual, from Rabbi Berkowitz.

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 03 Jun 2015 13:23

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Thanks, note: Rabbi Breitowitz

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by TalmidChaim - 03 Jun 2015 13:28

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Woops. That's what I get for reading this on my iPad. I should look into his stuff.

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 03 Jun 2015 16:15

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Yeah - he is a rare combination of true goodness and brilliance.

He's now at Or Sameach in Israel

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by pischoshelmachat - 03 Jun 2015 16:26

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I guess we can never be Yosef again but at least I know that Yehuda is also a great path to kedusha.

Yehuda's path requires a level of humility and honesty that is a leadership quality.

In Yishtabach we say about HKBH, Kedusha UMalchus. I wonder if those refer to the set of maalos of Kedusha of Yosef and the humility and honesty of Yehuda.

May we be zoicheh!

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by yiraishamaim - 03 Jun 2015 17:39

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you know the whole concept of Yehuda and malchus is interesting and not alien to sinning/humility/admission of guilt and efforts to improve.

Remember Yehuda and Tamar and how Yehuda admitted what had happened. David Hamelech and bat sheva - as Rabbi Breitowitz said.

Yoseph's malchus does not have the kiyum of malchus beis Dovid. the same with mashiach ben yoseph as opposed to Mashiach ben Dovid - while these concepts may be a tad above us it does show that our way of doing Teshuva and then reaching for great heights can truly bring to great accomplishment.

That's a motivation based on Toras Emes!

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Re: Rookie Contributor

Posted by shlomo613 - 03 Jun 2015 22:21

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I really appreciated this. Thank you.

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