

(BIG) LONG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 30 Apr 2015 18:20

Sometimes I wonder if being a big shot (since I am the most humble guy I have ever met, I must be a big shot) is such a bad thing. Right now the main thing that is keeping me clean for 6 days so far is the 90 day chart. Why does the 90 day chart work for me, because I know that my name (ok, not my birth name, my rebirth name) is up on the chart for everyone to see, and since I think that I am G-d's gift to the world, I know that if I fall everyone is going to see that I'm a loser (which I am, since I've been losing for more years than I can count on my hands (and feet). Ok I know someone is going to tell me that I'm not a loser, and I would say that to you also, and I would believe it too - when I'm talking about you. Somehow when it's about myself, it's much harder to believe.

So that's why I'm specifically calling attention to my chart so that if I feel myself slipping I will think how embarrassed I will be since everybody will know about it (which hasn't been since high school.)

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by Yudi - 16 Jul 2015 04:09

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 26 Jul 2015 16:28

Thank you everyone, and thank you TheBigX90 for your ideas. As much as I don't like it I think I
doesn't seem to be enough.
Anyway, thanks for listening - assuming that anybody is listening

This makes me nauseous, and for some reason, I seem to like being nauseous.

Someone once told me something that gave me chizuk. Sometimes we wonder how we can hope to bring mosheach, while past generations didn't do it. They were learning 15 hours a day (some people), even the posheta yid would cry and cry on tisha b'av. They were able to do so much more good than us, and they meant it too.

They may beat us in Asay tov, but we can far surpass them with sur m'rah! What nesyonos in arayos they had in past years, doesn't hold a candle to what we battle with every single day. Think about it, to do "bad" in the shtetal, one had to somehow made contact with a goyisha girl, somehow attract her to himself, find a place to hide outside of the town, etc... not so simple. Today... I don't need to explain.

In assay tov, we may not be as great as in the past, but in sur, m'rah, we can go much much farther.

May we be zocha, that Hashem should see our tremendous efforts in sur m'rah, and next tisha b'av should truly be a joyous happy time for all of klal yisroel

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by serenity - 26 Jul 2015 18:58

"it is told in Sanhedrin 102b that the soul of King Menashe appeared to Rav Ashi, who asked him, "Since you were all so wise, why did you worship idols?" The king replied, "If you had been there, you would have picked up your robes and come running after us (to worship the idols)."" (Azamra.org)

Every generation and each person has their own individual hardships. I think it's too easy for us to rationalize and excuse our behaviors when we compare ourselves to others. Let's focus on ourselves and on today.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by TalmidChaim - 27 Jul 2015 16:49

I agree with Serenity's beautiful and relevant post. Even comparing ourselves with people from this generation is pointless.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 27 Jul 2015 23:16

(I know you like that one serenity:P)

I'm not referring to idol worship which is a tayva which we cannot understand today. I am talking about the last thousand years. In arrayos in particular. Granted there were nisyonos in past generations which are much easier today, but in the area of lust? Today every single person can, with the smallest bit of effort have a mini zona in his pocket. Often it's there without us even wanting and we need to put in great effort to *remove* it! I am not trying to "*rationalize and excuse our behaviors*". I was very carful in my wording. I purposely did not write the words " what we ~~need to battle with~~" because that would imply that we have a choice to battle or not. We have no choice, I wrote " *what we battle with every day*" since for many of us, particular those who have not yet attained a long period of sobriety, it is a *daily battle*. It's all very nice to say "don't compare" but when one is struggling to survive, to keep one's head above the water and not drown, one needs to take all of the chizuk that he can get. The fact is that today we *can* accomplish a great deal more in the realm of fighting the lust yetzer hara then was possible or needed 50, 30, or even 10 years ago. We don't live in a vacuum anymore, maybe we should, but the fact if that the supreme court just passed a law that is so low in morality that it in fact parallels the some of the laws in s'dome! This is the world that we live in. These confused an immoral ideas come at us from all sides, I do not believe that this can be compared to the shtetal. Yes, they had other problems, but this issue is for our generation to battle.

I saw b'shame the Ohr HaChaim Hakodosh, that when the Jews left mitzraim, they were on the 49th level of tumah, and then rose to the 49th level of kedusha. Why not the 50th level of kedusha? Because they were never exposed and battled the 50th level of tumah, so they couldn't attain the corresponding 50th level of kedusha. Before Mosheach comes we are going to be exposed to the full 50 levels of tumah, to battle it, and to keep on battling it, so that we will be able to attain the full 50 levels of kedusha.

Today, it's hard. This is our job. We must keep at it. There is no stopping. It doesn't hurt to know that. And to know that Hashem singled us out to fight this particular battle. It can actually make one feel good to know that Hashem sent us on a *special mission*.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 27 Jul 2015 23:19

Some vacation you took.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 05 Aug 2015 00:03

Serenity and TalmidChaim, are we still friends? I noticed that there was no response to my

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by serenity - 05 Aug 2015 03:30

response

Thanks for the shout out and for bumping up your thread. I didn't see your comment. Thank you for the thoughtful response. I didn't understand the initial point you were making. I see that you are saying our generation should recognize our unique accomplishments. I'm all for that. So, thank you!

My better judgment tells me not to discuss the issue you raised about the recent Supreme Court decision. Unfortunately I often ignore my better judgment. Never mind, I'll listen to it part way. I sent you an email.

Hatzlacha!

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 09 Aug 2015 19:14

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Maybe I should be happy that I was white knuckling.
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Excuse me please for the beeping. I needed to get that out of my system.

I feel like there is no hope for me, because I'm not prepared to go to any meetings.

I guess I should be happy and build on the fact that I *did* hesitate before.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 09 Aug 2015 19:21

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These things take time.

One step at a time.

Do the phone thingy first.

Email someone.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by shlomo613 - 09 Aug 2015 19:29

Ashrecha StillGoing,

I also had a very tough one this afternoon. We probably carried each other.

I PM'd Cordnoy after the first wave had passed and I think that put it to rest properly.

I can tell you that my TAPHSIC didn't avail me much, not the fear of my rabbi seeing my browsing report. I don't know what initially carried me. I have to be grateful to the Almighty. Also maybe it was the zchus of this klal and maybe also the peiros of some efforts I'd put in in the past. All I can do is be grateful to the Almighty that it came and went.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 09 Aug 2015 19:38

Ashrecha shlomo613

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I don't know what carried you over, But nothing carried me.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 09 Aug 2015 19:40

[stillgoing wrote:](#)

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Ahem.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by shlomo613 - 09 Aug 2015 19:49

[cordnoy wrote:](#)

[stillgoing wrote:](#)

Ashrecha shlomo613

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Huh?

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Cordnoy, I'm lost. Can you explain the ahem?