

Britt's Beyond

Posted by briut - 02 Feb 2010 18:00

Dear Friends: Sorry I've been off in my own mind these last couple of days and not posting.

I've had a very very emotionally busy couple of days as I approach the end of a 20-day kaballa to be clean. Here's an update, and I'm hoping for your insights/comments.

That kaballa ends this evening. I've learned a lot. I want to express my thanks to all of you for jumping in to post, even in the face of some pretty long rambling posts without clear message. It means a lot.

And to the author of many insightful PMs, your direct, almost brutal comments scared away a lot of delusional thinking and brought me a tremendous sense of clarity. Saying thank you doesn't even come close to my gratitude for your time. I'd love to hear from the decades of accumulated wisdom here on the forum.

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!

Posted by ur-a-jew - 16 Nov 2010 04:44

"My mindset is that a real 'winner/gibbur/master' would clear the bar even if it's Mt. Everest". There is nothing wrong with that attitude. The big question is what's the bar. Sometimes sitting back and letting go is Everest itself.

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!

Posted by briut - 16 Nov 2010 20:59

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I'm not sure yet what I'm talking about with this, but I think it's a good direction.

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!
Posted by briut - 17 Nov 2010 04:13

By the way... that Shmuz CD that HKB'H put in my path yesterday -- hishtadlus vs emunah?

I haven't played it yet...

Ain't human beings just hilarious?!

[as in, anyone know the joke that concludes, "two boats and a helicopter" ?]

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!
Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 17 Nov 2010 06:15

try putting off the procrastination for one day at a time...

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!
Posted by ur-a-jew - 17 Nov 2010 06:17

Why put it off to tomorrow if you can do it the day after that.

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!

Posted by frumfiend - 17 Nov 2010 12:07

i dont know why but hashem always makes me lucky.

How about that?

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!

Posted by an honest mouse - 17 Nov 2010 16:42

[Briut wrote on 16 Nov 2010 20:59:](#)

I remember myself telling someone else on this Forum (I think I remember who, but won't say) about Moshe and the sneh.

It was me, i dont mind (unless you had other motives for not wanting to say) it's an honour to be mentioned on your wonderful thread!

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I think it's actually a story that happened with Eliyahu Hanavi, when he went to try and give the Torah back to Hashem.

KOL D'MAMA DAKA, the still, small, voice.

And it's still a small voice.

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!
Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 17 Nov 2010 19:48

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!
Posted by briut - 21 Nov 2010 02:39

Another post to the file, so I won't forget....

The Big Guy Upstairs (TBG'U) had a very "loud and clear" message for me Friday night:

"Briut, a human being is not a pest."

(Dear readers: if you understand that message, you can stop reading right now.)

You see, I walked into shul and landed near someone wearing lots of cologne. [I'm quite allergic; my nose clogged; my palate and tongue turned numb; this meant no sense of taste at dinner. Oy. (Of course, I DID move my seat.)] Next, I saw the guy at the amud and decided he had no business there [too young; no musical sense; adds off-key chazannus. Oy.] Add in a few more "oy" moments, and you get the picture. RID.

And then, I heard it. "Briut, a human being is not a pest." And I started arguing back. YES HE IS: this one messed up my dinner and that one's singing in my ear off-key and that other one....

But HKBH persisted. "No, I made them. They're part of My plan. They're doing what I need them to do. You have to join Me over here and see how they're not pests at all. They're my handiwork. Period."

And I thought about it a long time, and realized something on a newer, deeper level than before. Namely, everyone's playing out the role TBG'U has set for us. We're all doing divine work. So nobody else's divine work should be bothering me. And if it does, the issue is with ME and not with their divine service.

So I got an inkling into how folks like my Rav shlita can stand listening for hours to people who seem crazy, homeless, annoying, or simply clueless. He's not a saint, and he hasn't grown blind to their traits. He's probably just come to a deeper awareness that "a human being is not a pest."

"A mensch iz nisht kain a nudnik." [help if you've got a better translation; thx] Note to self: Remember it.

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SIMON AND GARFUNKEL?

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!

Posted by silentbattle - 21 Nov 2010 20:23

Wow - I need to remember that, too...thanks!

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!

Posted by 1daat - 22 Nov 2010 04:03

thanks for the amazing post!

"But HKBH persisted. "No, I made them. They're part of My plan. They're doing what I need them to do. You have to join Me over here and see how they're not pests at all. They're my handiwork. Period."

Whew! that is so beautiful. Just work my own program. Thanks for sharing another Briut and Hashem story.

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Re: La-Briut and Beyond!

Posted by frumfiend - 22 Nov 2010 04:52

Briut that post was beautifull and very yesodosdik.

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