

Life

Posted by shmiraShachaim - 16 Oct 2016 19:18

Hello everyone

I'm not making a new user name this time rather a new thread. A new beginning. Haven't written anything for a while but have been snooping around. A lot has happened in the last few months but not up to writing about it. No matter how painful life seems, no matter how much hell I am in, I look forward to a happy life, a good life, and a meaningful life.

I am starting a new period now and it will be extremely challenging. I hope- no will, learn and implement what I learn, in order that I can have that fulfilling and meaningful life that I have always wanted.

Lust isn't just wrong. It ruins everything. I am committed for today to GUARD MY LIFE. One day hopefully I can enjoy life. Doesn't seem like it right now but living in the future isn't living. The past, at least for now, is impossible to leave and it will haunt me for a long long time, but I need to leave the future and not let that haunt me as well. I need to live in the present, no matter how hard and painful it may be, and- without taking the destructive escape route of lust, take the next best step, one day at a time.

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Re: Life

Posted by Markz - 16 Oct 2016 19:30

I'm with you in thought and spirit

Here's a Virtual Hug, as Gevura Says

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Re: Life

Posted by shmiraShachaim - 16 Oct 2016 19:34

Thank you

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Re: Life

Posted by Teshuvahguy - 16 Oct 2016 19:47

We're with you, Shmirashachaim. Whatever I can do to help you, if anything, I am offering. Just reach out. Hatzlacha. Remember, you are not alone in this.

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Re: Life

Posted by BenTorah.BaalHabayis - 16 Oct 2016 20:12

It's good to hear from you again, Shmiras Ha'chaim. Whatever is going on in your life currently, we are here to support you. Your attitude seems healthy and I hope you find the route to long term success and happy living.

Have an uplifting Yom Tov!

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Re: Life

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 16 Oct 2016 21:24

welcome back!

May Hashem help you through the pain and lead you to a happy and fulfilling life.

have a Great Yomtov!!!

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Re: Life

Posted by shmirashachaim - 16 Oct 2016 21:34

Amen. And thank you for reaching out to me before Gevurah.

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Posted by shmirashachaim - 05 May 2017 21:09

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Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 05 May 2017 22:03

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 07 May 2017 04:55

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Re: Life

Posted by shmirashachaim - 08 May 2017 00:32

Thanks for the welcome. I also forgot to publicly thank all of those guys who were there for me. Whether they gave me hours of their time to talk, kept in touch, just reached out, or helped me some other way, I will never forget what those guys did and they don't realize the impact they had on me.

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Thank you.

I would agree with you besides for the fact that promotion in my eyes means moderator or admin. Due to the astonishing fact that I haven't been made either of those, I came to the sad conclusion that perhaps people don't realize that I should be one. Why else do you think I left GYE?

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Shmira, welcome back to GYE. Some food for thought. Maybe you came back to help others.

That is something to think about. But not for too long. Otherwise I get ahead of myself and try to help others before I helped myself to a level where I can help others in a way that is appropriate in relation to the level I have helped myself.

I am here to help myself; perhaps included in that is to help others. But the former must be at least the focus if I want the later to one day be the focus. Otherwise the former nor the later will never truly get anywhere. Does that make sense?

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I think that was the most confusing thing I have posted.

In any case, thanks for the welcome HHM and looking forward to getting to know you more. Wish you luck.

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