

join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 29 May 2017 22:41

I joined SA two weeks ago i think it was a great idea. My therapist recommended it they have a lot to offer. i'm bli'n gonna try to share what i learn. (will try to post around once a day no promises)

Feel free to share your experiences.

DISCLAIMER: This is for sexaholics who have no control over their addiction. If you feel like you have no control your only chance is the 12 steps. You can do it by phone though I think meetings are optimal.

Do you have any fears of joining post them and i'll try to answer.

The first and main thing is that we are looking for serenity peace with ourselves. When we achieve that we can start recovering. My therapist said that anxiety comes from feelings of guilt if you feel guilty or isolated then SA is for you. Guilt and isolation are what i think the biggest deterrent to serenity.

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Re: join SA!

Posted by tzomah - 30 Jan 2018 11:47

i recently blurted it out to my wife and things have much better since

italso got much easier to be honest with myself and to talk to other people

but my situation may be a little different as she knew something was going on and therefore

she was a little relieved

but i wonder if a lot of wives have suspicions and subconsciously know something?

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Re: join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 08 Feb 2018 15:51

I went yesterday to the SA regional conference here in Israel. I've never had an experience like

that in my life. There are hundreds of people who really have my problem and understand that I can connect with right away. You don't need to show off to gain approval. Everyone is there to get better everyone did and/or does the same ugly stuff that I do. And we're all normal people we can laugh sing and dance together.

I've been to meetings but they can be very rigid and very recovery based (which I think is how it should be). I've been to fellowship events like a card game at a fellow's house where I had a similar experience but not on such a level as I had yesterday.

For all those still out there who need the 12 steps but are scared to enter the rooms, my heart goes out for you. Besides the fact that you don't have group support for your recovery you're missing out on a great time.

Hatzlachah Rabba

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Re: join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 27 Feb 2018 16:30

I acted out last night and twice today. I'm depressed and I can't get the courage to move more than I absolutely have to. I don't know what will change to help me recover. Could be I think I can control and enjoy. Maybe I am currently in the insanity. I don't now. When I'm in the insanity I want to act out. So while I do know that living on a spiritual basis is attainable and enjoyable. And I know as well that if I want to stop masturbating and obsessing and more I need to live on that state. I'm not sure (right now) if I want to stop (whatever if it wasn't an aveira).

I certainly don't want my old life of isolation and depression. I am aware as well that my disease will kill me if it is given the chance. So in summary I am confused and depressed,

I hope what I wrote helps someone,

Though I doubt it.

Good day to all

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Re: join SA!
Posted by aryehdavid85 - 27 Feb 2018 17:44

Thanks for sharing. Can you get to a live SA meeting today. I know the feelings of shame,guilt and failure as well a the desire to isolate.

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Re: join SA!
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 28 Feb 2018 05:08

Hang in there Mike. We are here for you!

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Re: join SA!
Posted by mikestruggling - 28 Feb 2018 18:49

I had a productive talk with a member toay. He stated the obvious I have to get rid of ALL of my bottles if I want to recover. It will be hard. But so would jail or death. Or just cheating on my wife.

Hashem grant me the courage to take the next step in getting rid of my bottles.

Please don't let my bottles get rid of me.

See I confused arrur haman and baruch mordechai. Baruch mordechai (working program) works only after arrur haman (getting rid of triggers).

This purim I want to only take drinks of alcohol.

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Re: join SA!

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 28 Feb 2018 20:01

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Re: join SA!
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Posted by workingmyprogram - 19 Mar 2018 00:00

Careful. My advice is get sober and then leave, SA has many dangers for yidden. I was in it for years.

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Re: join SA!
Posted by Shlomo24 - 20 Mar 2018 20:44

[workingmyprogram wrote on 19 Mar 2018 00:00:](#)

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Can you clarify that?

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Re: join SA!
Posted by workingmyprogram - 20 Mar 2018 21:45

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Posted by Markz - 20 Mar 2018 21:53

[workingmyprogram wrote on 20 Mar 2018 21:45:](#)

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Re: join SA!
Posted by workingmyprogram - 20 Mar 2018 22:57

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?I'm assuming your question is regarding where do you see that according to GYE SA is a last resort option. If so, see the link guardyoureyes.com/the-gye-program/initial-evaluation. There are 8 levels of addiction, each having it's own recommendations. For level 8 addiction, GYE recommends rehab and/or medication. SA is recommended for level 7.

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Posted by ieeyc - 21 Mar 2018 01:54

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i dont know if this is a good "tzoo shtel"(comparision) but there is someone who is big into wanting to make a independent rehab due to the dangers of missionary activities on the yidden who are unfortunately there

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Re: join SA!

Posted by cordnoy - 21 Mar 2018 03:46

In my five years of experience with SA, and with the hundreds of fellows I have spoken with, I have not heard of one instance of any missionary tactic in an SA meetin'.

I will let Dov, who has much more experience than me, say the same thin', and even stronger, and he can tell you the history of Roy and SA.

Can there be a missionary at a meetin'? Yes, but he can be a therapist, your uber driver, your private club dancer, or the fellow who brings your shoppin' bags to your car.

The mishigas mentioned above lies elsewhere.

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