

join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 29 May 2017 22:41

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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 mikestruggling - 28 Jun 2017 04:15

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i acted out again yesterday (humiliating like gehinnom probably not as bad but still horrible)

i noticed that i haven't been reading "the white book" in a while

so i picked it up blew off the dust and started reading it worked for the past couple of hours (not reading the whole time it just changed my perspective)

have an awesome day

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Re: join SA!

Posted by dms1234 - 28 Jun 2017 22:04

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Have you been calling your sponsor and calling other people in the program?

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Re: join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 01 Jul 2017 20:22

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I saw a Nesivois Shalom on Shabbos which explains the different courses of action an addict must take versus a non addict.

Parshas Chukas on the passuk "*al kein yoimru ha moishlim boiu cheshboin*" the gemara says *al kein yoimru hamoishlim beyitzram boiu cheshboin boiu venachshoiv chesbono shel oilam schar mitzva kneged oinsha...* This passuk is being darshened as follows: Therefore the one who controls their yetzer hara says let's make the cheshbon of the world, the benefit of a mitzva vs the loss and the consequences of an aveira vs the gain (pleasure?)

Says the Nesivos shalom this only helps for those who can control their yetzer hora, those who their yetzer hora controls them (addicts?) cheshbonos won't help them. they have to just stop (he doesn't say exactly how to stop presumably one of the 20 tools) ayin sham for more details

Which was a great mussar haskel for me i felt like it really applied to me

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Re: join SA!

Posted by Markz - 02 Jul 2017 02:06

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I like it

And your signature too ;-)

Can you bold the words "What worked for me yesterday", cos I almost didn't notice any of it

KOBT

Keep

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On

Bold

Trucking!!

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Re: join SA!

Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 02 Jul 2017 19:34

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Hey how you doing?

Made it home okay?

hope the stress isn't getting to you

KOMTNMW

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Re: join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 03 Jul 2017 04:46

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Thanks for asking

I'm ashamed to admit but it did get to me big time

I should've made phone calls

I'm slacking off in that area

That's why i keep acting out

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Re: join SA!

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Posted by getthere - 03 Jul 2017 15:36

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stop saying i should've and just do it - you know yourself you can as you did in the past.

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Re: join SA!

Posted by Shlomo24 - 03 Jul 2017 16:10

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If you're an addict, the reason why you keep on acting out is... because you're an addict. It's the status quo. My Sponsor likes to tell me "It's natural to lust, it's an act of God if we don't" when I shame myself for acting out or taking actions of lust.

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Re: join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 05 Jul 2017 06:16

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we say the serenity prayer 3 times a day backwards

*atta choinein* "the wisdom to know the difference"

(that's why *havdala* is in *atta choinein*)

*hashiveinu avinu* "the courage to change the things i can)

*selach lanu* "accept the things i cannot change" (?)

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Re: join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 12 Jul 2017 02:38

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My sponsor said i need to focus on my willingness to give my life up to the care of god i don't know what that means right now any help on that?

i know i should make phonecalls ayin my signature but i haven't been getting around to it i told my sponsor i would and i meant it somehow i lose my resolve any tips for a guy like me?

i know i have been optimistic in the past i hope i'll get back to that state right now half of me says i'm a goner and i keep thinking what's wrong with one more time acting out even though i suffer each time emotionally terribly.

please no mussar or encouragement

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Posted by Markz - 12 Jul 2017 02:50

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How's the meetings been going for you?

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Posted by Markz - 12 Jul 2017 02:55

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Mike, i give your my gives you full support ;

How's meetings been going for you?

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Re: join SA!

Posted by mikestruggling - 12 Jul 2017 02:59

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i enjoy meetings though i have a hard time sharing after a fall lotz of shame

the crowd is nice frum guys one guy sits on my bench first seder

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Re: join SA!

Posted by GrowStrong - 12 Jul 2017 05:11

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Ask your sponsor if you can start to work on your step 1.

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