

Rabeinu Yona on Accountability Partners

Posted by ovadia - 14 Dec 2009 06:32

Until I saw this Rabeinu Yona I would think "How can I at my level give Chizuk to someone else ? It is hypocritical, not ethical etc".

On the Mishna "Knai Lecho Chaver" Rabeinu Yona says that there are three things for which one needs a friend.

The second one is regarding Mitsvos. Even though one might sin personally (and his friend is more righteous) (he can still benefit his friend. In our terms to give Chizuk) This is because one only has "enjoyment" from one's own sins. However he has no wish for his friend to sin- 'Ein Odom Choite Velo Lo". The result of this will be that he will correct his friend's ways and his friend will reciprocate and both will do teshuva.

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Very true. Thanks for the post. One can even say that his main trick, with the highest success rate, is when he convinces someone that his entire being is based on an action he just did, and

that there is no good in him because of is HUGE aveirah. Meantime there is someone out there who needs his help (that someone is usually himself). One of the main things that everyone who wants to be a real oved H-shem must have solid, is the discipline not to fall for this one.

(Check out the Shmiras Ainayim Chizuk List - #299, sorry, i don't know how to get the link on the post).

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