

Dmus Deyukno Shel Yaakov Avinu

Posted by stopsurvivingstartliving - 21 Dec 2024 23:19

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Here's a beautiful Vort I heard from Rabbi YY Jacobson:

The possuk says Yosef came to his masters house to "do work". Rashi says this means he surrendered to his YH and came home to have a relationship with eashas Potifar. Rashi continues that right before he acted upon his YH he saw a dmus of Yaakov Avinu and ran out of the house.

The Maor Einayim says that the meaning of this is, that Yosef saw his father in eishes Potifar. Meaning as Yosef was about to do the aveira he thought to himself, why am I doing this? What do I really want? He concluded that he is looking for Tiferes, Beauty. He understood that he won't get the real Tiferes from his few minute affair. This is where he saw Yaakov Avinu, who's mida is Tiferes. Yosef understood that he will only get real Tiferes from his father Yaakov. With that he was able to pick up and run out of the house.

When hearing this Vort, I felt it was tailor made for me. A big struggle by me is I have a void in my life I am trying to fill by acting out on P & M. That void may be simple unhappiness that my life is so non-fulfilling. It may be something deeper. I am not sure myself.

But as we see from Yosef Hatzadik, when we figure out the void we are trying to fill we see how the acting out won't really fulfill it and we will be able to RUN OUT OF THE HOUSE, like Yosef did.

I hope to one day get to such a point and the struggle will be a whole lot easier.

Gut Voch and thanks for reading.

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Re: Dmus Deyukno Shel Yaakov Avinu

Posted by ploiny7777777 - 22 Dec 2024 00:18

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on a similiar note:

[www.chabad.org/parshah/article\\_cdo/aid/339995/jewish/The-Lonely-Moment.htm](http://www.chabad.org/parshah/article_cdo/aid/339995/jewish/The-Lonely-Moment.htm)

very inspiring

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Re: Dmus Deyukno Shel Yaakov Avinu  
Posted by icanbreakfree - 22 Dec 2024 07:02

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I love this Vort you shared!

Shkoyach!!

Its a vort that helps us stopsurviving and startliving!!

stopsurviving with a unfulfilling life

and startliving a robustly fulfilling life!!

But I wonder if maybe we need to work from both angles at the same time:

We have to fill up ourselves with REAL fulfilment,

AND simultaneously RUN FOR OUR LIVES!

I don't know about you, but I used to think I didn't need a filter really,

I just needed to connect to Torah & Mitzvos in a strong way that all other things (P+M) won't pull me anymore.

However, Now I know how important the simple act of RUNNING is.

By running i mean, simply removing as many Nisyonos as possible.

ANNND... accountability. Even though, Yosef Hatzaddik didn't seem to need to be

accountable to anyone.

I happen to be fine with accepting that I am not on Yosef Hatzaddik's Madreiga yet.

So I don't mind winning with the strong assistance and guidance of someone else.

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Re: Dmus Deyukno Shel Yaakov Avinu  
Posted by icanbreakfree - 22 Dec 2024 07:07

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[ploiny777777](#)

Very nice!

Thanks for posting the link.

especially this line:

"This is the reason for the Torah's recording of this story. During our lonely moments of misery, when we, too, may feel that nobody cares for us and we are alone in a huge, indifferent universe, we ought never fall prey to the easy outlet of immoral gratification. We must remember that something very real and absolute is at stake at every moment of our existence and in every act we do."

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Re: Dmus Deyukno Shel Yaakov Avinu  
Posted by eerie - 22 Dec 2024 18:54

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On the note of my post on my thread:

I believe it was the Bobover Rav that said, the term Dmus Dyuknoi shel Aviv, there's a double possessive here, Dyuknoi shel Aviv, which the Rav explained to mean, Dmus dyuknoi, the picture of him, of Yosef, shel Aviv, that his father had. Meaning, what helped him overcome the nisayon was the way we knew his father thought of him, the way he knew his father believed in him, the image of him, of Yosef, that he knew existed in his father's mind. When he realized how much his father believed in him, that gave him the power to overcome his struggle

Believe in them. Believe in yourself!

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Re: Dmus Deyukno Shel Yaakov Avinu  
Posted by jroth28 - 24 Dec 2024 00:04

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This is a beautiful message! Shkoyach!

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Re: Dmus Deyukno Shel Yaakov Avinu  
Posted by pomegranate - 11 Feb 2025 21:19

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Thanks for posting this.

On a similar note Rabbi Shais Taub makes the point in his book (G-d of our understanding) that rather than looking at addiction as being a problem, it is a bad solution with the problem being that the addict feels a tremendous thirst for Dveikus to the Ribbono Shel Oilam but isn't managing to quench it in the right way. The addiction on the one hand is a poor attempt to solve this and on the other hand is a sign of how greatly this person deep down wants to connect with the Ribbono Shel Oilam. He just has to find the right way.

Let's keep striving together

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