

Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 21 Oct 2014 17:59

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i came to israel for y"t and i am staying here,  
im going to be going to yeshiva here also.

Why did i switch? well i came here and i was hooked up with a bunch of guys who also have ssa just like me. that is something that i never experienced in america, simply because of logistics and availability. i israel there is a whole support group of guys who are willing to reach out and connect with each other. its amazing.  
hey whats up yall? im in israel now, permanently

additionally, because the gay rights group has a much smaller contingent here, many therapists openly say that they can change ssa. something that i would say is close to nonexistent in america, b/c u could lose your job from saying that, especially if the media finds out. i started going to a therapist who specializes in ssa and so far it has been awesome.

another reason is that in israel the general atmosphere is an atmosphere that is dedicated to torah and growth in yiddishkeit (at least in yerushalayim). i personally see that the level of tznius is much higher here. in america it has become normal for women to wear skirts above the knee, i am not sure who made up that garbage halacha. in israel the percentage of women who are untznus is sooooo much lower.

also, i have started going to sa in israel. what is unique is that i would say 97% of the members are frum, not just that, in fact most of them are in yeshiva/kollel and look like yeshivish guys.

basically, the feeling i am getting is an overwhelmingly positive one. with a lot of seyata deshmaya i have arrived here. i actually have to thank gye, because i would have never gone to sa if not for gye. also i made contact with someone who has ssa through gye and he was the one who gave me the original numbers of other guys that i could talk to.

KOT! YTC!

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by markz - 07 Apr 2016 00:13

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[today Shlomo24 wrote:](#)

I'm another drunk: When I talk with others I have to remember I'm not better than them. I'm just another drunk.

Gee Thanks

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 07 Apr 2016 01:37

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[markz wrote on 06 Apr 2016 22:40:](#)

**Wow**

**Tell us does he sound like a drunk in real life too????**

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 07 Apr 2016 01:38

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Agav, I was referring to SA members, not necessarily all GYE peeps fall into the category of drunks.

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 08 Apr 2016 05:04

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I don't like this whole karma business. I'm ok with other people having karma, but I wish that I could hide it or get rid of it. I focus on it too much. On my phone life is much simpler, I can't see the karma anyways... Hopefully I will get over this or get through it or get past it.

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by realsimcha - 08 Apr 2016 12:12

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by peloni almoni - 08 Apr 2016 12:47

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[realsimcha wrote on 08 Apr 2016 12:12:](#)

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to give mark something to do

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by markz - 08 Apr 2016 13:08

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Real Simcha,

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Shlomo relax - I'm just kiddin'

but please let NO ONE add any karmas for me - I truly do not deserve any!!!

:-) Thank you for listening

2) The working assumption that I sorted the "success stories" was based on profile views <https://guardyoureyes.com/forum/stats>

Gye says "*Top 5 Most Popular Users*"

Then I discovered that this stat isn't accurate

The **amount of profile views is not based on the total amount of people that viewed a user**, rather each time a user views your page it's counted. If I visited cordnoys page 200 times, it's counted as 200 visits...

Try it on my user page please ;-) All you gotta do is refresh the page (click F5) a few times and watch the count go up (shkoach!)

The only pointer to a members worthiness is his karma, which is why cordnoy has the greatest, because he's the most skilled trucker (that can even Tow in reverse)

Which is why I hate my karma count, because there's many guys here deserve more than mine  
- for sure (this is serious - what I wrote in the beginning was the joke)

So... Shlomo please give over all your lust and all your karma to Gd - it's outa your control

And you deserve -Lust +Karmas!!!

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 08 Apr 2016 15:01

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Don't reveal my secrets! Shhhh!

First off, I raised your karma. Just because. Secondly, I chap the lomdus of karma, I just don't feel it's shayich to my matziv. L'moshol, I chap why people "work out", (and it's not just for the nashim), but I don't do such things because it is bad for me.

(I have no idea why I wrote like that).

AND I JUST SAW THAT MY KARMA WAS RAISED BY 2!!!! ARGHHHHHHH!!!!

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by eslaasos - 08 Apr 2016 15:39

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[Shlomo24 wrote on 08 Apr 2016 15:01:](#)

L'moshol, I chap why people "work out", (and it's not just for the nashim), but I don't do such things because it is bad for me.

After I resolve my issue with nashim, I'll work on my issue with nashin'. Luckily, working out helps with both.

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 13 Apr 2016 07:20

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I just wanna put out there that I went to a seudas preidah and I feel really sad. I feel like a part

of my heart is missing, especially in regards to one friend of mine, ironically I used to lust after him but we became really close. It's just so sad that I'm not gonna see certain friends for a while. What is also sad is that I'm not going with them, I'm in college and they're in BM. I feel less than. But I know I'm in a good place and that I can't have everything in life. I always tell my sponsor that not having the cake and eating it too is the hardest thing for me. I want it all, and when I don't get it I feel like I'm settling, even though it's just reality and that is how life goes. L'maysah I didn't have so much shaychus with them so recently, and this drives that point home to me, it's a severance. And I feel sad about that and down about that.

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 14 Apr 2016 07:09

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I want to check in with some lustful feelings and desires that I have had, including desire to watch porn and act out with men. I also am thinking that I should have "chapped arein" more when I was in active addiction. I also need to realize that only God keeps me sober, by me "doing more stuff" I won't get myself sober if it's excluding god. Also, I need to realize that sobriety has its ups and downs and I need to love myself more.

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 15 Apr 2016 04:14

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Ok, so I have been feeling really down this whole week. Been waking up late, not eating much, not (gulp) showering as often as I usually do, spending a lot of time on my computer and on YouTube, going to sleep really late, and the list goes on. I was feeling the lust really hard today, ayin shom l'eil, and I decided to take the day off kinda. I think that I needed it. So I skipped two classes and wasted time, but I felt bad still. Eventually I went home and in the car I started tearing up. I just felt so depressed and I had no idea why. It felt like someone just turned on a switch and I was suddenly just really sad. I made a concrete decision that I wasn't going to do anything for the rest of the night, and I wasn't going to feel guilty about it. B"h I think that is what I needed, because I feel so much better now. I watched a helluva lot of "Got Talent" videos and just zoned out. But I think it was what I needed to do.

Peace Out.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by markz - 15 Apr 2016 04:22

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I say this out of love mark, but you're a total quack.

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