

## 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 soooooo 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 - 06 Nov 2016 21:49

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Shlomo

You're a brave guy for sharing!

And after your post got lost, you could've easily given up and gone back to your war chamber and binged, why not...

Im impressed.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by cordnoy - 06 Nov 2016 22:49

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Such a share takes courage.

keepl at it.

Work it for you're worth it!

B'hatzlachah

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New take it easy one avatar at a time

Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 07 Nov 2016 18:51

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Hey guys, quick update. I don't want to say too much because I don't know when I'll be back to normal, but I'm doing and feeling good. I haven't acted out and I've been pretty productive.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 16 Nov 2016 04:08

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I changed my avatar. I'm for sure overthinking this, but that is classic me. I picked a smiling, cartoon, knight because I think it reflects my personality. I have a strong personality, sometimes a bit intense, hence the knight. However, I also believe that I'm pretty noble in my values, which the knight also symbolizes. However, I'm always walking around with a smile on my face and I'm a pleasant person to be around, which is why I picked this particular knight that is smiling. The cartoon element also contributes to that, it's not as rough and harsh as a regular picture of a knight.

Yeah I know, it's a lot of thought of into it.

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 16 Nov 2016 04:31

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 30 Nov 2016 02:22

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I happen to notice my karma went down. I find that amusing. I must be doing something right, the truth hurts. LOL! I remember my Rebbi in 12th grade saying something like, "If you don't have enemies than you don't stand for anything."

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 30 Nov 2016 03:35

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Re: Big Steps  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 30 Nov 2016 03:38

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[Gevura Shebyesod wrote on 30 Nov 2016 03:35:](#)

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by cordnoy - 30 Nov 2016 03:53

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[Shlomo24 wrote on 30 Nov 2016 03:38:](#)

[Gevura Shebyesod wrote on 30 Nov 2016 03:35:](#)

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by cordnoy - 30 Nov 2016 03:54

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**Warning: Spoiler!**

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 30 Nov 2016 03:56

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by cordnoy - 30 Nov 2016 04:04

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[cordnoy wrote on 30 Nov 2016 03:53:](#)

[Shlomo24 wrote on 30 Nov 2016 03:38:](#)

[Gevura Shebyesod wrote on 30 Nov 2016 03:35:](#)

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by cordnoy - 30 Nov 2016 04:06

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[Shlomo24 wrote on 30 Nov 2016 03:56:](#)

Thank you for the scintillating posts, Reb Cords.

sorry, gye phone not lettin' me type.

i was gonna do the entire thin' in smileys, but it takes way too long.



"Fixed That For You," said Gevurah

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Re: Big Steps

Posted by Shlomo24 - 30 Nov 2016 04:12

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I figured. It won't let me quote now for some reason, but BRO! I loved those smiley's. Thanks for that!

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