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Posted by ratherstayanonymous - 20 Jan 2025 18:20

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded

Posted by eerie - 20 Jan 2025 19:21

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Hi! Welcome to the most amazing family on earth!

My friend, stick around, connect to some good guys, and trust me you will lose your skepticism

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded  
Posted by m111 - 20 Jan 2025 19:43  
very quickly!

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Hi,

Welcome.

Talk.

Unload.

We're in this together.

End

(of bad habits)

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded  
Posted by lamaazavtuni - 20 Jan 2025 19:50

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There's nothing to be embarrassed of we all were/are in the shmutz together with you. open up  
youll never look back !!!

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded

Posted by minhamayim - 21 Jan 2025 05:47

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded  
Posted by seekingkedusha1 - 21 Jan 2025 14:10

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded

Posted by odyossefchai - 21 Jan 2025 15:48

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Because you responded to mine, I'll respond to yours!

Surely if you needed some info on a tax question, you would be in touch with an accountant, and a medical question would go to a Doctor.

Same here.

We are trying to get clean. Why not shmooze to people who were in your situation and figured out how to do it. They are the real experts. They didn't just hear something from someone, they went and figured it out and changed themselves a and shteiged and won! And changed their lives! They are the BEST people to learn from.

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded  
Posted by livingagain - 21 Jan 2025 19:23



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You have taken a big step forward in getting yourself free from this nisayon. Whether you learn in the mir or yagdil, it's muvan why you wouldn't be "in your comfort zone". I initially felt the same way. But with time you get tzugevoint

Regarding what you mentioned about posting, that is helpful but not the ikar. Personally I've been helped by having a shaychus with others in the same matzav. With time you can see what works for you. Lemaaseh, you have the possibility of entering a new tekufa. I look forward to following your thread and sharing in your Simcha as you go maafeila leora.

Hatzlachs

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded  
Posted by SisonYishecha - 21 Jan 2025 22:26

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Welcome to the forum, and I admire the courage that you have to post, even on an annonymous forum.

You'll (hopefully) only find hope and encouragement here on the forums.

If you ever want to take the next step, and speak to someone in EY, please reach out.

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded  
Posted by ratherstayanonymous - 21 Jan 2025 23:33

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Wow I wasn't expecting so many replies, just wanted to say shkoyach to everyone who did, definitely left me with some food for thought, and a place to share it.

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Re: Skeptical but open-minded

Posted by ratherstayanonymous - 22 Jan 2025 20:52

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Posted by vekiveisilo - 24 Jan 2025 02:50

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I had the same experience when I started. The first few weeks I was on a cloud of excitement and momentum, and then it got hard....

What worked for me was, like you mentioned, developing long-term strategies and trying to make real internal change in how I viewed this nisayon and how to deal with it. Have you read the book *The Battle of the Generation*? It helped me a lot in doing that.

But I was also afraid that wouldn't be enough, so at the same time I started reaching out to more of the chevra here for added chizuk and support. That definitely played a big role in me pulling through. I felt I wasn't alone, and if I was feeling challenged I had whom to call. It also kept the momentum going in a certain way - like it wasn't just back to life as usual; there was still a certain 'tumul' about the inyan which helped keep the excitement and frischeit.

But really, don't be afraid. It might be somewhat harder going forward, you will probably have to put in more effort, but it's very much

"?? ????? ????? ??? ????? ??????" . If you've made it this far, you clearly have a tremendous koach. B'ezras Hashem you'll go further ????? ?? ???.

Hatzlacha raba!

Yekusiel

p.s. I'm a bachur as well, would love to get to know you if you're interested!

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