

Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Blind Beggar - 28 Aug 2010 21:19

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Hello Tzaddikim! I just found this site last week. I think it is going to make my Rosh Hashono and Yom Kippur. I think the newness of the 90 day chart will get me 40 clean days to Shemini Atzeres but I am afraid of what will happen next. Does anyone have any suggestions?

I have read enough of the forum to see that you are all tzaddikim and all serving Hashem every day clean and again after every fall.

The holy Baal Shem Tov taught that the yetzer horo is more interested in the post-sin depression than in the sin itself.

Blind Beggar who wants to have eyes only for Hashem.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Blind Beggar - 03 Sep 2015 20:36

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I'm back again after nearly 2 years because someone asked about me and Zemmy emailed me to tell me.

I've just signed up for the chizzuk emails again to help with my daily challenges going to and from work.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 03 Sep 2015 20:55

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by cordnoy - 03 Sep 2015 23:51

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Great news!

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by gibbor120 - 08 Sep 2015 21:23

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Nice to see you again!

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Blind Beggar - 17 Nov 2015 16:52

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 17 Nov 2015 17:02

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Bigmoish - 17 Nov 2015 17:14

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Thanks for checking in!

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by lomed - 17 Nov 2015 17:33

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[Blind Beggar wrote:](#)

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Hi

Whats the difference between SA sobriety and GYE clean?

thanks for your post

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 17 Nov 2015 19:02

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very nice. i am inspired by your desire to get "gye clean" even though you have been sexually sober for quite some time. KOT!

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Blind Beggar - 17 Nov 2015 21:48

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SA sober means no masturbation or extra-marital sex. GYE adds no erotic images or text.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Dov - 17 Nov 2015 23:02

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Not really. I feel that's a bit of a misleading way to portray SA and I've seen it many posted many times by other well-meaning GYE people. But since we know each other a bit in person, why not try to really communicate on this? So here goes my attempt:

SA is a program focused on freedom from the tyranny of Lust in our lives. Sex is just one manifestation of Lust. Just read 'The SA Purpose' in the White book and look at the 12 Steps of SA. *Neither* talks of sobriety or of abstinence from sex or masturbation! Both refer to Lust as the issue, and lust only. So recovery in SA includes, by SA's mission statement, progressive freedom from lust.

Lust is much broader than Sex-with-self/others. For this reason, *some* SA members see the sobriety definition as a starting point - and they restart their sobriety date if they look at porn, and some change it even if they just fantasize. For this reason, voluntary abstinence from sex is chosen by some SA couples for a few months or longer ***even though the sexaholic spouse is sober***, in order to gain better freedom from preoccupation with lust.

So is that 'better' that or 'less than' GYE's definition/goals?

I am not answering that. It's up to you. But I will say this:

Most non-addict frummies don't even consider (nor would understand) such a thing. Usually that is because they do not see lust in anything that is 100% mutar. For the core of the issue for them is really issur vs heter, good vs bad. Nothing going on for them about freedom for its *own* sake, healing from true *illness*, etc.

The sobriety definition of SA is just a bottom line that defines what the bottom floor is - where **hope** is found - that's all. It's not the Goal of the program by any stretch of the imagination. Even in AA, people recognize that there is such a thing as a dry drunk and they see the purpose of the steps as elimination of that. Serenity. They recognize that *nowhere* in the 12 Steps does it talk about 'not drinking alcohol', certainly not as a goal. It's the bottom floor - like breathing. No one walks around telling people that the fact that they are breathing today is the be-all and end-all of living - even though life ends without it! Same with sobriety, exactly.

Instead, the Goals of the 12 steps are clearly stated, in 4 places:

1- being restored to Sanity as a general Goal (not referring to sobriety, mind you) - mentioned in Step 2;

2- deciding to (not *succeeding*, mind you, but just *deciding* to) do whatever it takes in order to learn how to truly accept G-d's plans for our lives (again nothing directly to do with not sinning any more, or even with not drinking) - mentioned in Step 3 and actually carried out in steps 4-10;

3- becoming aware of exactly what the recovering drunk is to do with his day/life and to come closer to knowing his G-d - mentioned in Step 11;

4- having a spiritual awakening - by Step 12.

And none of these things happen until *after* a person is **already** sober. They cease to work and

quickly become a religious-sounding mind-game, if the addict gets busy trying to be a successful drinker again...in other words: normal.

So sobriety from alcohol for the AA, and from Lust by the SA...at the least, from sex with self or anyone other than the spouse - is the one absolutely necessary requirement for recovery and the Goals of the Program.

Normal people (non-addicts) can achieve these goals without being sober. In fact, they can achieve these goals (all of them) even though they are still occasionally masturbating, etc.! That's what makes them normal - their lives are manageable even though they do such things...an addict's life, is not.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by serenity - 17 Nov 2015 23:34

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar  
Posted by Dov - 17 Nov 2015 23:37

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[serenity wrote:](#)

That sit well with you?

Next time go for Sanity while you are at it, pal...

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Josephsbrother - 23 Dec 2015 05:03

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it is a great thing in love to be the apple of His eye, that means each of us have the sole focus of His attention to me. I am his, and He is mine. Because both man and woman were the two of them in the single image of their Maker, therefore for me, My One will and is changing me in every adversary event to behold His image, not only on the physical plane, but to come to appreciate the bond through hear, sharing, communicating, and many others. when we were tempted of just the physical beauty, we have made the outward looks to be more important than the real essence of the person, we have settled for a temporary moment of intimacy. we have sought to bond with a stranger, who has not chosen to be are mate. When we have an intimate seeking to bein the image of HaShem, then attraction of the One, Let us be bone of Adams bone, let us b~one in our One! First the marriage circle, then family, then eve widen circles. One Ace of spAce, and we are privileged to share in the position of representing His love.

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Re: Hello from Blind Beggar

Posted by Josephsbrother - 24 Jan 2016 03:01

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[Dov wrote:](#)

The only rule of looking that I am willing to use is the one I heard from a guy (who I think has a lot more recovery and sobriety than I have been given) in a meeting once. He said "The first look is on G-d (that is, His tab). The second look is on me (I pay for it)."

I can live with this 'rule', because it is obvious that there is nothing wrong, unhealthy, evil, or sick with me noticing that the woman standing opposite me in the elevator has a beautiful body or face. Whether one is an addict or in the normal struggling majority, it's Hashem's Will, apparently, for us to **see**.

The shayloh is, do I **partake**? Taking in her image is an act of reducing a real person to a sex object. But they are not. Pretending they are - or could be - for me, is just *practicing* lying.

So when I take a second look, it is on me. I'm paying! I sometimes say out-loudish (only I can hear it): "I'm paying for that look! Hah!", or, "She's really not mine, at all!" These looks are very costly, as they drag me down and deeper into un-clarity and unhappiness, always. They cost more than money...suddenly I am so spendthrift? That's why I can really laugh about it. On a good day, nothing makes me smile as much as seeing my own nuttiness and being able to laugh about it!

Nu. The analysis of these stages of each of the seconds makes my head spin. And incidentally, the only other person I have heard teach it to 'the masses' was another therapist...*both* women.

Maybe they deeply understand what I (as a guy) only understand grossly and experientially. Who knows?

Hey. The bottom line is not how it makes you feel or how smart it sounds, but how it *works* for you - or *doesn't* work for you.

Intentionally looking is always on me, even for one second, period. But I am pretty messed up.

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Our first look only on our Elohim, will it be the beauty of His wisdom, or object of a stranger, which beauty has first place, My Maker has spoken, in His word to guard my Eyes, is the very power to guard them well, I am not guarding my eyes in my strength, but in His, strength, and wisdom.

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