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Posted by Pidaini - 01 Nov 2013 02:39

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by SIB101854 - 09 Jan 2014 06:27

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If one works on kavanah in the accepted Nusach HaTefilah, one must realize that there are two places for asking for HaShem to help you ( Refaeinu and Shmoea Tefilah). It is also critically important to remember that HaShem is Shmoea Tefilah, but certainly not a Mkabel Tefilah. As Rashi points out in discussing Yaakov Avinu's preparations for his reunion with Rsau HaRasha, that one must engage both in Hishtadlus and Tefilah, as opposed to relying on either Histhtadlus or Tefilah alone.

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by Pidaini - 13 Feb 2014 22:40

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Continued from [Yaakov's Ladder](#)

I said "Ribono Shel Olam, I have been looking at females, at certain parts of females, and I won't want to be doing that. I know that I have this feeling of entitlement to respect and compliments and I didn't get it. In order to protect that feeling, which I feel I need to do, I am giving it something else which it enjoys.

I know that I cannot take away the feeling, it is built into me, but I know that you can. I ask you to help me remember that all I am doing is living the way I should, nothing more than that, and that doesn't entitle me to anything. Please take away the feeling of entitlement so that I can continue to live the life that you give me the right way."

I felt so calm, so not needy after that....He had accepted!!!

THANK YOU HASHEM!!!

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by ineedchizuk - 12 Mar 2015 02:07

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Hi Yankel,

Don't be a stranger.....

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by some\_guy - 08 Apr 2015 02:46

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I remember a story that could not be better suited for this thread if I made it up.

A holy rabbi was standing at the Western Wall, saying Tehillim with as much concentration that he could. At one point old man walk up next to him. The old man faced the Western Wall and start to talk. At first the rabbi was confused, thinking that this stranger was talking to him. Then he heard some of the conversation and realized that the old man was talking to Hashem.

He sounded just like how someone would sound talking to a friend from across the table. At one point the old man stopped and thought for a moment. He then said, 'I am sorry. I told You about that yesterday.' The rabbi carefully listened to this old man in awe. Eventually the old man left. The rabbi turned back to his Siddur. In stunned silence, he realized that he had never truly prayed to Hashem before.

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by cordnoy - 10 Jan 2016 03:15

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Although Gibbor said that this is similar to davanin' except that it is done w/o a minyan and not at right time, I like Pidaini's perspective on this.

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by Josephsbrother - 10 Jan 2016 03:50

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I fine when all else is falling apart, the One promised I, and none else, no other deliverance, while it is good to take advantage of all resources, we have One intimately responsible for us, that is the promise of One, so keep the relationship of life, and grow in it.

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by Josephsbrother - 10 Jan 2016 03:56

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We have a friend to the end, and when One is our friend, all other imaginary one cannot equal the beauty of our talk, walk! Like Joseph, how can I sin against my Maker, my friend.

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by Sapy - 16 Jan 2023 17:23

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Bump.

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)

Posted by Eerie - 16 Jan 2023 22:09

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Posted by cordnoy - 16 Jan 2023 22:26

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Posted by Eerie - 17 Jan 2023 00:18

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You know, cordnoy, every Yid is a chelek Elokah. But you, especially, remind me of Hashem.  
I know you don't like cheerleadin' and all,  
but still I say: Thanks for all you do for us my friend!

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Even when you don't feel it, know that he's listening.

Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by 1084 - 13 Feb 2023 00:49

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Absolutely beautiful! I appreciate your heartfelt honesty and genuineness.

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Re: Talking to Hashem (not davening)  
Posted by Mrsman - 18 Aug 2023 03:10

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I have the written the following with the intention of saying it regularly as part of my davening --  
quietly before I leave shul on weekdays:

Hashem,

You are the most powerful, gracious, all-knowing being. You constantly perform miracles on our behalf and have generated more kindness than harshness over a thousand times. I thank you for the wonderful life that I have had - good health (until now), wonderful wife and kids, beautiful home and community.

Despite all of these wonderful things, I have turned away from your holy Torah. I am weak and I followed the Yetzer Hara to look at inappropriate items and damaged my Holy Covenant. And while I have tried multiple times to turn away, I am always imprisoned by my own lusts and return.

Now, I am very sick and barely able to stand because of my damage to the Holy Covenant. I am first begging for forgiveness for this terrible sin. I am begging for the koach to resist temptation and avoid repeating this sin. And I am begging for a Refuah Shleima so that I can continue to serve you Hashem in a truly appropriate manner.

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