

**SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESSARY?**

Posted by shefflover87 - 25 Dec 2013 23:05

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Hey guys,

Im new to all of this material, emails, forums, handbooks etc. I was introduced to the site at the annual seminar in Jerusalem that GYE has. I now am struggling to understand whether I am an addict, or if I need to be attending SA meetings that deal with the 12 steps that help overcome the lust and need to act out. I know it can be an addiction, but do I need to be going to regular meetings, following the Big book, really being active with a sponsor and so on..

Can't I just read chizzuk emails, really start guarding my eyes, post and read regularly on this site, and just educate myself with all the material there is to read and watch on this site and the handbooks it offers as well?

Please advise with what worked for YOU, what others who have been sober for years have said, and what really is the best proven way for someone who may be on the fence of the addiction.

Thanks!

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**Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESSARY?**

Posted by Machshovo Tova - 26 Dec 2013 00:37

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There is a test that can determine whether you are a sex addict. Hopefully some nice guy will chime in and direct you to that material.

But on a simpler level, you can start with the GYE handbook. It is built on the philosophy that there are different levels of severity regarding lust problems. You can start at level one (i.e. try it for some time), and if it does not work for you, move on to level two, etc. This way you'll see whether you reach the level that requires full SA participation.

Hatzlacha

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by gibbor120 - 26 Dec 2013 01:25

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I think the practical approach works best. There are differnet approaches for different people. Like MT said, start small. If what you are doing is working - leave it alone. If it isn't, you know that you need something different.

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by Elya K - 26 Dec 2013 08:13

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To find out if you're a sex addict go to [slaafws.org](http://slaafws.org) and take the test. If you want a more thorough assessment with worksheets and result explanation of the 10 types of sex addiction you can email me at [ajk@allanjatz.com](mailto:ajk@allanjatz.com).

Some therapists I know will not even counsel a person unless he agrees to attend meetings. It is essential BECAUSE this is a disease of isolation and at the same time a need for connection. According to Carl Jung, who the AA founders consulted with, the way to heal is to tell your story in front a group of non-judgmental people who will validate you and not abuse you. Many of us grow up in families where we don't have a voice so we stuff our emotions and never let them out. This is a safe place to let it out and work on perfecting your character traits.

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by shefflover87 - 30 Dec 2013 23:57

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by gibbor120 - 31 Dec 2013 00:30

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by sayingHallel - 14 Jan 2014 10:18

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I strongly urge you to join a 12 step call.

It will change your life - not just your need to lust

and btw "have a need for lust and women as every guy does." that you said, will also change if you REALLY do the steps properly.

p.s. You should feel lucky ( as nuts as this may sound - trust me, I {was} the furthest from saying this) for finding GYE and having the opportunity to come closer to hashe-m, CAUSE THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT!!!!

Don't fool yourself - cause you'll regret it after 120.

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESSARY?

Posted by skeptical - 17 Jan 2014 08:45

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by cordnoy - 17 Jan 2014 20:11

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Ditto to Gibbor and Skep.

I dabbled in phone conferences, heavy poster, went to therapists, opened up to chavirim,  
called and texted each other....

was on a good mehalech... (210 days, and counting...well...not really counting, but the numbers  
are there).

still am....

however, my last fall (a trifecta) really shook me up....

So, on the advice of others, I'm gonna take it to the next level....gonna go to an sa meeting....I'll  
keep you posted.

b'hatzlachah

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESSARY?

Posted by tryingtoshteig - 17 Jan 2014 20:16

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[cordnoy wrote:](#)

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by Machshovo Tova - 17 Jan 2014 20:24

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When you need a boost is also a good time to call chaveirim.

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Re: SA MEETINGS? ARE THEY NECCESARY?

Posted by neshamaincharge - 20 Oct 2014 06:35

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Curious as to how it worked out for you- are you still around these parts?

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