

Practical kabbalah for the masses

Posted by inastruggle - 17 May 2013 23:37

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hey emu,

remember when you were the lawyer in that case of the blood libel?

(Disclaimer: this thread is in no way intended to make litzanos of any part of yiddishkeit, it is meant solely for the purpose of being mesameach yidden and giving anyone who needs a kosher outlet a place to write. thank you for your understanding and cooperation)

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Re: Practical kabbalah for the masses

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 23 Aug 2015 14:45

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How would I know? I'm not the one that was looking for it.

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Re: Practical kabbalah for the masses

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 26 Aug 2015 15:36

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<https://guardyoureyes.com/forum/1-Break-Free/210029-Tryin?limit=15&start=660#262766>

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Re: Practical kabbalah for the masses

Posted by chosemyshem - 29 Jul 2024 17:10

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[Dov wrote on 07 Aug 2013 22:43:](#)

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On the 'Torah'-side, she was told (as I was) how meaningful sex is, how holy, how serious a matter it is...concepts all way beyond us and probably way beyond anybody here in this generation. Basically useless information. What did the teachers think? That we were going to be having sex in public or something!?

But the teachers really do not have a CLUE. And anyhow whatever they say, we sex-hungry, porn-exposed guys end up hearing that sex really is - and **should** be al pi Torah - a huge, big, teacher...or Rebbi. Really. Most of us husbands are, you know.

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[ [i]A caution: Any guy who is still hiding from his wife and feeding himself with sweet porn on a regular basis, masturbating himself, etc...will **not** succeed in circumventing the issue and saving himself from the rotten sex he is having due to his porn-brain, by (finally) just collaborating with his wife to try and make sex more happy and more fun for them both. It will just not work until you get clean and start living honestly with yourself and with her. You may not need to tell disclose to her the stupid things you did in the past (or you may), but you can't fix life up if you are still living in drug-land. It will collapse. The one person you can never escape from will always be yourself. And she can smell your mess, she may not know what she is smelling, but it does stink. ]

But regardless of whether you are married or not, **WORK ON IT NOW!** How? By learning how to take life in general more realistically. Get and live right-sized. RMB"m's emotional 'shvil hazahav' of Sh'moneh P'rakim. We addicts (and semi-addicts) take so many things way too seriously...and so many things not seriously enough. It's the work of a lifetime. A *real-life* time, not a *fantasy-life* time.

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Good stuff

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Re: Practical kabbalah for the masses  
Posted by chaimoigen - 13 Aug 2024 19:21

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I am trying to figure out what the blazes most of the posters were talking about.

The basic gist, I think, except for the Gevaldig Dov post, is that summoning Daemons to battle lust isn't the greatest idea, because Ashmedai may have his own lust problems. Also, that may qualify as solving one problem by creating seven more. And, even though Gevura can see them, the rest of us can't.

I think that Gevura must have used Shvartze lecht to banish many of the good folks who are on this thread who are here no longer. Kinda wish I coulda gotten to know them...

P.S. Headless shadows are for Hoshana Rabba night, not Tisha Baav.

P.P.S I DONT belong on "Just having fun" today.

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