

The \$10,000 AC'CORD Award

Posted by Markz - 30 Apr 2017 16:50

Time to party!!!!

Mazel Tov to [Cordnoy](#) our dearest friend on the forum on the occasion of virtually hitting ~~40~~ 10' Posts

The reason I'm excited, is primarily because I owe the man a debt of Gratitude for his assisting in my recovery virtually from day 1.

I appreciate each comment and even the 'thank you' of his, and more, and I'm certain many others feel the same for his seamanship directing soberization Odaat.

He shows us the lighthouse at the end of the tunnel with his [FriendShip](#)

He assists affirmed "addicted addicts", "addicts", "non addicts", "non addicted addicts", "addicted non addicts", and affirmed "non addicted non addicts" alike

Whether in venerable forum'ing, his emails, his texts, his group calls, his private calls, his in person meetings and more...

HOW TO PARTY?

I suggest 100 friends donate \$100 for a total of \$10,000 to Gye and 10% goes to...

Trouble is that the end of this sentence is being edited by some moderator, so check your email

If you didn't get one, email me markzgye@gmail.com

If you want to join this too, kindly reply on this thread with the \$ amount and hey, \$100 is only a

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Re: The \$10,000 AC'CORD Award
Posted by unanumun - 12 May 2017 14:42

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Re: The \$10,000 AC'CORD Award
Posted by Meier - 12 May 2017 20:35

Congrats cord on your milestone achievement.

b'ezras hashem there are many many more to come.and thanks for the occasional shmuz

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Re: The \$10,000 AC'CORD Award
Posted by cordnoy - 20 Jun 2017 17:54

[unanumun wrote on 12 May 2017 14:42:](#)

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me too.

T'was on my list for quite some time.

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Re: The \$10,000 AC'CORD Award
Posted by Markz - 11 Jan 2019 04:31

[cordnoy wrote:](#)

So, 38 to the P and 38 to the M.

Wrong group, I know.

There is a bit of pressure to write somethin' profound (or, at least, it should make sense) for post # 10,000, especially after my dear friends Mark and Gevura threw down the gauntlet.

Truth be told, 10,000, like 90 or 38, is simply a number. Does it really represent somethin' epic? It means that I waste quite a bit of time, almost ten posts per day. Yes, perhaps there are several that helped myself and perhaps there are even a few where others were helped, but the bulk of them I'm sure were just some joke or wisecrack. There were even those that were hurtful as well. It just means that I have been here for a considerable amount of time and I have not yet gotten frustrated enough to leave for good (more on that later).

?But let us circle back to the beginnin' of this post, and contrary to most of my posts, this one will be lengthy: the Mincha thread, one that I am proud of. Why? Because it made a difference in my day and seemingly in others as well. I am an expert in selfishness. I have been doin' things for myself for decades. Always: what makes me happy. That's how I work. So the thread worked for me. Icin' on the cake was that it worked for others as well.

Recovery was different though. And perhaps it is worthy to repeat here the steps I took. You know that I don't spend much time thinkin' about addict vs. non-addict. I don't spend much time thinkin' about anythin' at all. It wasn't always like that. I came to this site by accident, of sorts. Yes, there were several decades of filth and smut in my days, but I always stopped, at least for a week or two, or more. Recovery and lack thereof did not consume my life. I was fine with the pattern. Of course, yamim noraim (mostly), I'd cry and beg and resolve to sin no longer. Some years I even threw in the towel and made a deal with God that I'll do lots of good in other areas and let's just hide this issue in the closet.

But eventually, there was a rock bottom of sorts. That, together with a push, encouragement, threat of exposure from a woman friend of the family (whom I must have been tryin' to seduce) put me on a course of action. And that action wasn't a snap of the fingers. And it wasn't without heartache and pain. I went 90 days sober (so to speak). I engaged a long distance therapist, a professional who is recommended by GYE. I joined SA in a city an hour away from me. I was there for about eight months. I went to a local therapist/specialist on and off for about two years. I got two sponsors, one Jewish, one not. I joined calls and eventually led calls. I have been workin' the steps in some way or another for several years. I read the big book, white book, action book and 12&12. I am on my sixth cycle. And I post as well, every once in a while.

Talkin' to live people really does wonders. Posts are different when I know the poster and they know me. It makes it more real. (This is an important point to know for anyone who spends time on the forum.)

GYE gave me the opportunity to personally meet many fine fellows. I will list them, for I thank each and every one of them for their friendship, advice, suggestions, criticisms, etc.

Pidaini

Lizhensk

Big moish

Gibbor (need more)

Skeptical (although we need a better meet)

DD

Unanumun

Laasos

Still going

Zemmy

Jake

Innastruggle

Lavi

Pischoshelmachat

Fresh start

RGT

Kilochalu

Misgaber

SB

I was within a hundred feet from:

Gevura

Guard

Shlomo

I have had private and personal conversation with:

Grow strong

TZ

Dov

Real simcha

Godhelp

OTR

tzomah

ShmielZ

Shteiger

Yesod

shemirashabris

Dms123456789

Yesod

Workin'guy

Laughin'man

Serenity

MoB

MarkZ

Yidtryin'harder

Chullent kin'

Trouble

Belmont

mesayin (I think)

ShmuliK

Boropark yid

Israel61320

Watson

Mggmbs

YosefTH

Appearance

I have been in touch with:

Yiraishamaim

Maayan

NIC

Aryeh

Hashivalisassonyishechaimisgabecha

Shivisi

PeloniAlmoni

DuvidChaim

Eli

Lifnei

Lomed

Shtiebel

SIB14628

Joe

Singularity

NewActin'

MendelZ

Shmeichel

MBJ

Now, what I just did is fairly dangerous (and I really need to look this over again, for it was done at several sittin's), because I probably left out a bunch of fellows, and I do apologize, but I wrote this list for two reasons: 1. I wanted to display and demonstrate the power of GYE; it creates lastin' friendships, friend who deeply care about one another. Four years ago, I knew none of these fellows and now we are best of friends. 2. Perhaps a couple of them I have helped on their journey, but one thing is certain - each and every one of them helped me on mine. I learned humility from one, commitment from another. Mussar, calmness, faith, prayer, carin', devotion, thoughtfulness, diligence, humor, assertiveness, resolve, confidence and more - are just some of the things that I try to apply in my daily life, and for that, they need to be mentioned. If I left you out, you know it was just an oversight and I sincerely apologize (and i will include in the edit- I am gettin' rushed to hit submit), but I truly thank you for helpin' out a punk like me.

And I must confess that when a fellow emails, calls, texts, WhatsApps, skypes, bumps into me and says, "Cords, you really saved my life, you truly helped me today, this past year would have been impossible without you, I didn't get that massage because of your text" yes, it feels good, and my ego makes it feel even better, but it's you guys who deserve the credit. You, who set me straight to begin with, you, who showed me my flaws, you, who convinced me of my egotistical, self-centeredness, you, who paved the way for me, and you as well who gave me the opportunity to give back, to keep me honest, to constantly share life's struggles and mine in particular, so thank you.

So, in conclusion:

There might be ten thousand reasons to let you all go

There might be ten thousand reasons to just quit the show

About ten thousand reasons

If I had a highway, I would stay in my truck

If the coffee wasn't bitter, we'd be all out of luck

But you're givin' me ten thousand reasons

Givin' me ten thousand reasons

I bow down to pray

I try to make the worst seem better

Lord, show me the way

To cut through all this worn out leather

I've got ten thousand reasons to walk away

But baby, I just need one good one to stay

Posters stuck in a cycle, they look off and stare

It's like they've stopped breathin', but completely aware

'Cause you're givin' me ten thousand reasons

Givin' me ten thousand reasons

And if by mistake I say something that it might even mean

It's hard to even fathom which parts you should believe

'Cause you're givin' me ten thousand reasons

Givin' me ten thousand reasons

Baby I'm bleedin', bleedin'

Can't you give me what I'm needin', needin'

Every heartbreak and fall and sickness makes it hard to keep the faith

But baby, I just need one good one

Good one, good one, good one

Baby, I just need one good one to stay, to stay, to stay.

And that good one is you.

Yes, you.

Someone cut your threads? Where did they go????

You need some moderation!

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