

Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!

Posted by pischoshelmachat - 12 Mar 2013 20:30

I started my 90 day journey last Shabbos and it feels great so far. I know that I will walk into an ambush any time and I daven that with my little hishtadlus in joining this wonderful community of GYE and with the chizuk from my new partner, I will be able to pass my first test.

In the mean time I thank the RBS"O for every day that I am able to stay clean.

What a breath of fresh air.

I am now almost 46 and I so badly want to be mesaken this while I am still in the young years so that my Teshuvah can be complete.

I don't like to talk or even think about what I have done in the past because it is too painful for me to face the horrible things that I did that are so not who I really am. I want this to be the beginning of my new life that is Tocho K'Baro.

I cry every day that my children should be pure and grow in Torah and Yiras Shomayim but how can I expect the RBS"O to give me ehrliche children if I don't fix myself. I just daven to the RBS"O that my children should always be Yirei Shamayim and not be punished for my weaknesses.

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!

Posted by stillgoing - 04 Apr 2016 17:24

[R' pischoshelmachat wrote on 04 Apr 2016 15:57:](#)

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I will not let this feeling drag me down because I know that I can do nothing to change the past. My only power is to change the future and that is the only place I will focus my efforts. I have accepted this pain from HKB"H as my atonement for my misdeeds and am very grateful that he is inflicting me with my imaginary humiliation rather than real humiliation which would be truly devastating. Regardless, I accept with ahava and simcha whatever HKB"H wills for me as I know he is doing it only for my best interests.

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Posted by pischoshelmachat - 04 Apr 2016 17:32

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See Rashi...

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!
Posted by stillgoing - 04 Apr 2016 17:37

[pischoshelmachat wrote on 04 Apr 2016 17:32:](#)

Why am I crying now?

Thank you for your kind words.

Probably because you're cutting onions :~)

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!
Posted by markz - 04 Apr 2016 17:40

Pischo, feel free to give us your shul address, you'll have 4000 friends coming to join you for a lechaim tomorrow (just - if its a little too far or late for me, could you rather come to mine pls)

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!
Posted by pischoshelmachat - 04 Apr 2016 17:44

LOL!

A bit too much exposure for me.

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!
Posted by markz - 04 Apr 2016 17:48

And - How about the 5 guys hovering on this page now?

[cordnoy](#), [markz](#), [neshamaincharge](#), [stillgoing](#), [Workingguy](#)

I promise you we don't bite, and we are each embarrassed of our past wrongdoings (I assume), so we're all in the same boat - ok captain?

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!
Posted by cordnoy - 04 Apr 2016 17:52

Heck of a share.

Good to see people discussing real life.

Your share was amazing; tis a feeling I get when I share on the phone my past, or when I meet with people in an attempt to help them (which is helping me). It is then that I realize that it's not my past I am thinking about.....it is the present. The only thing preventing the past to warp into the present is I now have space inside of me that allows God an abode, and with His Grace, He allows me to work recovery.

Continue being mechazek us.

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!

Posted by Shlomo24 - 04 Apr 2016 20:48

That is pretty cool. I'm not asking, but just wondering out loud how you guys realized that you daven in the same shul. Interesting.

Hatzlachah Rabah.

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!

Posted by pischoshelmachat - 04 Apr 2016 21:58

We don't normally, but he told me that he had to be in my shul one day so we decided to say hello. All mutually voluntary.

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!

Posted by GuideMe - 05 Apr 2016 03:09

Meeting face-to-face is a heck of a step!

i remember my first phone call to a friend... and the first live meeting a few months ago in Hanukkah.... scary! i was so closed about this subject, it was a HUGH secret, and now - everyone can see me!!! they know why I'm here...

in my experience, it gets better with time.

i feel way more comfortable today with what i am and/or what i did.

all of the porn & masturbation stuff on my 'record'.

May you feel Hashem with you always!

Hatzlachah

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Re: Hashem, please open up the road for me!!!
Posted by pischoshelmachat - 07 Apr 2016 17:00

Good Day My Friends,

B"H my obsession is much dulled and my life is back in order. Of course I still need to remain vigilant, connecting with HKB"H and friends, davening, learning and helping people. This keeps me healthy. I love doing things that normally frustrate me because they are a great inconvenience. Somehow this "breaking myself" makes me feel more real and less susceptible to cravings and obsessions.

I hope that HKB"H will continue to give me sane days every day for the rest of my life.

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Great to hear from you pisco. Give me a boring day over a dragonfirebreathinglustmainiashotintheheadfallingday any time.

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