

(BIG) LONG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 30 Apr 2015 18:20

Sometimes I wonder if being a big shot (since I am the most humble guy I have ever met, I must be a big shot) is such a bad thing. Right now the main thing that is keeping me clean for 6 days so far is the 90 day chart. Why does the 90 day chart work for me, because I know that my name (ok, not my birth name, my rebirth name) is up on the chart for everyone to see, and since I think that I am G-d's gift to the world, I know that if I fall everyone is going to see that I'm a loser (which I am, since I've been losing for more years than I can count on my hands (and feet). Ok I know someone is going to tell me that I'm not a loser, and I would say that to you also, and I would believe it too - when I'm talking about you. Somehow when it's about myself, it's much harder to believe.

So that's why I'm specifically calling attention to my chart so that if I feel myself slipping I will think how embarrassed I will be since everybody will know about it (which hasn't been since high school.)

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 18 Sep 2015 01:45

[stillgoing wrote:](#)

sree

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(Cords, does it work?)

Anyway, thanks for listening - assuming that anybody is listening

maybe.....

but for you....

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Re: BIG SHOT!?
Posted by stillgoing - 17 Jan 2016 23:12

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Posted by cordnoy - 17 Jan 2016 23:18

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Posted by stillgoing - 17 Jan 2016 23:28

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Shoo! I thought I was going to have to stay at 400 until you saw the post.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 17 Jan 2016 23:30

Good.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 17 Jan 2016 23:33

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 29 Mar 2016 02:15

by yiraishamaim 02 Jun 2015 07:49 #255832It was so many years ago yet I remember it so clearly. I was 18 years old I am now over 50. I decided with a few friends that while we would be in the city that day we would try to sneak into a movie theater known for its "dirty movies" At the time there was no internet. Shmutz and acting out essentially had to do with magazines and movies. We were "successful" and entered the theater. What I saw startled me. The last 4 to 6 rows were filled and tightly filled with men in their sixties and seventies. They all looked sort of saddened and empty but not necessarily of low income. The rest of the theater was empty except for us 3 kids. I looked back at these men and thought " do they still have urges like us young guys? Is there nothing else they could do in their golden years? I certainly won't be such a loser at their age. Only now, when I am young and H_____ will I go to such a place. For me going here is sorta normal but these old geysers???" I have since learned that P____, acting out and the like is not so uncommon for the elderly. It is clear that sexual addiction just does not go away. Young men so inclined become middle-aged men so inclined and eventually turn into elderly men ... Is there anything more sadder and more reprehensible as a dirty old man? Conversely, the person who works on himself with a proper program of recovery is the polar opposite. He becomes more self-confident as he works his program. AT THIS POINT- Although continuing his recovery he feels capable of working on other middos. Daven and learn more. His glowing nature becomes conspicuous to others. "Chochmos Adam Tair Panav" He becomes a dignified person with a happy disposition. Hachaim V'hamaves is really in our hands. If we have the desire and put forth the right hishtadlus, G-d will take care of the rest

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by Shlomo24 - 29 Mar 2016 05:08

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 29 Mar 2016 23:06

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Aboslutely! I was scared to say it, but it can definitely get a lot worse than jail...

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Posted by yiraishamaim - 30 Mar 2016 20:54

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Thanks for the honorable mention my good man stillgoing. I think that Bill Cosby allegedly did a S____ violent crime at the age of 68!!

Isn't it incredible that we who are in the journey/struggle realize that there are really two polar extremes that are staring us in the face.

To live normally wholesomely and productively in this world is so very very sweet. It is even sweeter for us 'cause we know how dark life can feel.

One day at a time

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Re: BIG SHOT!?
Posted by stillgoing - 31 Mar 2016 01:29

Wow! If I would have known that quoting you would bring you back from the land of the missing i would have done it six months ago.

Welcome back :-)

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Re: BIG SHOT!?
Posted by stillgoing - 19 Jan 2017 15:16

"eslaasos" post=303500 date=1484754098 catid=1

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He says likes whom? (I'm not writing the two options, so you can't just reply 'the latter'.)

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 19 Jan 2017 16:23

Like you.

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