

(BIG) LONG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 30 Apr 2015 18:20

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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 - 08 Jul 2015 16:43

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[TalmidChaim wrote:](#)

I agree...about the coffee. And everything else. Great thread!

If you agree regardin' coffee, you are fine.

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Anyway, thanks for listening - assuming that anybody is listening

Re: BIG SHOT got shot

Posted by stillgoing - 08 Jul 2015 16:51

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**Yudi**

Success is failure turned inside out,  
A ray of hope when we're racked with doubt,  
You can never tell how close you are,  
Victory may be near when it seems so far,  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,  
It's when things seem worst you must not quit!

Remember Hashem gave each man his test,  
He knows our struggles, and sees our stress,  
He watches us battle, year after year,  
But realize He's with us, we need not fear!  
If we turn to Him at our time of need,  
He will turn and save us, we will succeed!  
So keep on trying, and don't give in,  
Hashem will help us, we will surely win!

To see such a reply  
I must admit  
I was a bit surprised  
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Words so deep  
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I would like to know

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I have caused great waste

Searching for what

Should have been shut

Forgive me Hashem ???????? ????????

I know I have sinned against ????????????

So deep is my sin, that only *You* can forgive

It will strengthen Your Name, to all those who live

And now that I'm trying, to learn from my past

Please help me, Hashem, with this trying task

I must stay clean, it's not a matter of choice,

Please help me Hashem, heed my small voice.

And next time that I'm faced, with the challenge of lust,

Please help me Hashem, In You do I trust

When the urge is so Tempting, and I'm starting to fall,

Please help me Hashem, for You can do All,

Please help me Hashem, my heart is calling

Please help me Hashem, I'm tired of falling.

Please help me Hashem, I know that You will,

Please help me Hashem, as I climb up this hill.

Please help me Hashem, though the strong winds are blowing,

Please help me Hashem, so I can be Still Going.

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Re: BIG SHOT got shot.

Posted by stillgoing - 08 Jul 2015 16:56

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by Yudi - 08 Jul 2015 17:16

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 08 Jul 2015 18:01

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[Yudi wrote:](#)

Ummm, Please explain cordnoy (if you don't mind), and yes, I already had my coffee this

morning.

Look at page 5 in this thread.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 13 Jul 2015 15:32

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## **Serenity**

[Click HERE for the link](#)

"I walk down the street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I fall in.

I am lost... I am helpless.

It isn't my fault.

It takes forever to find a way out.

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I pretend I don't see it.

I fall in again.

I can't believe I am in the same place.

But, it isn't my fault.

It still takes me a long time to get out.

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I see it is there.

I still fall in. It's a habit.

My eyes are open.

I know where I am.

It is my fault. I get out immediately.

walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I walk around it.

I walk down another street."

? Portia Nelson, There's a Hole in My Sidewalk: The Romance of Self-Discovery

(Quoted by our very own Serenity)

I must live in a ghetto.

I can't seem to find my way out of this street!



And how come that hole keeps hiding until I'm in it!

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 14 Jul 2015 14:32

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Hello. I'm having a hard time writing normally without poems or stories. Officially I tell myself that it comes out clearer to myself when it's in a story/poem form, but maybe the real reason is because there is a certain anonymity to writing indirectly. Of course, everyone here is anonymous, but once you are here for a certain amount of time, your code-name becomes your second identity, and you begin to identify with it as you do with your real name. Thus, I don't want to write that I've been falling repeatedly on and off for about a week. I don't want to be on the receiving end of everyone feeling bad for me and telling me that it'll get better. I want to be better now! I really feel like my two year old right now. I mess up, people are willing to be sympathetic about it, and I'm still not happy. But how can I be happy when I'm caught in this murky molasses-like putrid quicksand. Today, I decided that I would begin anew and not give in to the lust. I also decided that yesterday, and last week, and last year, and for every year since I was a little kid. What's going to be different this time? As a little ray of light, although my falls have gotten much deeper due to much stronger tests that I've been getting, I no longer fall for the "little" struggles that I used to bend to every day. I guess that is called progress. I never used to do the things that I'm doing these days, but then again, when I was in yeshiva I did not have these tests that I have now. All in all, I'm somewhat skeptical (I'm actually Stillgoing, not Skeptical, He's a mod.) but also a tiny bit hopeful that progress has been made.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 14 Jul 2015 17:21

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[stillgoing wrote:](#)

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bhatzlachah

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 14 Jul 2015 17:51

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I do not believe that writing anonymously is beneficial, I was just saying that it's easier. And to your other point, although there are many relationships going on behind the scenes with many people here, on the forums everything is written without personal details. (I've noticed that people don't even make reference to current events anymore. Older posts were very different)

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by cordnoy - 14 Jul 2015 17:59

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[stillgoing wrote:](#)

**Cordnoy**

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I believe some guy has a quote in his signature sayin' the followin': "The right thin' to do and the hard thin' to do are usually the same," or somethin' of the sort.

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 15 Jul 2015 21:36

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GOOD BYE, My friends.

This isn't easy, but at this point I feel that I have no option but to ban myself from this computer for the next little while. It's not easy saying this either, I feel like a 5 year old, who can't control himself when there is a piece of cake in front of him with no one watching. Filters, no longer mean much to me. Webchaver won't work for me since this computer is used by others as well (don't worry, I know how to cover my tracks, unfortunately). Hopefully at some point (?) I will have the good sense to be able to control myself even when there are no people watching, (If only I really realized that Hashem /s always watching). I can still occasionally make posts, but not so often.

Thank you very much, to everyone who has helped me, (and there has been many).

May we be zocha to meet in Yerushalaim, soon with happiness, with the rebuilt bais hamikdash, and to finally have an end to the crushing need of gye. (not an end to gye, just an end to the *need* for it. We will need to adjust the forum names a little, but hopefully we'll all still be here.)

[if anybody wants to be in contact, I can still see posts and PM's on my phone, I just can't reply (except through email)]

Bye

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 15 Jul 2015 21:41

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Hey you can't leave until you finish the story!!!

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by stillgoing - 15 Jul 2015 21:44

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Re: BIG SHOT!?

Posted by TheBigX90 - 15 Jul 2015 22:32

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I don't think I'm one necessarily to suggest this since I've had my battles. However, from the sound of your story so far, I'd suggest you take the next step (in recovery). I suggest you join the phone calls, try to get a sponsor (if possible)(I might know of one) & if possible (& I know it's hard) maybe try going to face to face meetings.  
I just put in the last part

Hatzlocho Rabbo in your battle & keep perservering

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