

The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)

Posted by Hakolhevel - 19 Feb 2017 04:23

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Markz - 19 Feb 2017 12:47

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by tiger - 19 Feb 2017 15:29

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That's one loaded question

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by tiger - 19 Feb 2017 15:34

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Shlomo24 - 19 Feb 2017 17:36

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Welcome, hi. Change requires change.

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Hakolhevel - 20 Feb 2017 04:06

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Hakolhevel - 20 Feb 2017 04:17

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Hakolhevel - 20 Feb 2017 04:19

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Please elaborate

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Shteeble - 20 Feb 2017 04:31

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If something is important to you, it is worth spending time on.

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Singularity - 20 Feb 2017 07:58

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**Are you? Sounds like you're a normal guy who doesn't have the proper motivation to stop, but could necessarily at any time, as you said below.**

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**Take a lifetime of work, really, haha. But you're on the right track! Shift that perspective!!**

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by tiger - 20 Feb 2017 14:50

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I guess in the shortest possible way I would say two things

- 1) we first need to realize that we are unable to fight this OURSelves!!
- 2) here comes the whooper!!!!!!

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by tiger - 20 Feb 2017 14:55

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Lol,number two got cut off but it's the most important!!!

2) we need to share our struggles from a to z with somebody safe, that will suck out all the sheker and make your struggle real!! That is your introduction!!!

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by eslaasos - 20 Feb 2017 15:36

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[Hakolhevel wrote on 19 Feb 2017 04:23:](#)

I guess the question how do you open yourself up and truly change the way you think?  
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Great question, something that bothered me for years.

Was it rhetorical, or are you interested in getting responses?

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by Dov - 20 Feb 2017 17:02

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I think Shlomo24 said it all when he wrote that *change requires change*.

And Shteeble said the truth when he wrote that *if it's important to you then spend time on it*.

And I agree w Tiger who wrote that *opening up to a safe person* who understands is the way to go.

All that stuff says to me that if I look at how I conduct myself during the years of acting out, I will learn how to do things right...by basically doing the opposite. Isolation is king when I act out. Heck, even when I'm *not* acting out, the worse I feel the more I tend to isolate. If I am lusting or angry or sad, boy do I make myself lonelier by trachten un trachten, etc. and 'figuring it all out'...cuz after all, nobody can really understand me, right?

So if I wanna get right, then I need to do the opposite and start learning how to make friends, how to share myself without cleaning off all my dirt first, and to practice doing those things. Thinking about them will not help me. Thinking is a great part of my problem itself because it increases my fantasy of self-reliance and 'salvation through havonah' - and those things lead to one thing: more masturbation (in private, of course).

And I have learned that fake named friends are not really real friends. So what you really need ain't happening here staying on any forum. But it's a sweet intro.

And I have learned that self-honesty is the *fruit* of being honest with others. Kind of like na'aseh venishma works...counter-intuitive. The silly brain tells me that I need to first be fully self-honest so that I will know just what to say to others...and that's a lie.

So, continued hatzlocha you are on the path with us knuckleheads!

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Re: The Road To Being Honest With Myself (and others:)  
Posted by MayanHamisgaber - 20 Feb 2017 17:15

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Dov I have seen you say many times that these fake names are not real fiends....

Forgetting addicts or not I have been helped through these people alot is this a blanket rule or just your' statistical judgment?

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