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No further comments.
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Re: MZL on the 90-day highway Posted by mzl - 05 Aug 2018 14:03
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You should also get some credit with Hashem because you're aaving my seed, and He apparently abominates sexual thoughts
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Re: MZL on the 90-day highway Posted by lionking - 05 Aug 2018 14:26
mzl, As far as I can tell, no one considers you an outcast. For if that is the case, we would all be outcasts.
I'm extremely happy to hear that you are staying clean, and that you are attributing your success to the Chevra here.
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Okay. In that post I was thinking about my wife not making kugel. She is a perfectionist. She makes her self esteem conditional on achieving perfection in her actions, whatever that means to her. For example she thinks "there's no point in cleaning the house, the kids will just mess it up again." She's a good cook, but again it has to be done a certain way. Since everything she does has to ve perfect and her self esteem is on the line she has little motivation to do anything.

I don't want to bore you any further but basically this philosophy is not going to change any time soon. Therefore until something very big changes (which would require an enormous outside input) she should continue to behave the way she does. Meaning if I were in her shoes I would have no choice but to behave identically.

That's an example of what I meant above.	
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Re: MZL on the 90-day highway Posted by Markz - 05 Aug 2018 21:07	
mzl wrote on 05 Aug 2018 10:43:	

Markz wrote on 05 Aug 2018 03:24:

You had a list of things not ok to say. It sounded to me like they are complaints against gye. Maybe not...

No system in the world is perfect.

What Shlomo24 brought up is different. He's a positive guy, but was hurt by something specific, so he was right in pointing it out...

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If you're hurting about something spell it out

I think the forum is as good as it can be given the Jews we have today. I don't think it could be made better. But the people of course can make small improvements.

But there's a way to ask for it, no?

Please re-read that comment of yours on Shlomo24's thread. It was an "ouch" sentence

Ok I raise my hands in defeat

Whateva

You sound like one a kid that lacks connection with friends / wife, so they seek all and any attention, whether negative or positive

If myself or growup or Cordnoy or Dov (ma'alin bekodesh) point something out, you just sweetly keep on posting as though nothing happened, and oh, by the way you gotta add something sweet like "cord' is in a bad place" as you say

The are many Sex Addicts here that are in SAA

You should start a new thread for all those that are in NAA

Warning: Spoiler!

Im not saying this to be derisive to you, although it may sound harsh. I'm a sof you need some softening too.	t guy, however
Its good sometimes just to look in the mirror and see the reality for what it is, on to smile!!	h and don't forget
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Re: MZL on the 90-day highway Posted by mzl - 06 Aug 2018 03:25	
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And witty! (or is it punny???)		
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