

Singularity's Journey

Posted by Singularity - 12 Jul 2016 09:18

Well here I am, aaaagain! Actually this is the first time I've posted in this forum but I've decided to give it a 90-days go. Again. Oh boy.

BH married, 2 wonderful kids and a good job. Good learning and constantly striving for closeness to Hashem. Now have to kick this habit.

I'm in two minds. One one hand, it's good to track progress and discuss your falls and high moments. It gives chizuk for the long haul ahead. However is there not also an idea that the less attention you give something, the less of a problem it is? Any ideas?

Well here I am on day 1. The bulk of Shavuos to Rosh Hashonah is about passed. We're in Bamidbar - a desolate stretch of Torah (from Beha'aloscha at least) where we as a nation fell gravely and were beaten time and time again, due to Ta'avah and Kavod. All put to an end by Pinchas's sole act of zealousness, the seal to all the impure outflow. And I feel it reflects in the time of year. Nothing's happening! No Chagim. Worse, 17th of Tammuz, 9th of Av. It's the Yetzer Hara's playing ground and I always get knocked down strongest here. It's a *metzi'us*. So I wish to be a phoenix rising from the ashes of a downtrodden nation. And let's all be that together iyH.

Elul will be a lot easier I feel. It's the desolate months of Tammuz and Av that pose the real challenge. But let's see how it goes. Day 1!

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Shlomo24 - 26 Jan 2017 02:23

[thanks613 wrote on 25 Jan 2017 05:55:](#)

If you're interested in doorknobs, here's a reading assignment.

[Let go and let doorknob](#)

Oh, I love the doorknob story!

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So he said day Y is fine, but it must be at a restaurant. So on day Y early in the morning I said my wife's car with the baby seats is going in for a service (reluctant to put the seats in my car because the seatbelts aren't as proper) and why can't we just get the pizzas or whatever and

have it at us? I asked why he was hesitant coming to our house.

He replied that it's because he'd been *kicked out* of our place twice. Now personally I feel it's an unfair attack. I only asked him to leave because it was understood that he'd come for a bit and my mother would come. Now, this reason doesn't apply because it's in the middle of the week. But obviously, we're 100% wrong, he's 100% a victim and we mercilessly kicked him out.

Then he pulled a tricky move and added, "And just to enlighten you, also the normal manner of human beings, is when you invite someone to your house, you are responsible for providing the food."

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Then I realised there was no hope. Like having lost your queen in chess for no good reason. No way to win it. I got a long whatsapp that started with some quip on my behaviour and subsequently deleted the chat and blocked my father from my whatsapp. Then yesterday and several times today my dad kept phoning me. I never picked up. Eventually, I emailed him:

Hi dad! It's not a matter of who's right or wrong anymore. I may even be wrong. But I don't know how to deal with the issues in a way that won't make the situation worse than it is right now. So I'm absorbing the losses and submitting to radio silence for a while. If it's a work issue, please email me but strictly in a manner of business. I can't take any more berating.

And it remains toxic. I just am sad that I can't see my uncle, due to this technicality. My dad has two other siblings and all three are weird in their own way. However, when I take my dad out the picture, I really get along with the other two in a much happier, calmer way. And I realised, why do I always need to see my uncle with my dad? They're not connected by an umbilical cord!! So that's what I tried here. And it backfired.

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Sad situation

Id ask my Rav for his advice, although I think you're handling it right and level headed

Keep on Trucking

but don't truck over anyone as Arabs are fond of doing

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Re: Singularity's Journey
Posted by Singularity - 26 Jan 2017 12:37

Well, he replied for a work thing and the conversation was neutral, to put it. That was par...

Thanks.

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Re: Singularity's Journey
Posted by cordnoy - 26 Jan 2017 12:45

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Re: Singularity's Journey
Posted by Shlomo24 - 26 Jan 2017 15:34

[cordnoy wrote on 26 Jan 2017 12:45:](#)

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I second that.

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lots of good luck. keep it up. i actually did not get that one. please explain.

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Posted by Shlomo24 - 26 Jan 2017 18:29

Frank Sinatra was a famous singer who had a song/album called "That's life."

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Re: Singularity's Journey
Posted by cordnoy - 26 Jan 2017 19:37

Start spreadin' the news

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Re: Singularity's Journey
Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 26 Jan 2017 20:51

New York Neeeww Yoooooork!

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Re: Singularity's Journey
Posted by Shlomo24 - 27 Jan 2017 05:54

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Oh wait, I am. Yes.

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Posted by Singularity - 27 Jan 2017 07:05

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Oh wait, I am. Yes.

So you're not in Israel anymore?

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by Shlomo24 - 27 Jan 2017 18:39

My heart is always in Israel.

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Re: Singularity's Journey

Posted by GrowStrong - 30 Jan 2017 11:36

There's no place like home!

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