

Maccabee's War

Posted by Maccabee - 30 May 2010 03:21

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Alright hopefully the post name will in itself give me a little chizuk. Shabbos in general was terrible and I fell more than once, however mincha time I gave over by heart to someone in the community a long drasha which I had learnt a week before shavuos and still remembered clearly B"H. So I'm on a bit of a low right now particularly because everytime it's on shabbos it usually involves breaking it which kills me. So right now I'm in a lot of pain and I'm calling out to you my dear friends to help me through this.

I joined a phone conference this week and some interesting things were discussed but nothing which has helped yet. I know I'm doing something wrong but it's so hard to pinpoint where to start. HELP!!!!!!!!!!

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by Maccabee - 07 Mar 2011 11:30

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No worries Mate! I see ur point. But I would give both Doves the benefit of the doubt. It was midnight for Dov when he went to posted and it was too early in the morning for DUI when he

But maybe also look at my posts just for a sec...?

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by ben durdayah - 07 Mar 2011 12:54

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Of course I looked at your posts for more than a second!

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by DovInIsrael - 07 Mar 2011 14:09

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hey ben d.

wow are you hot under the collar - did someone say or do something to you to put you in such a huffy mood?

ok - forget it, it was a joke.

my friend used that line on a police office after being pulled over for a ticket.

I could not believe it - my friend was so much in the present...calm as could be... the office actually backed off... mumbled something under his breathe, and then told my friend to drive carefully!

lets start over, ok?

pull up a seat... and pass me some of that beef.

have a L'chaim or two.

\*smiles\*

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 07 Mar 2011 16:00

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someone giving out beef here? i thought this was strictly **mac** 'n cheese :-\

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 07 Mar 2011 17:30

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[ben durdayah wrote on 07 Mar 2011 11:18:](#)

Once again, I seem to have been misunderstood, so I will say it again... (*just a little louder this time...*)

If not for the fact that I purport to be a frum Jew, the bottom of my barrel would be rock bottom -and therefore if I were to rely on my moral fiber, I might never have gotten the chance to hit rock bottom -since I very well might have plummeted right through the bottom of the barrel straight into the grave... So far so good?

However -since I purport to be a frum Jew, and have had (at least *dimyoinois* of) *kirvas Hashem* in the past -I feel like said corpse in back alley even if I am still far away from said description and location I realize that I cannot continue to live this way -for this kind of life is actually a SLOW PAINFUL DEATH. Therefore, having found this place, and having been introduced to the new realization that there is another way -I am trying to take that opportunity.

I do not like being jumped by dov himself or the in Israel version...

If someone as much as mention the word Jew -both of you are off on the presumption that Rachmana Litzlan this is a violation of the non-sectarian nature of the -onymous doctrine, and will therefore be a terrible stumbling block in the path of recovery for that person who dared mention the "J" word or in the path of others who might have read what he wrote...

You and he have totally missed my point, time and time again...

Did I say that being Jewish **exempts** one from the possibility of falling to the absolute bottom of the barrel? **NO!**

Did I say that being non-Jewish makes one more likely to fall out of the bottom of the barrel?  
**NO!**

I just said that the contrast between the light of Torah true Judaism and the darkness and depression of the lies and sickness that my life had become -raised the bottom of the barrel and made my life continuing as more of the same **a non-option**.

Now, what's your beef?

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Reb **Ben Durdaya**,

I have spent a large part of last week trying to make the same point as you.

Am I Rebbi Elazar ben Azarya & you are Ben Zoma??

I was told in very clear terms by Guard to cease & desist from arguing with **Dov**.

If you can explain it to him, many of us will reap the benefits!

He has seen many newcomers who think that their being Jewish allows them to get out of the Addiction by some short-cut which is not available to the others. His experience has shown that idea to be counter-productive. Therefore, whenever he sees someone who recognizes that their life is all messed up mention the fact that they are Jewish, he immediately tries to *shlug it upp*. He doesn't want other newbies to read it & get misconceptions in their heads. (I think that he isn't even taking the time or effort to carefully weigh your words...)

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by the.guard - 07 Mar 2011 17:36

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I agree with ben Durdaya.... and I don't think he is arguing with Dov or Dov II... Let me try and explain the subtle difference that I think is causing some confusion here.

Dov's point is that it is not "moral" issues that will get us to stop. That was never enough, and it won't suddenly "become" enough now.

What **can** get us out of this mess is when we really feel we **must** stop or we're toast.

Recovery needs to be for enlightened **self-interest**, as the Torah says - "ma Hashem sho'el me'imcha ki im....etc, etc... **letov lach**"...

Now here's the sticky point.

Most people think that Dov means that being Jewish has nothing to do with it. After all, if it's not a moral issue but only a selfish issue, then what's the difference if I'm Jewish or not?

But it's not the case.

As Ben Durdaya pointed out, for us frum Yidden, the feeling that we must stop or we're toast comes a lot FASTER. We have a much higher "bottom" to hit than most people.

So when we truly internalize

"the contrast between the light of Torah true Judaism and the darkness and depression of the lies and sickness that my life had become"  
then we realize we MUST STOP for enlightened self-interest or we're finished.

So no one is arguing here.

We are all on GYE because we are Yidden.

Yes, it's true.

Because if we weren't Yidden we wouldn't be here YET.

We would only get here after hitting a lot LOWER bottom, and being on the verge of real death.

So because we are Yidden, we came here much earlier.

But we won't recover just "because we are Yidden and the Torah says it's wrong".

Naaseh Lo Kiheter.

It's not enough for us to know it's morally wrong.

We need to truly "FEEL" that we've hit OUR (higher) bottom.

We need to feel where this is leading us.... into a dark world of depression and eventual death.

And we frum Jews can feel it a lot earlier than the rest of the world.

Sorry for the Megilah, but I hope I made it clearer now why there is no Machlokes between Dov's Mehalech and anyone else's here.

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by ben durdayah - 07 Mar 2011 17:44

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I appreciate the reflection and representation of my words.

I would like to add that I know my limitations, and do not consider myself a bar-plugta of someone with dov's experience... I just wanted to be understood correctly.

Thank you,

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by Maccabee - 07 Mar 2011 19:07

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First off, Guard, I'm glad you could make it. Make yourself at home. Take off your shoes, wiggle your toes and get comfortable. It's nice to have you with us.

One of the Moderators should be swooping down some time soon with a standard welcome

Second, Zem, I think you meant Doc Mac? :D

-Mac

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by DovInIsrael - 07 Mar 2011 21:34

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@Dov...

hey, Dov, you out there.

Looks like Guard pulled the plug on us, and made all nicey-nice!

package about the going-ons here at GYE  
Dont ya just hate it when it prevents us from bully the newbies, here.

oh, well.. what do to now?

wanna step out side, and join me for a good old fashioned rumble - to let some steam off ?

Maybe guard will let the newbies ....

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...join us for a bar-b-que to welcome everyone!

(ha! I bet he thought I was going to invite the newbies to place some wagers)

on the zany side of life, I remain...

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by Maccabee - 08 Mar 2011 02:53

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will be sponsoring an achdus BBQ!! We'll have latkes, Mac  
and cheese, steaks, fried possum and sufganiyot like Bubby would make them!!

(Is it alright if I hijack my thread for a few minutes?)

My first day at home after a REALLY long break. My mother asked me to do a few things for her  
like take my brother to hockey lessons and drive around a bit. At first I was completely not



interested. I just finished 20 hours of flying around the world. I was wiped. But i realized she really needed my help and I agreed to go. It was actually very enjoyable. After the practice I went and played a little basketball with him. It was great.

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by pinokio - 08 Mar 2011 12:50

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shkoiach, keep producing mitzvos and playing basketball with a smile, thats what wer'e here for

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by ZemirosShabbos - 08 Mar 2011 15:45

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Mac, good to hear you are keeping yourself fit and honoring the Mom and smiling about it all.

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Re: Maccabee's War

Posted by Maccabee - 08 Mar 2011 15:54

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Oh no! I forgot about Mom!!

There will also be 7UP by the Dove sponsored BBQ!!

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Re: Maccabee's War

extra mac 'n cheese for you

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Posted by ben durdayah - 09 Mar 2011 22:40

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Mac!

Where have you been the last day and a half or so?

It's been too quiet around here!

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