

Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 16 Dec 2009 09:28

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Hello to everyone,

This is my first foray into the world of GYE, and I'm really hoping that it will become a real force in my life, as I've been battling the other forces for too long.

I'm happily married to a beautiful and loving woman, and together we are raising a bunch of wonderful children, yet there is a side of me that no one knows about, a side of me that has been eating away at me for almost as long as I can remember. That side of me is the Mr. Hyde to my Dr. Jekyll, the crazed sicko who gets set loose at night and does horrific shameful things. Being a true ohaiv Ha-shem, who really loves the aibishter and his torah and mitzvos this creates an enormous amount of conflict in my life, leading me to feelings of isolation despite being surrounded by people who love me, and despair despite leading a relatively successful life.

To compound those feelings, I am involved in avodas hakodesh, so while people are looking to me for inspiration, I'm sometimes involved in things that if they had the slightest clue of, they would pillory me in the town square. This makes me feel even more like a fake and a fraud despite the fact that all I really want to do in my life is bring people closer to Avinu Shebashamayim. Many times, I have thought about quitting, recognizing that I'll never really be able to inspire others if there's no gas in my fuel tank, but I'm reminded of the fish's response to Rabbi Akiva, "If in the water, the place of our life, we need to fear, how much more so on dry land, the place of our death!" So I guess I will try to stay close to the water, (besides all the teaching I do, I personally learn for hours every day, sometimes immediately followed by a most inglorious session of shmutz!), and just keep trying to slog through the muck.

I hope you can give me the chizzuk I need to make it out of my living hell.

Habaletaher

PS I can't even say Day 1! Maybe tomorrow!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaheer - 18 Jan 2010 05:27

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(PS Halevi, you are undoubtedly a superstar!!! Don't let nobody tell you otherwise!!)

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Gabe - 18 Jan 2010 07:14

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[habaletaheer wrote on 18 Jan 2010 05:27:](#)

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haha thanks mate. You're an even bigger one evidently!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaheer - 18 Jan 2010 18:43

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So what is the deal with the stars by the name? Anyone?

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by silentbattle - 19 Jan 2010 01:32

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Glad to hear that you're feelign better - it DOES feel great to get all that garbage away, and out in the open, right?!

I think the stars are related to how many posts you've got, just like your member status, but I also think it got reset, or something, when Guard did the "married status" thingie.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by habaletaher - 19 Jan 2010 05:19

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Interesting... Although I'm married, and Guard never put that by my name???

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by silentbattle - 19 Jan 2010 17:12

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I think he said that whoever wants access to that part of the forum needs to email him, so he can be reminded of who's married. And that's why you still have all your stars!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by Steve - 19 Jan 2010 19:46

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This reminds me, I once heard of a Torah vs. Science conference in EY. First to speak was Dr. Jastrow, grandson of the dictionary Jastrow, a noted astrophysicist. He gets to the podium, and

says "Look, my specialty is Astrophysics, I don't know anything about Torah. But what I do know is that the whole Torah can be summed up by this phrase: 'Do unto others as you wish others to do unto you.'" Then he gives a whole drasha about how the world came into existence without a Borei Olam. So now Kovod HaTorah is hurting.

Up comes a Rabbi to the podium, whose name I can not remember, who says: "Thank you Dr. Jastrow for that very entertaining theory. Look, I'm a Rabbi, MY specialty is Torah, and I don't know anything about Astrophysics. However, what I do know is that all of Astrophysics can be summed up by the following phrase:

"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, How I Wonder WHAT You Are..."

*Kovod HaTorah had the last laugh THAT time!!*

Hang in there, everybody!! Haba, OL, Halevi, SB - I keep davening for youz guys!! **KUTGW!!!**

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by OneLife - 19 Jan 2010 21:43

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HABA, i'd like to tell you that almost all your posts in all threads are very very funny. :D

a lot of sense of humor is in them.

keep on such work, i enjoy from that. :D :D :D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by humanbeing - 19 Jan 2010 22:37

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Thanks for your 30 day B-day present...How can I too get the married status by my name?...I'm sure getting the status changed is alot easier than actually getting married...

The Great Statesman Winston Churchill was once in a conversation with one of his outspoken female critics...She said to him as she passed him his drink...."If I was your wife I would have put poison into your drink"...To which he replied..."If I was married to you, I would have gladly taken the poison!"

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by habaletaher - 20 Jan 2010 05:45

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Hey Boys,

It's day 35 today, and I did have a lil slip the other day, definitely not a fall, but a surfing-for-a-good-time type of slip up, the kind that really gets you nothing (especially due to the fact that I have two filters, both K9 and Bsecure), but you end up feeling bad about... sort of like becoming fleishig for one piece of turkey roll and then being fleishig for 6 hours. You get minimal pleasure, maximum pain...

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by the.guard - 20 Jan 2010 14:24

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We mentioned you in yesterday's e-mail. Let that give you a boost! :D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by silentbattle - 20 Jan 2010 16:44

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Haba - in a way, that's a good thing...it reminds us that that's *a/ways* the case - worthless, fleeting pleasure, and the results are SO not worth it.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by bardichev - 20 Jan 2010 18:59

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by habaletaher - 21 Jan 2010 07:32

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Ya'll should be super proud of me. I went to a basketball game, and brought a small gemara with me. Whenever the cheerleaders came out, I buried my face in the good book. I learned almost 2 blatt, felt a bit like a dork/weirdo frummie, but kept my eyes where they belonged! In the end I felt really good about it, b/c not only did I not look at the cheerleaders, I felt real good about myself so I didn't look at all the other stuff hangin out there that I shouldn't have been looking at. IT FELT GOOD, EVEN BETTER THAN WOODFORD!!!

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