

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 silentbattle - 31 Jan 2010 06:50

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Oh, boy...we're getting political here!! :D :D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaheer - 01 Feb 2010 05:12

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Hi Everybody,

Sorry for being gone for so long, I have been super super busy, and that is why I haven't been posting, no other reason. Please don't worry, I was not offended by anything anyone here said, I really have to think about it a lot. One Life laid it in thick and I appreciate it, it is just hard to say I'm going to cut myself off from so much of the world. Reb Guard was talking about only going to separate things for Chol Hamoed, that may be easy if you're chassidishe but if your from a family and place where everyone else is going to places (like the zoo, mind you, I'm not talking about someplace horrible) where there are going to be women who are not dressed kiderech hatorah, you can't just lock yourself away... but it is plenty to think about....

The Bad News: I almost fell. I had to ask Reb Guard a shailah on this one, and B"H B"H B"H, it was not a fall, only a slip, but it was a real mistake on my part. It was 5:30 AM and I had just finished learning and preparing a shiur and bam! So I really need to be more vigilant, and I will be looking into accountability software

The Good News: I'm at day 46! More than halfway there!!!

I'm probably going to be pretty busy in the next few weeks and will slow down a bit from my previous posting pace, but I love you guys all the same and appreciate so much what you're all doing for me, my life has changed dramatically since i've started GYE!!!

Thanks!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by OneLife - 01 Feb 2010 10:11

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WOW WOW WOW!!

i didn't remember that i slowed the train (500 KM per hour :D :D) and gave you to get off from.  
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05:30 AM its a time which the Y"H can work very "effectively", i assume that your wife was sleeping... :-\

this is classic case which you have to prevent yourself from. not to be alone with the PC (K9 ??) at a crazy hours.

its a big temptation!!

we must remember that the Y"H even if we feel that its a little take a nap, it always there wait to the opportune moment to attack.

he is so smart this EVIL.

hope you skip this slip successfully and continue with steve and me to hit the 90.

you must learn from this GEVER.

we trust you.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by Steve - 01 Feb 2010 16:29

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Haba -

Glad to see we're both back. Keep up the VIGILANCE!!

Back in my voyeur days, I used to wear sunglasses when I went out on trips with the family, so my wife and kids couldn't see where my eyes roamed. WRONGO!!

Now I see that I have to make sure to go without the shades, and stay close to my family, and always remember that I don't want my children to think less of me, and certainly don't want my wife to see me ogle. I prefer shalom bayis over a resentful and hurt spouse.

Somehow, when my Yiras Shomayim is weak, at least i can fall back on Fearing my Wife. And

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by silentbattle - 01 Feb 2010 17:19

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Haba - great to have you back! Keep moving forward, and mazal tov on passing the halfway mark to your first big step forward!

Remember that every day is valuable, every second is precious.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 01 Feb 2010 22:08

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Haba i just dont get it!! You go to the zoo and you have a chance to look at all those beautiful animals and you waste your time on looking at other women??? It just doesnt make any sense to me!!! Ok i guess i cant understand everything!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by aryehtahor - 03 Feb 2010 00:07

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Yidster, the mishna brura on going to, for instance, basketball games (and other sporting/theater/mass entertainment events) can be found in siman shin zayin, sif tes zayin, mishna brura sif katan nun tes.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaheer - 05 Feb 2010 06:27

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Wow Aryeh Tahor,

I just checked the Mishna Berura you pointed too, and it definitely is a heavy hitter. I will cut and paste it here for anyone else who might be interested in it...

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I have to figure this stuff out, and talk it over with my Rebbi....

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by Holy Yid - 05 Feb 2010 07:36

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COURSE TRUCKS. whatch For drunk chasidishe drivers.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by imtrying25 - 05 Feb 2010 09:40

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Hey haba thanks for the copy and paste. It was a good one! How you be my friend??

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck  
Posted by Steve - 05 Feb 2010 19:16

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Habbaaaaaaaaaaaaa.....

I'm gonna drink a l'chaim to you, kiddo.

Have a GREAT SHABBOS!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by sci1977 - 05 Feb 2010 20:22

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Keep on trucking. Have a great shabbos!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 06 Feb 2010 21:08

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HABA HABA HABA .....

Good week mate!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by sci1977 - 07 Feb 2010 04:35

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Have a great week!! KUTGW!!

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