

**Up Against The Ropes**Posted by Moshew - 19 Nov 2009 16:47

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Today marks the big 30, it has been 30 days since I started my battle against the Y/H. During the last 30 days he has taken unprecedented steps to get me back on board. His latest attempt started last night around 5:30, he had me up against the ropes, I was already seeing double, and wobbling. I was both physically and emotionally drained (I have not slept well for the past few nights). My brain was spinning so fast that during *Maariv* I was so torn that I am still not sure if I even said half the words. At one point I turned to the *Ribono Shel Olam* and said "You created him he is Your problem You deal with him".

This morning (after another sleepless night) I was so weak that I had to drag myself out of bed and as usual I went to the *mikvah*. I was so weak that I didn't have the strength to climb back out of the *mikvah*. While I was standing there I said to myself "Moshe you can't stay here forever, lets go" I then finished up and slowly made my way to *shule*. I said the short *Yehi Ratzon* before donning my *tefillin* with some extra feeling and as I was making the *berocha*, Hashem infused me with *simcha* and strength like nothing I have ever felt before. That's not the end of the story my friends.

Among the lessons of *Purim* is that the *Ribono Shel Olam* prepares the remedy in advance of the trouble. Like the famous joke that the tractate of *Gitten* (relating to the laws of divorce) proceeds the tractate of *kiddushin* (relating to laws of marriage). Yesterday I was in a used book store for the first time that was known to have a Jewish section. I was browsing when I notice a book titled *Toras Shimon*. At fist I tough it was that new book from Rabbi Shimshon Pincus (why I confused Shimon and Shinshon, not sure??). However upon closer inspection I saw that it was *divrei torah* from Rebbe Shimon Yoruslaver one of the great chasidic giants. Who among us doesn't have a little chasidus in our hearts and besides the book was only \$1.50, I bought it. This morning I had a few minuets so I decided to look up a *vort* on the *parshah*. There were two, I read the first one and here it is:

(*Bereishis* 27:27) "And he smelled the scent of his garments".

Says the Rebbe the *Zohar Hakodesh* explains the Torah's use of the word *Begeed* over the word *Levush* when referring to Yaakov's garments as alluding to those descendant of Yaakov who were bound to betray his legacy (the word *begeed* "garment" and *bogdove* (*Base, Vov, Gimel, Daled, Yud, Vov*) "his betrayers" are similar as to their spelling). But continues the Rebbe, they were promised that they would eventually find the strength to wholeheartedly repent and emit a Godly scent of *Teshuvah*. It was this scent, explains the Rebbe, the scent of eventual *Teshuvah* that was emanating from Yaakov's garments. The Rebbe then goes on to quote different sources to drive his point home. **WOOOOOOOOOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Thousands of books in the store, mistakenly picked up, only hours before I need it most.

It is my wish that the *Ribono Shel Olom* should give me and all of us the strength to reach a level of holiness where not just us but even our garments should emanate with the scent of *kedusha*.

Thank you and good shabbos,

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Re: Up Against The Ropes

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Beautiful, Moshe - what Hashgacha!

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