

yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 29 Jun 2009 19:47

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(any questions , insights & suggestions about this thread,feel free to email me at [taryaga@gmail.com](mailto:taryaga@gmail.com))

There are many reasons we need to be where we are and who we are,most are unknown.Why do we even have to be in a situation or have in our soul so much darkness and a pull toward self-destructing negative behaviors?

I saw once an amazing thought in a sefer.Moshe Rabeinu came from a union that after the Torah was given would have deemed him a mamzer(parents being an aunt & nephew).He could not boast of his lineage.This is one reason that let him be the greatest Anov that ever lived.

We who have to deal with the stuff that's in us that we would rather not have in the first place-this pain and shame over the course of time -makes us realize that even when we b'ezras Hashem pull out of the addictions-we will never look at another Yid that is struggling with this in a negative way

We catch a Yid looking where he shouldn't be looking and our hearts are full of compassion.We will daven for him,treat him with respect,gently try to get him out of it.We would never disgrace him-not even in our hearts-because we were there.We know what it's like.In our eyes he is a potential tzaddik.

This is surely one reason Hashem gave us this urge towards baseness with all it's shades of ugliness.Yes you are special-like every Yid is-but never ever judge harshly My son or daughter that is struggling-because I love him or her - he or she is part of Klall Yisroel.Just as indispensable as you are.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 15 Sep 2009 12:25

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Dear Friends,

I will move from Lubavitch to Breslov (and no, I'm not a Breslover Chossid either)

Reb Nachman is deeply connected with Rosh Hashana though I do not grasp the concept that clearly.

The first Volume of Lekutei Maharan has an introduction about Rav Shimon bar Yochai

The second Volume of Lekutei Maharan has an introduction about Avrohom Avinu.

I will bring now this second Torah that starts with the quote from Yechezkel (33:24) "Echad Hayah Avrohom" – Avrohom was one.

This is a lesson that is extremely important. very inspiring. about inner strength

But again it is important not to misunderstand it

He will say that nothing should hinder you from the service of Hashem even in the face of opposition from close family members.

But please don't use this to start WWIII with close family members,

Rather, you know what is right and what is wrong and you do not bend from any outside pressure. There are ways to be strong as iron and yet calm and diplomatic and understanding .Rav Pam ztl had these seemingly opposite qualities. Very soft spoken, very mild mannered, very kind, very generous, very dan lcaf zchus, very "Chofetz Chaim" like, and yet I have seen firsthand his strong minded convictions, his mental toughness, and in a calm clear way explain

his position, and he would not budge on certain things. not even an inch.

I had some discussions over the years with him.

He was very kind to me and very tough with me even within the same discussion.

(There was one Purim when I went to him and he was pure kindness)

Here is the Torah.

Please pay attention to it-it will be very important later in life

Especially in regard to Mr YH

I'm by nature a softer type person.

Which has it's dangers

This Torah protected me from a lot of these dangers ,and made me realize that life requires a certain toughness and hardness, The Torah requires this in certain situations. an inner conviction of what is right.

Echad Hayah Avrohom

Avrohom was one.

Avrohom worshipped God only because he was “one” because he considered himself alone in the world .He paid no attention whatsoever to people who turned away from God and hindered him ,or his father or others who would interfere. Rather, it was as if he was the only one in the world.

This is the meaning of “Avrohom is one”

As it is the same for anyone who wants to embark upon the service of God. The only way for him to get started is by thinking that other than himself, there is no one else in the world. He should pay no attention to anyone who would hinder him,such as his father and mother, or his father-in-law, and his wife and children ,or the like; or to the obstacles that he has from other people who ridicule, instigate against or obstruct his service of God.

He has to be unconcerned with them and pay them no mind.

Rather, he would adopt an “Avrohom was one” attitude-as if he is the only one in the world ,as discussed above

There you go.

This past Shabbos and week, I was busy. I visited Lubavitch, Breslov and yes even Bardichev, I was in Lublin with Rav Tzadok ,in Prague with the Maharal,in Slonim with the Nesivos Sholom, snuck into Radin with the Chofetz Chaim

It's great to be a Yid.

You travel to so many places and meet so many different tzaddikim, some who are speaking to you hundreds of years after they had already left this world.

Remember my friends, beloved Yidin, as hard as the struggles are Hashem loves you Infinitely.  
He will never ever give up on you. He needs you.

Hashem needs and wants your tefillos, He loves them, no matter how low you feel you are

For that reason alone, I'ts great to be a Yid

He loves this lone Yid,the only one sitting on the right side of the tracks

Ehad Haya Avrohom

Avrohom gives you the koach to have this inner strength

Think about this when you say Elokei Avrohom in Shemona Esrei

You are here on this site, on the right side of the track

Avrohom was one

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 15 Sep 2009 19:23

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Both Breslov and Lubavitch and all agree that there are problems with TV

Television

by

Roald Dahl

The most important thing we've learned,  
So far as children are concerned,  
Is never, NEVER, NEVER let  
Them near your television set --  
Or better still, just don't install  
The idiotic thing at all.  
In almost every house we've been,  
We've watched them gaping at the screen.  
They loll and slop and lounge about,  
And stare until their eyes pop out.  
(Last week in someone's place we saw  
A dozen eyeballs on the floor.)  
They sit and stare and stare and sit  
Until they're hypnotised by it,  
Until they're absolutely drunk  
With all that shocking ghastly junk.  
Oh yes, we know it keeps them still,  
They don't climb out the window sill,

They never fight or kick or punch,  
They leave you free to cook the lunch  
And wash the dishes in the sink --  
But did you ever stop to think,  
To wonder just exactly what  
This does to your beloved tot?  
IT ROTTS THE SENSE IN THE HEAD!  
IT KILLS IMAGINATION DEAD!  
IT CLOGS AND CLUTTERS UP THE MIND!  
IT MAKES A CHILD SO DULL AND BLIND  
HE CAN NO LONGER UNDERSTAND  
A FANTASY, A FAIRYLAND!  
HIS BRAIN BECOMES AS SOFT AS CHEESE!  
HIS POWERS OF THINKING RUST AND FREEZE!  
HE CANNOT THINK -- HE ONLY SEES!  
'All right!' you'll cry. 'All right!' you'll say,  
'But if we take the set away,  
What shall we do to entertain  
Our darling children? Please explain!'  
We'll answer this by asking you,  
'What used the darling ones to do?  
'How used they keep themselves contented  
Before this monster was invented?'  
Have you forgotten? Don't you know?

We'll say it very loud and slow:

THEY ... USED ... TO ... READ! They'd READ and READ,

AND READ and READ, and then proceed

To READ some more. Great Scott! Gadzooks!

One half their lives was reading books!

The nursery shelves held books galore!

Books cluttered up the nursery floor!

And in the bedroom, by the bed,

More books were waiting to be read!

Such wondrous, fine, fantastic tales

Of dragons, gypsies, queens, and whales

And treasure isles, and distant shores

Where smugglers rowed with muffled oars,

And pirates wearing purple pants,

And sailing ships and elephants,

And cannibals crouching 'round the pot,

Stirring away at something hot.

(It smells so good, what can it be?

Good gracious, it's Penelope.)

The younger ones had Beatrix Potter

With Mr. Tod, the dirty rotter,

And Squirrel Nutkin, Pigling Bland,

And Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle and-

Just How The Camel Got His Hump,



And How the Monkey Lost His Rump,  
And Mr. Toad, and bless my soul,  
There's Mr. Rat and Mr. Mole-  
Oh, books, what books they used to know,  
Those children living long ago!  
So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,  
Go throw your TV set away,  
And in its place you can install  
A lovely bookshelf on the wall.  
Then fill the shelves with lots of books,  
Ignoring all the dirty looks,  
The screams and yells, the bites and kicks,  
And children hitting you with sticks-  
Fear not, because we promise you  
That, in about a week or two  
Of having nothing else to do,  
They'll now begin to feel the need  
Of having something to read.  
And once they start -- oh boy, oh boy!  
You watch the slowly growing joy  
That fills their hearts. They'll grow so keen  
They'll wonder what they'd ever seen  
In that ridiculous machine,  
That nauseating, foul, unclean,

Repulsive television screen!

And later, each and every kid

Will love you more for what you did.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by bardichev - 15 Sep 2009 20:12

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HOW TRUE

BUT ANY TORAH JEW

HAS NO TV

WHAT DOES HE?

A COMPUTER WITH INTERNET

THAT GIVES WHAT ON TV YOU DONT GET

AND IF THAT DINT MAKE YOU MERRY

NOW YOU HAVE A BLACKBERRY

YOU CAN SIT IN SHUL

THE WORLD YOU WILL FOOL

LOOKING ALL FRUM AND HOLY

BUT THAT IS BALONEY

THE YH IS IN YOUR POCKET

AND WILL TAKE YOUR EYES OUT OF THE SOCKET

IF TV IS TABOO

WHAT CAN WE DO

TO OPEN THE EYES

TO THE YH 'S LIES

OR WE WILL NO LONGER BE

A NATION OF PREISTS AND A PEOPLE HOLY

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by kutan - 15 Sep 2009 21:02

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I believe that is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, No?

Home of the everlasting etc.

verminicous knids and so on.

Ah, the innocence of youth.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 16 Sep 2009 12:55

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Tomar Devorah-Yoshuv Yerachameinu (Part 3-Conclusion)

Dear friends,

Now, the last part of this Tomar Devorah, the special part, that ends good, and puts meaning into why we are here and why we need to deal with a lot of these unhealthy tendencies within ourselves.

Hashem is telling us that our greatness is that very fact.

That we have unhealthy tendencies that we are not giving into, or even if we did fall, it's only the battle we lost-we did not lose the war.

When Moshiach comes, life will be a different story. but for now, Hashem's Will is crystal clear.

We would rather live in a time of Peace

But now, things are different.

He wants this War.

The Tomar Devorah says as follows: because of this reason (the pain and struggle to squeeze into the top part of the Hai), the place where the Baal Teshuva stands, tzaddikim gemurim cannot stand there. because the Baal Teshuva reached a much higher place.

Because the Baal Teshuva did not go into the opening with the tzaddikim, but rather they afflicted themselves, they went up through a much higher opening, the top of the Hai, pained themselves, separated themselves "YOSER V"YOSER MIN HATZADDIKIM"-exceedingly more than the tzaddikim, the Baal Teshuva went all the way up to the top of the Hai ,while the tzaddikim are at the entrance of the Hai.

And therefore, when a Baal Teshuva repents, the Hai returns to its place (Teshuva=TOSHUV-HAI-the hai returns to it's place) and Hashem will return His Shechina on him, not just like the previous love from before the sin alone, "ELO YOSER V"YOSER"-a love much stronger that the love was prior to the sin.

" V'Haynu Yoshuv Yerachameinu-YOSEF RACHAMIM L'YISROEL YOSER V'YOSER"

You will increase Your Mercy to Yisroel exceedingly. "V'YESAKNEIM V'YIKORVEIM YOSER"-You will rectify them and bring them exceedingly close.

AND DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME THAT HE IS NOT TALKING TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON HERE.

BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHO HE IS TALKING TO.

As mentioned in Part 1, Chazal isn't just interested in getting you out of your crummy depressed mood (though that wouldn't be a bad idea). They are telling you the truth about yourself.

You are a neshomah that truly belongs at the peak of the Hai.

You do not belong by the opening of the Hai with the tzaddikim. That is not you. You do not belong there. That is not your place.

Hashem wants you to be this mountain climber, the one that from the very task will get scratches and bruises and aches and pains and raw hands that are caused by handling very thick ropes and occasional traumatic falls when you have no choice but to take time to heal and slowly climb upward again

This is your calling

This is our calling

together.

I've tried to weasel my way out of this hard work.

Tried to tell Hashem "Thanks but no Thanks", please move me to the tzaddik status, I like that nice comfortable opening of the Hai

Mountain Climber ? Actually, I'm afraid of heights!!.

Why are You doing this to me?

You cannot retreat from this mission that was given to you.

You belong there.

High,very very high on the roof of that Great Hai, that TrYing to reach there comes together with pain and grief and bitterness and suffering, always fighting, always fighting, always fighting, you rest a second too long ,too self-assured, and those harsh winds knock you down again, and you must get up again and move forward and upward to a very special sacred place that you can only be after that terrible lowliness that you have suffered from, and after that hard climb that was mixed both with the tears of pain and the tears of joy, all mixed as one, because even at the very top of the Hai, you will never forget what you had to go through to get up there.

AND THAT IS A THE GREATEST BLESSING.

We just have a hard time seeing this struggle as a blessing. I know that I have a hard time understanding it. Even if Hashem blesses all of us with 120 years of special beracha, good health in very old age,(and may Hashem do so for all of us !!)it is still a very short life .and so much of it we feel like we are just trying to keep our head above water just to survive, it takes almost superhuman effort to daven schachris properly ,you fight and fight all those distracting thoughts,and even if you were for the most part successful,do we really feel that we accomplished anything? Big deal. I'm supposed to daven with Kavannah anyway!!

But Hashem looks at that “mediocre” Shachris with the greatest nachas.

You may not feel too good about it because it was a very nasty fight you had with Mr YH

Even when you win ,you sometimes have a bad taste in your mouth dealing with the nonsense that comes along with trying to daven like a decent Yid.

Hashem loves the Baal Teshuva.

He wants the struggle

Because that is what makes the Baal Teshuva great.

Hashem chose you to be the Mountain Climber.

You say I'de rather stay here at the entrance. nice and cozy here.

“V'YIKORVEIM YOSER”

Hashem wants you exceedingly close.

That is why your life is the way it is.

The chaos and the turmoil and the often terrible terrible pain that comes along with mountain climbing.

It will be well worth it when you finally feel that warm embrace from Hashem.

And that day will come for all of us here.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by battleworn - 16 Sep 2009 13:17

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Yechida does it again! This is the bottom line, this is the key! And you do such a great job expressing it. SKOI'ACH!!!

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 16 Sep 2009 14:17

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wow. thank you so much. you have a hashkafa berurah about this that is so beautiful and strengthening!

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by kutan - 16 Sep 2009 15:08

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Yechida,

that was truly beautiful.

Your words talk right to the neshama.

kutan

PS: 7up, how can you read a post like this and not say something?

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 16 Sep 2009 15:27

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we all know she's chalishing (fainting, habib!) to reply!!

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by bardichev - 16 Sep 2009 15:33

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we know your watching, mom!!

chalishing

YOY!! ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE FROM FLATBUSH??

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 16 Sep 2009 17:05

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yes i'm sure! my grandparents speak yiddish.

and here you were thinking that i didn't understand anything?

Shucks- my secrets out. Sorry, girls- can't tell you what he was saying anymore- he's never gonna talk behind our backs again!

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by bardichev - 16 Sep 2009 17:06

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VUSS ZUGST DI MAMELEH CHOOLILAH

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 16 Sep 2009 17:12

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good! I like when you talk behind our backs! 8)

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 16 Sep 2009 17:13

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oh, and i was in bagel whole last night- and they don't even SELL 7up! what a shandeh!

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