

yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 29 Jun 2009 19:47

(any questions , insights & suggestions about this thread,feel free to email me at 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 habib613 - 07 Dec 2009 16:09

welcome back!

no one can fill your place, **yechida**

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 08 Dec 2009 14:22

I sent our esteemed R' Guard 3 items last week. Two, R' Guard posted already and this is the third.

The Wise Woman's stone

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.

"I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me something more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by silentbattle - 08 Dec 2009 14:27

Wow! Thank you...

With Hashem's help, may we all reach the point where we can make that same choice as the traveler - to recognize what has TRUE value.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 08 Dec 2009 15:19

amen!

thank you Yechida!

How are YOU doing?

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 08 Dec 2009 15:32

Amen!!

and Boruch Hashem, I am doing much better

It's good to be back here

down the road,I will discuss certain things,from personal experience,that I think will help.

I am not ready yet. but with Hashem's help, I will get there

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 08 Dec 2009 16:05

you're "doing better"?

POST! ;D

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Re: yechida's reflections

we're here when your ready

Posted by yechidah - 08 Dec 2009 16:48

Cynicism

Almost finished Mitch Albom's "have a little faith". The Rabbi he knows and communicates with is conservative but it seems that that was the way he was raised, and that he did the best he can with the background and ability he had.

Anyhow, here is one of the encounters

I put it here because yechida has the tendency of being cynical. I improved over the years but I still need to work hard to combat it. My wife has told me several times that she could handle my anger but not my cynicism. Of course she prefers that should have neither of those traits. So do I. And I must learn to only use this trait when I must.

How do you not get cynical?

He stopped

“There is no room for cynicism in this line of work”

But people are so flawed. They ignore ritual, they ignore faith, they even ignore you. Don't you get tired of trying?....

“Let me answer with a story,” he said “There's this salesman, see? And he knocks on the door. The man who answers says, 'I don't need anything today.’”

“The next day, the salesman is back”

“Stay away” he is told

‘The next day the salesman is back

“The man yells,”You again!! I warned you!!” He gets so angry, he spits in the salesman's face.

The salesman smiles, wipes the spit with a handkerchief. then looks to the sky and says “Must be raining”

Mitch, that is what faith is. If they spit in your face , you say it must be raining. But you still come back tomorrow....

So the next time that cynical voice in you tells you that your'e a lowlife and spits at you in disgust,and you want to give up,just smile and keep coming back.Hashem promises you that if you keep coming back,the sun will shine,and the door will open wide,and that man who spit at

you will give you the greatest profit of your life.

Just keep coming back

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by imtrying25 - 08 Dec 2009 16:51

All i can say is, that its great to have you back, Yechida. Please keep on posting. You never know what your doing for others.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by letakain - 08 Dec 2009 17:14

[imtrying25 wrote on 08 Dec 2009 16:51:](#)

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ditto. totally awesome.

when i was in sem, i thought of something that i wanted to do.

smile at my parents once a day.

no matter what.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by habib613 - 08 Dec 2009 17:54

that was really nice yechida. and letakain, you too.

i can't wait to hear what you write yechida, can't wait!

it's really really nice to have you back

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 08 Dec 2009 18:23

thank you everyone.I appreciate your kindness.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 08 Dec 2009 20:17

Pearls-R Kook

When you sense that you have fallen because the spirit of your ethical awareness is weak,
consider this: you have to draw forth precious pearls from the depths of the abyss.

When you know this, then you will rise. You will renew your abilities with strength and tranquility.
You will approach the ever-lasting light with more capability than you ever had before.

This rule applies to the entire generation. It governs reality forever.

Orot Hakodesh III, p. 252

and he was talking to you too.....

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 08 Dec 2009 20:49

Begin Again

by Susan Coolidge

Every day is a fresh beginning,

Every day is the world made new;

You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,

Here is a beautiful hope for you-

A hope for me and a hope for you.

All the past things are past and over,

The tasks are done and the tears are shed;

Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover;

Yesterday's wounds, which smarted and bled,
Are healed with the healing which night has shed.

Yesterday now is a part of forever,
Bound up in a sheaf, which God holds tight;
With glad days, and sad days and bad days which never
Shall visit us more with their bloom and their blight,
Their fullness of sunshine or sorrowful night.
Let them go, since we cannot relieve them,
Cannot undo and cannot atone;
God in His mercy, receive, forgive them;
Only the new days are our own,
Today is ours, and today alone.

Here are the skies all burnished brightly,
Here is the spent earth all reborn,
Here are the tired limbs springing lightly
To face the sun and to share the morn,
In the chrism of dew and the cool of dawn.

Every day is a fresh beginning;
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain

Take heart with the day, and begin again.

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Re: yechida's reflections

Posted by yechidah - 09 Dec 2009 13:20

Hashem talks to us in many different ways

From Albom's book page 62

I remember once , as a boy, I was so hungry ,and there was a fruit and vegetable truck parked by our building. I tried to bump against it, so an apple would fall into my hands. That way it wouldn't feel like stealing.

"Suddenly, I heard a voice from above yelling at me in Yiddish, "Albert, it is forbidden!!" I jumped. I thought it was God.

"Who was it" I asked

"A lady who lived upstairs"

I laughed. Not quite God.

"No. But , Mitch, we were part of each other's lives.

If someone was about to slip, someone else would catch him

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