

From tragedy to redemption

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 08 Jan 2015 10:00

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I am a middle aged person, highly talented, but leider unaccomplished. I seem to have some strengths but not the strength and the resolve to do what it takes to use my talents to be what I can be. I have had lot's of tzaros in my life which have gotten the better of me and eventually removed me from my learning and my general Ruchnius success. I was not omed benisoyon. I am ashamed of myself. On the outside I still seem like a basically Choshever person but nobody knows what I really am. When I was a Bochur and a young yungerman, everybody was sure I would turn out to be one of the Gedolim. That hasn't happened(yet). I would never tell anyone of my worst failings, but this failing of me not succeeding to fulfill my potential is known. I guess people may have long ago forgotten what was supposed to become of me but looking at me now they see nothing but an empty wasted soul. I haven't forgotten the original plan and somewhere deep down I still hope Hashem will give me back my neshama. My Boosha is maybe a good thing in a way because it keeps things from getting more out of hand. But it makes it impossible for me to get the support and encouragement that might help me do what I should. Maybe I could get the support here. I am middle aged but my mind knows that it isn't too late. I need my heart to know it too.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by dd - 12 Mar 2015 22:52

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KOMT !!!! Hashivah your doing great, so KUTGW!!!

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by serenity - 13 Mar 2015 21:48

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I run into trouble at the bank. Maybe together we can work on that. Next time I go to the bank I will B"n ask Hashem to remove any natural desires that are of no use to me at a bank.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 15 Mar 2015 02:34

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I had devised a plan but I didn't keep it that time. My plan is that I make sure to be preoccupied when I get to the desk, like I'm on the phone or busy with some paperwork or reading something and am only available for the bank clerk intermittently as totally necessary for banking and not anything more.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition  
Posted by Menachem clean by peach - 15 Mar 2015 03:03

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I had banking issues too.

One yom Kippur, I made a kabbala to try to use the ATM whenever possible. It has become so convenient I haven't used the inside of my bank in 7 years! (I don't have a business account).

Didn't solve my porn problem, obviously, but it's an idea.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition  
Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 15 Mar 2015 04:43

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Thanks. I do that when ever I can. But sometimes that's not sufficient.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition  
Posted by yiraishamaim - 16 Mar 2015 02:14

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Hashiva just to let you know. I told you in an earlier post that bli neder I was planning to up my Avodas Hashem in a certain area in turn because of you and your 5 minute learning. bli neder I am keeping to that. So you too are inspiring others in real life change.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 16 Mar 2015 03:10

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yiraishamaim Thank you for letting me know that. It's the best thing I heard in a while. It is a great chizuk.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 17 Mar 2015 04:15

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I find that there is a common '**Cord**' and underlying theme in all of my posts from when I began this thread some 35 years ago(it feels like). I feel that in conjunction with whatever we are doing for our recovery from these issues, we need to make sure that life is fulfilling. We act out to fill the voids, so if we don't want to act out we need to fill the voids for real. That's why I don't like the martyr approach, and that's why I talk about success in Torah and also business and everything else and I talk about enjoying life and wife. When we repress, suppress, and depress, we eventually stress and oppress and regress, and then we undress caress and press and also fress. So just briefly confess express and address but don't obsess.

G-bless.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 17 Mar 2015 04:45

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by dd - 17 Mar 2015 08:13

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition  
Posted by cordnoy - 17 Mar 2015 10:02

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actually Hashivah, on this site we are ageless  
perhaps that shtems from your sweetness  
tis the other sites where they accept those with bitterness  
but here we have fellows like me who are clueless  
this is gettin' corny, i must confess  
it seems like it's bein' written under some great duress  
so let us just end this craziness  
for it's already seven lines in excess  
it seems that this post is quite endless

and humorless

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition  
Posted by yiraishamaim - 17 Mar 2015 14:26

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G-bless.[/quote]

Again- Hashiva I think you are right on the money

I don't see how anyone can expect long term success without this kind of upbeat approach.

Notice - the mussar approach of Gadlus Haodam is still thriving. The down approach of "ich bin a gurnisht" is not.(I think this is kelmer derech)(Of course this is a wonderful way for its time, and for certain kinds of people/personalities -it was originated by the greatest of men)

Our generation can't handle something that ultimately won't give us a geshmak.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by cordnoy - 17 Mar 2015 15:55

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Sayin' that this addiction is to fill a void is a bit of a generalization, and not entirely accurate.

we all know about HALT, and not all of those are fillin' any void.

Yes, there is a commonality that we are wantin' somethin' or lackin' somethin' or too much of somethin' or we can't deal with somethin', but I'm not sure that all cases are fillin' a void.

I find that I can be triggered (besides by stress) by a feelin' of euphoria, when thin's are goin' real swell....perhaps even power...who knows?

And this business about makin' life rosy and sweet and fulfillin'...and then everythin' will be hunky-dory...while that is nice and sweet, but generally not too practical. People's lives are filled with stuff and they need to deal with it. A snap of a finger or two will not make life a bowl of cherries (if you like 'em); it takes work and effort.

b'hatzlachah

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 17 Mar 2015 21:07

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[cordnoy wrote:](#)

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I want to address both of your points with a single clarification. The void I'm referring to isn't about what we lack 'having and receiving'. It's about our personal failure and lack of personal growth. This is a much more real and more painful void. The feeling of power or euphoria doesn't indicate at all that the person isn't suffering deeply from the void I'm referring to. And although life isn't a bowl of cherries, it is by all means practical to work on filling the void to which I refer.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by yiraishamaim - 18 Mar 2015 03:41

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Everyone has life challenges that they are trying to tackle as best they can - certainly no one has the right to judge another for not being upbeat 'cause we are not in his shoes and therefore cannot completely identify with his distressful situation

however let it be clear- I am hard-pressed to find any mention here that a good attitude will automatically bring a magical "hunky-dory" life or it will make remarkable changes by "a snap of a finger"

Such an unrealistic approach was never even hinted.

However an upbeat attitude is healthy and helpful - if it can be done -Once a person has dropped into the pits emotionally by coming to the realization that he needs serious intervention and a program of recovery and then courageously embarks on this journey - and then finds some shtickel success no matter how little it may be- he should if possible continue on his way with caution yes - but with a happy meaningful wholesome upbeat disposition.

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