

From tragedy to redemption

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 08 Jan 2015 10:00

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 man - 21 Jan 2015 17:55

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by man - 21 Jan 2015 18:24

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 21 Jan 2015 21:27

Reflecting on rosh chodesh

The yaavetz says zman kapara lechol 'toldosam' means forgiveness for the sin of hz"l. So today is a new beginning and a time of correction and reconciliation with hashem about this.

When I said hallel today by ma ashiv I was thanking hashem for giving me this GYE package. I can't help but assume that GYE has something to do with the fact that I am b"h clean now in a seemingly more real and thorough way than ever before. I hope to keep this up.

I was also thanking hashem for not allowing me to function in all the other areas of my life. This has awakened me to want to change in a real way. Hashem wants the real me to emerge. The Jew who is retzonenu laasos retzonecha.

I hope and I beg hashem 'shelo echta od uma shechatasi lefanecha mechok berachamecha harabim aval lo al yedei yesurim vechlaim raim' This is 2 requests

Shelo echta od - no matter what and no matter how, even chas vesuolom al yedei..... because it's worth it even so.

aval lo al yedei yesurim vechlaim raim - please teach me and correct me by giving me as a matnas chinom a good heart and putting kedusha and true sechel in my heart. Do this because of your abundant mercy - berachamecha harabim - your mercy for every Jew whether worthy or not including even the likes me.

When I said lo amus ki echye I begged hashem that I not die a virtual death. I have in the past cast away my holy soul and replaced the tzelem elokim with a tzelem tameh. This is what we say erev yom kippur in tefilla zaka. Now I ask that from now on I should not die but live. A living which is really called living. Ki haim chayenu. The torah and mitzvos are our life. This is 1 request not 2 - not to die but to live, because one depends on the other.

I thank you wonderful chaverim for being there to read my words. The opportunity to speak it out strengthens my resolve.

I wish you all a great rosh chodesh and a wonderfully good chodesh.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by cordnoy - 21 Jan 2015 23:32

[Hashivalisesonyishecho wrote:](#)

Chello everybody, Chai!

Today is day 18, Chai.

It's certainly worth a L'CHAI'M. We should all be zoiche to nachas ans simcha from our accomplishments.

Firstly, keep up the good work!

Secondly, I just wanna point out somethin', and perhaps it's not relevant to you, but it came out from your words.

I am an addict.

I am in recovery.

I struggle with step 1 regardin' the 'powerless' issue, but lately, as this week, I'm focused on step 3, I have really come to terms with that.

That bein' said, I do not view my recovery (process) as much as an accomplishment, for ultimately, it is with God's grace that I am even in recovery. While yes, I put myself in a position where it is easier for me to accept His grace (for instance, I couldn't exactly expect to appreciate God's grace if I would be found in a place of ill repute), I am beginnin' to understand that it is not my accomplishments.

And don't you worry, I gotta do step 1 over again, and as Dov is want to say (I think), "I am constantly workin' on step 1."

b'hatzlachah

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by cordnoy - 21 Jan 2015 23:34

I cannot believe that it actually posted; I have been tryin' for two days.

I wonder what I even wrote.

Hope it was semi-ok.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by serenity - 21 Jan 2015 23:41

Wow I'm so glad you posted that comment, Avrom. Firstly, I completely relate to what you're saying. I know that I have to work the steps and the rest of my program for recovery and I'm doing that. At the same time I don't attribute any of my not acting out thus far to myself. It is only from Hashem and a miracle as far as I'm concerned. Secondly, and most important, I'm hoping

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by serenity - 21 Jan 2015 23:42

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by newaction - 22 Jan 2015 00:01

Hi there hashiva li ! Mazel tov for your Chai days . Chai means alive . You are starting to feel what REAL life is all about. May Hashem Help you to continue many Chai's more ... one day at a time of course . Behatzlacha in your journey.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by the.guard - 22 Jan 2015 01:20

[Hashivalisesonyeshacho wrote:](#)

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Who knows if Hashem didn't have in mind that this is exactly the real test you needed to undergo... Thinking you could become a Gadol, and then losing that vision... He wants to see what you will do NOW. Will you continue trying even when it seems you could have been so much more? Or will you give up? This is the greatest test of all... And if you pass it, and end up dying even mediocre, who knows if this won't be considered that you are a "Gadol" in Shamayim.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by newaction - 22 Jan 2015 01:40

Wow wow the guard "bichbodo ubatzmo" posting in this forum oh my ! Hashiva li ! What a zchus ! and very truthful and inspiring insight . How beautiful ! So , there is a job to do , which is our duty . Lets concentrate in our duty not looking right or left and not thinking to much philosophy . Doing whatever in our hands to do and we become 100 % Tzadikim that are doing retzon

Hashem . Keep On Mega Trucking Hashiva , Behatzlacha !!

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 22 Jan 2015 02:36

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Although I didn't mean it as grob as it came across, I only meant the accomplishments that hashem gives us, still after after reading your words I have tried to understand more that it is totally not our doing. It's a gift from hashem. Having said that and continuing to work with it, I think it's not right to completely remove ourselves from the picture and thereby remove the onus from ourselves. It's a delicate balance.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 22 Jan 2015 02:44

[the.guard wrote:](#)

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I ask the chaverim here to daven for me.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition

Posted by Hashivalisesonyishecho - 22 Jan 2015 02:59

Correction

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(my 'seson yesha') should read *HIS* 'seson yesha'

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It might look like semantics but as consistent with the message the chaverim here are trying to give me, it's something I need to work on realizing. My pen inadvertently revealed the mistake in my thinking.

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Re: A tragedy of the human condition
Posted by Watson - 22 Jan 2015 04:24

For a long time I felt that it was just my acting out that had caused me so many problems, a major one being that I had 'failed' in my Torah learning. I felt that if I could just get sobriety I'd be the greatest guy in the world. After all, I had every single maaloh going except for this (major)

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That turned out no to be the case. I thought I felt inadequate and unworthy because I was acting out. Turns out I was acting out because I felt inadequate and unworthy.

Hashem made me a sexaholic. He didn't ask my opinion before He did it. Why did He do it? I have no idea. Is it one of the main (if not the only) reason I 'failed' in my learning? Let's say it is. Nu? What could I conclude about what Hashem wants from me? Not much except that He sees things differently from me. What I see as black and white is perhaps not as clear cut as I thought.

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Hashem leads us down the correct path for each one of us if we let Him. Maybe even if we don't let Him, the only difference being whether we are led or dragged.

For me I just need to work my program one day at a time. Grand plans are the luxury of other men.

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