

Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 16 Dec 2009 09:28

Hello to everyone,

This is my first foray into the world of GYE, and I'm really hoping that it will become a real force in my life, as I've been battling the other forces for too long.

I'm happily married to a beautiful and loving woman, and together we are raising a bunch of wonderful children, yet there is a side of me that no one knows about, a side of me that has been eating away at me for almost as long as I can remember. That side of me is the Mr. Hyde to my Dr. Jekyll, the crazed sicko who gets set loose at night and does horrific shameful things. Being a true ohaiv Ha-shem, who really loves the aibishter and his torah and mitzvos this creates an enormous amount of conflict in my life, leading me to feelings of isolation despite being surrounded by people who love me, and despair despite leading a relatively successful life.

To compound those feelings, I am involved in avodas hakodesh, so while people are looking to me for inspiration, I'm sometimes involved in things that if they had the slightest clue of, they would pillory me in the town square. This makes me feel even more like a fake and a fraud despite the fact that all I really want to do in my life is bring people closer to Avinu Shebashamayim. Many times, I have thought about quitting, recognizing that I'll never really be able to inspire others if there's no gas in my fuel tank, but I'm reminded of the fish's response to Rabbi Akiva, "If in the water, the place of our life, we need to fear, how much more so on dry land, the place of our death!" So I guess I will try to stay close to the water, (besides all the teaching I do, I personally learn for hours every day, sometimes immediately followed by a most inglorious session of shmutz!), and just keep trying to slog through the muck.

I hope you can give me the chizzuk I need to make it out of my living hell.

Habaletaher

PS I can't even say Day 1! Maybe tomorrow!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by bardichev - 16 Feb 2010 12:05

Haba Litaher Misayin oso!!

We will not let u fall

Cmon buddy!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 16 Feb 2010 12:06

[bardichev wrote on 16 Feb 2010 12:05:](#)

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and if you have, we will be there to mesayeh you to get up!!! Sp please let your loved ones in on whats going on!! :-\

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 18 Feb 2010 08:43

Hey Chevra,

I LOVE BEING BUSY!!!!

I have been so busy that I haven't had the time to come out to the forums often, but B"H I'm still clean, and loving every minute of it!!! My relationship with my wife is B"H superfly, I'm not filled with anxiety and silent stress, B"H B"H B"H!!!

I can't thank all of you guys enough!!!

Here I am at 3:24AM working on a class again, I really really need to figure out better time management, or find a place where I can upgrade to the 28 hour day!!!

Sorry I've been out of it a bit, when things slow down a bit I'll be able to spend some more time in the rooms....

PS I have a big trip coming up in the middle of March, so get the chizzuk ready, I'll be needing it, but I will be more in touch with y'all about it as we get closer...

I have another trip a soon after purim, but luckily I have someone with me on that trip so I should be able to behave easily.... but the one in middle of March is gonna need your help...

YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by OneLife - 18 Feb 2010 10:37

HU HA MI ZE BA?? :D :D

glad to hear from you gever, and you busy.

KOT!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by imtrying25 - 18 Feb 2010 11:53

Hey hey ho. If your keeping busy and dont have time for us, were fine with that bro. This is from the best tactics against this ugly monster. keepin busy. So you keep up the keepin busy and well wait till youv got time.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by silentbattle - 18 Feb 2010 16:31

Glad you're keepng busy, and glad that things are going well!

We're here for you when you need us - and even when you don't! :D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Steve - 24 Feb 2010 07:51

Haba - I know you're prob still busy, but try to take rthe time out at 12 noon est today to get on the first call with Duvid Chaim like we talked about so long ago...

Hope to 'see" you there...!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 24 Feb 2010 11:39

Just stoppin by to say hello to such a dear friend. Are we gonna hear from you befor purim?? I

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 25 Feb 2010 08:13

Hey Boys!

How y'all been?? Wishing you all a Purim that is soooo heilig that your neshama gets blasted 12 mil back, and the malachim should need to reconnect your body and soul!!!!

I've been so busy that I've been out of it for a while... but my love for my GYE people has not diminished, and my hakaras hatov grows each day. I just hit day 71!!!! I have not had such a long clean streak in probably 5 years!!!

Thanks Thanks Thanks!!!

Have a L'Chaim for me on Purim, and I'll do the same for you!! For each one of you!! Yes, that's right for each and every one of you, and two for Reb Gaurd!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by OneLife - 25 Feb 2010 10:11

hey, my dear HABA. baruch haba!!

and CHAG SAMEACH!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by habaletaher - 02 Mar 2010 08:03

76 Days!!! I couldn't be here without all of you, my brothers on GYE!!!

Almost there....

So close, I can smell it!!!

And it smells strangely like chicken!

KOT!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by silentbattle - 02 Mar 2010 13:11

Not Steak? ;D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by bardichev - 02 Mar 2010 14:46

Cholint! Beer! Papitas!

Kishke! Galla!

Boy food

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Steve - 03 Mar 2010 05:25

Steak, Bards, STEAK! not BOY food, MAN food!!

And MAN, DO I LOVE FOOD!!

2 weeks to go, Haba baby, and you and me and OL hafta celebrate! I say we arrange a conference call between the three of us at a specific time, each with a glass in our hands to make a l'chaim to eachother!! lets wait till all three of us have hit the 90 days completely (EY hits

it before me, and i forget where YOU are).

AND, once we set it up between us, we can give personal invitations via PMs to any of our GYE friends that we want to have with us. Especially dudes who have helped spur us on and gave us the strength we needed to get here. (I won't name anyone here lest someone be insulted)

This is gonna be great....

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