

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 habaletaheer - 22 Mar 2010 08:03

Day 5,

Twasa a pretty easy day today. Kind of slid on by...

But the air is always crisper in clean-land! Thank G-d for that!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by habaletaheer - 23 Mar 2010 06:42

Day #6

I was having a bit of trouble, my YH was trying to get me to surf off into shmutz land, so I said, why don't I come here, update my page, leave a few posts to hopefully give some chizzuk to others, and then head off to bed where I belong at 2:42AM anyway!!!

G'night!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by the.guard - 23 Mar 2010 09:09

Hey, most people clean for pesach on their hands and knees, scrubbing in the dirt. You clean for Pesach by just going to SLEEP! Ain't that grand? ;D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaheer - 09 Apr 2010 06:06

Hi Everyone,

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B"H I had a wonderful Pesach, and I'm really happy to have some good streak behind me b/c next week I will be on the road again, and I hope to be stronger this time than last!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Holy Yid - 09 Apr 2010 06:54

[habaletaheer wrote on 09 Apr 2010 06:06:](#)

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I PERSONALLY (this is me talking about myself, it may not be relevant to you AT ALL) would be worried to get strength from gevurah, unless I focus on Hashem's gevurah and that he is in charge. He fights for me.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by the.guard - 09 Apr 2010 11:18

gevaldig! great to hear from you :D

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by Steve - 09 Apr 2010 19:09

Like I've said before,

If the OLAM doesn't have HABA in it, it aint worth it!!

HAAAAABBBBBBAAAAAA..... I've missed you!!!

HAVE a GREAT SHABBOS!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by OneLife - 11 Apr 2010 11:54

i missed you too HABA, my friend!! :-* :-* :-* :-*

im so happy to see you on the WOH 23 days clean.

i had a bad news about me, you can see on the hebrew forum if you can read that, yes, it started to work, we are 4 peoples there :D :D

but we speak everyday.

B"H ill write about that on my thread.

you will be able to write to me there.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by bardichev - 11 Apr 2010 11:58

Haba!!! Wow!! What a thrilllllll

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unfortunately, i had a fall.

Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by Steve - 13 Apr 2010 20:39

HABAAAAAA!!!!

Sup, bro?

U giv'n that menuval UPSIDE HIS HEAD?

Lemmee hear yu go OWA!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 12 May 2010 06:54

Hello Everyone!!!

It's been a while, and I don't have a ton of time, but I did have a fall a while back, but now it is 23 Glorious Days of Livin Clean! (which ironically was the same number as the last time I posted, but that was obviously over 23 days ago....)

I miss you guys a bunch, but I'm working real hard on staying clean and staying off the computer more... so I've been off the boards for a while. But it is just nice to come back home once in a while, the familiar smells (faint scents of Woodford tinged with truck diesel) and to see the sights (the dancing pickle, Reb Guards super-yeshivish black hat), and to feel the warmth!!

I'll be sure to check back in again soon!

All the best, and may you all have an incredible Kabbalas Hatorah! If there is a community online more focused on growth and trying to be mekabel the Torah more than this one, I don't know it!!

All the best,

Haba

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Sturggle - 12 May 2010 07:38

Haba! Great to hear from you!

May you have a great yom tov!

And looking forward to hearing more about your hatzlacha!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by bardichev - 12 May 2010 11:14

Paapap pa paaaaa!!!

What a treat!!!

HAbAA!!!

Ok let's start off the day with some woodie!!

Lchaim

Bards

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by OneLife - 12 May 2010 12:35

nice to hear from you bomb!!

KOT geveer!

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