

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 habaletaher - 25 Dec 2009 10:53

Hey ImTrying,

Thanks so much for the supersized post!!!

Just real quick, I bicycled along the boardwalk today at sunset (not a pritzus becah, no worries), and was overwhelmed by the absolute beauty of the sun setting over the Pacific, painting the sky an entire palette of pastels. What can I say, G-d loves us, and all he wants is a life of beauty and harmony for all of us, we just need to reach out and grab it!!

Thanks again,

Haba

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by imtrying25 - 25 Dec 2009 11:04

keep on pedaling.

i would say

Good Shabbos to you to.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by the.guard - 25 Dec 2009 11:56

I'm not even sure what the threshold for a slip up or a fall is, maybe you can enlighten me...

See tool #8 on this page: guardyoureyes.org/woh/WOHRules.php

Don't wait for things to get tough. You know what you gotta do. Follow the instructions on this page: www.guardyoureyes.org/?p=24

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by bardichev - 25 Dec 2009 12:45

As we say a frielichen shabbos

On shabbos "IT'S ALL GOOD"

Did you hear

boruch levines new cd?

LECHA DOIDEE LIKRASSSS KALAAA OY PNAI SHABOSSS NI-KABBILA!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by Kedusha - 25 Dec 2009 20:24

[habaletaher wrote on 25 Dec 2009 10:08:](#)

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See guardyoureyes.org/woh/WOHRules.php. Rule #8.

[Whoops - I see that Guard already beat me to it!].

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by cleareyes613@gmail.com - 25 Dec 2009 21:04

Day 9 - amazing!! Good luck and be careful with the weekend. 2 weeks is just around the corner.

Good Shabbos!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 25 Dec 2009 23:43

Thanks for the Good Shabbos wishes... and the same to you or if your reading this it is probably Gut Voch cuz its already shabbos now in NYC and fo sho in Israel...

DAY 10!!!! 1/9th of the way there!!!

I know that I really need K9 and that is my goal for this coming week that once I get back home on Sun I should install it... So we're almost there... It is real hard to install it because you are

stripping away your options and that takes a lot of commitment which I should have and need... but I'm still mustering up. Here's some commitment incentive;

If I don't have K9 on my laptop and home CPU by next Shabbos (vayechi) I will donate \$100 to GYE! and \$100 for each subsequent Shabbos up to a max of \$500!

If that don't do it, I don't know what will!

A Gitte Voch!!

Leiby

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck
Posted by imtrying25 - 26 Dec 2009 16:03

Yes putting k9 on the comp is a really big step. it took me a number of falls to realize i need this. We have to come to the realization that we cant do this on our own and any way we can help ourselves, we must take that step. Why wait?? Just do it. And then although youll think twice about it afterwards, it will be too late. Taking your time is really atzas hayetzer. Hell do whatever he has to to get you to look even if it means only once. So jump in. Its hpot, yes, but eventually it will cool down.

Hatzlacha.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by OneLife - 26 Dec 2009 17:14

haba,

"I'm not even sure what the threshold for a slip up or a fall is, maybe you can enlighten me..."

you do know!!

if you don't know its just beacuse the Y"H tells you that the site you are about to surf there is OK,

but deep in your heart you know whats good and whats not.

i tell you again its from my experience after B"H you install the K9, don't try to check if it works properly and block.

such checking is the first step to fall and it happens very very quick.

we are all with you and we know you with us,

shavua tov from israel!

love you.

keep the good work.

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by the.guard - 26 Dec 2009 22:47

[habaletahe wrote on 25 Dec 2009 23:43:](#)

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I'm not so sure you need K9... I would suggest Rimon, which includes a Kosher server! (i.e. not just a client based filter, which can maybe be beaten if we try hard enough).

Also, according to your Kabala above, if you get Rimon and **not** K9 - we get \$500!! ;D

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Just kidding

Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaheer - 27 Dec 2009 04:51

Hi Everybody,

Thanks for the chizzuk, and yes One Life, I really do know that any site that I even have a safek if it is considered a fall is probably a fall.

I'm away on a trip (I'm leaving sunny Cali for frigid NY tomorrow, BUMMER!!!) so I can't install everything but based on my kabbalah I should be k9ed up by the end of the week, and hopefully without any falls in the process.

Reb Guard, I don't live in Israel, so I won't be able to use the whole Rimon thing...

DAY 11!!!

Ya'll rock,

Haba

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Momo - 27 Dec 2009 08:23

YOU ARE SOMEBODY SPECIAL!!!

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by Ano Nymous - 27 Dec 2009 09:12

Please READ and VOTE on this new poll I just created over here: rehab-my-site.com/guardureyes/forum/index.php?topic=1427.0

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Re: Slogging Through the Muck

Posted by habaletaher - 28 Dec 2009 07:50

DAY 12!!!!

Gosh, flew back from the west coast today.... There was a very pretty girl sitting across the aisle from me, and I'm not the type to get delusions that she wants me or anything like that, but it is just DISTRACTING!!! IT GETS INTO YOUR HEADSPACE and it is really such a bummer. So unnecessary...

It is, what it is... G-d put me in this world to be a fighter, so fight I will

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