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Dating for marriage

Time and again we are told just date and you will know if the person is right for you. But in today's stressful times it really isn't that simple. For example, the wrong word on a date can ruin it, which may lead either party to say "I don't think it's going to work" or "I don't think we are compatible". This is not because the person is shallow or wasn't into the person, but rather he/she may be so stressed from dating in particular or life in general that they can't see you for you. Therefore, we have developed the following system of dating which will give you time to absorb what is happening and not smother the other person.

Note: We have gotten great feedback from this. Many got engaged using this method while others realized who wasn't for them and saved themselves from endless amounts of dating time.

What is the point of dating?

Why do we go on dates?

What are we trying to accomplish?

! At the end of every date (regardless of how your day went or how the date went) YOUR JOB is to make sure you **end the date/phone call on a high!** Dating is all about the hype!

! Until you establish a firm relationship, every date, every phone call, should end on a high note. This will ensure your partner will want to hear from/see you again.

! Your job is to cultivate the relationship. Most things do not happen without work.

The First Phone Call:

! The guy calls the girl! No TEXTING!

! Chivalry is NOT dead!

! Should be a max of 10 minutes

! Purpose is to set up a time/place to meet

! Let her know it will be a short date not dinner so she can prepare accordingly

! AND find out where she would like to go i.e. Coffee shop, bar, lounge, anywhere the two of you feel comfortable.

! **NOTE: The first date should not be less than 2-3 days from that first phone call!**

The First Date:

! Coffee shop, bar, lounge, anywhere the two of you feel comfortable (this should be found out on the first phone call).

! Should be short 30 – 60 minutes.



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- ! Keep conversation light!
 - ! What do you like to do for fun! (This will give you a lot of info).
 - ! At the end of the date, whether you ask the girl directly for another date or use a shadchan, do not pick a date & time. Rather, call in a day or two. **If you are the girl & the guy asks, tell him you would love to go out, but you need to check your schedule.**
- Again, creating the hype/desire.
- ! Call (usually 36-40 hours after the date) this gives each of you time to digest the date.
 - ! Speak only for 10 -15 minutes SAVE THE CONVERSATION for the 2nd date!
 - ! **NOTE: The second date should not be less than 2 -3 days from the above phone call!**

The Second Date – The Fun Date:

- ! Should be 2 – 3 hours
- ! Not dinner!
- ! Should be a fun date (do something that she likes to do – or hopefully you both like).
- ! No heavy conversations - Just get to know one another in a fun way
- ! At the end of the date, whether you ask the girl directly for another date or use a shadchan/matchmaker, AGAIN DO NOT ask to pick a date & time. Rather, call in a day or two creating the hype/desire.
- ! Call (usually 36-40 hours later) this gives each of you time to digest the date.
- ! Speak only for 10 -15 minutes SAVE THE CONVERSATION for the 3rd date!
- ! **NOTE: The third date should not be less than 2 -3 days from the above phone call!**

The Third Date

- ! You can go for dinner
- ! You can have moderately heavy conversations (like do you have kids, if yes, not more than 10-15 minutes about them). Just like above – you need to cultivate the kids into your life – SLOWLY!
- ! Hashkafa /Religious outlook– how would we raise our kids?
- ! **The rest of the date should be FUN!**
- ! Until now, my rule has always been if you do not have a solid reason to say no to going on another date, then you should say yes. However, after the third date, if it's not a YES, (I want to go out with you again), then you should stop. Perhaps if your not sure, try again a few months later or even a year or two later – in this way there is still a little something left to the relationships opposed to keep pushing until it's a NO!



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The Fourth Date

! YOU ARE DATING!!!!

! Dates should always be fun, but there are times you need to have heavy conversations too. It's ok, that's normal.

! Once a month make a date with a life coach. Afterwards you can go for dinner, drinks, D&B, or whatever. This way, when little issues come up they will be critiqued and not grow into bothersome situations.

! There are NO multiple partners ie dating different people at different times. If you are serious about getting married, and you made it to this point, give this ONE a chance.

