



לעילוי נשמת מאיר יצחק בן יוסף אליהו הכהן ז"ל

Dear Aleeza.

One theme of yours is that Hashem has a plan for everyone, and every "no" brings one closer to his/her "yes," closer to his/her bashert. That's very comforting and inspiring, but the fact is that not everyone gets married. So aren't people right to worry that they'll end up alone?

Thank you for your thoughtful message and for being a part of our community. You're right to feel concerned, especially when we hear that not everyone we know ends up getting married. Let's take a moment to unpack this together.

Married or unmarried we each have a role in this world. And we all spend portions of time in life without a partner.

As for the journey of love and relationships it can be filled with ups and downs, and these experiences are part of a divine plan.

While everyone has the potential for a soulmate, not everyone gets married. Our free will plays a significant role here. We have the power to make choices that align with our values, dreams, and life circumstances. Also, sometimes, timing, personal growth, or even life events can influence our marriage potential. It's essential to remember that just because someone doesn't marry, it doesn't mean they are destined for loneliness. Many find fulfillment in various forms of relationships, friendships, and community connections that enrich their lives and bring joy.

It's also important to acknowledge that love can manifest in countless ways. Marriage is just

one of them. Many people find happiness, purpose, and companionship in friendships, family bonds, and other meaningful connections.

And yet, someone seeking a life partner will be disappointed if they don't marry. Remember, as long as we are alive our story is still being written.

No one ages out of love.

At any moment a persons story or circumstances can change.

Although not everyone gets married, my advice is never to give up on the potential of meeting the One. And simultaneously, live your best life and become someone who fulfills their potential in this world through their every action. Those two concepts are not mutually exclusive.

May you find comfort in knowing the Jewish concept that the first soulmate is between our body and soul. The second soulmate is between us and another.

Aleeza ■



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