



# When There Are Too Many Good Options: How Do You Choose Wisely?

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## Chaim asks:

I'm going through resumes for my candidate, and Baruch Hashem there are a LOT of women who could be great for him. What's the best way to sift through and find the most compatible one?

## Aleeza answers:

The first thing I would tell you is: stop trying to find "the most compatible." That mindset creates paralysis. Instead, look for *strong alignment in the areas that actually sustain a marriage.*

Start with three categories:

### 1. CORE VALUES

Do they want the same kind of home? Similar religious direction? Similar priorities around family, growth, and lifestyle? Differences in hobbies don't break marriages. Differences in values do.

### 2. EMOTIONAL TONE

Does her personality complement his from what you can tell? If he's intense, can she

ground him? If he's quieter, does she bring warmth? You're looking for a dynamic that feels balanced, not dramatic.

### 3. LIFE VISION AND PACE

Are they moving in a similar direction? Similar ambition level? Similar expectations about roles, finances, and community?

Sometimes you may not be able to discern these things from first glance but a conversation with their ambassador can provide more clarity.

All is being equal if you still aren't sure then I would choose based on location and who it is and can get on a first date easily.

I see shadchanim and ambassadors get stuck trying to optimize. "But maybe someone slightly taller... slightly more outgoing... slightly more financially stable." At some point we need to say, I found someone relevant and make a suggestion. Real compatibility shows up in communication, in how they handle differences, in whether there's ease and respect.

If it's a match, we will find out soon enough if it's not you have other options to pursue.

And remember: your job isn't to predict the marriage. Your job is to identify who deserves a first conversation.

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 May you choose wisely and get him to a first date, then let him decide who is the one.

Blessings,  
 Aleeza ■

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