



Torah Values or Torah Tests?

לעילוי נשמת
מאיר יצחק בן יוסף אליהו הכהן ז"ל

Yechiel asks:

My candidate is very frum and connected to Torah, and it's important for him to build a relationship based on Torah. Every first date he tries to assess the match according to how they can discuss Torah values and topics, but he ends up giving a "Shmus" and scaring away the girls. It's not easy to find someone as frum as he's looking for, and till I do he runs them through tests... What can I do?

Aleeza answers:

I actually think your candidate has a beautiful goal. He doesn't just want someone who is frum on paper. He wants a relationship where Torah is alive, where they can talk about values, hashkafa, growth, and build a home together around something meaningful.

The problem isn't what he wants. It's how he's testing for it.

Right now, it sounds like he's walking into a first date thinking, "Let me see if she can have the kind of Torah conversation I want in a marriage." So he brings up a topic, starts

sharing his thoughts...and before he knows it, she's sitting through a "shmus" she never signed up for.

He may walk away thinking, "She wasn't interested in Torah." She may walk away thinking, "He wasn't interested in me."

Those are two very different things.

Here are five things I'd coach him to do differently:

1. Listen before asking to be listened to.
Before you find out whether she can engage with your world, engage with hers. What lights her up? What does she care about? What kind of Torah does she connect to? Which leads us to...
2. Cater the Torah to the person.
If she loves family, talk about something connected to building a Jewish home. If she's passionate about her career, ask about balancing ambition and values. If she's deep, maybe she'll love discussing emunah. Torah is enormous. Find the doorway that interests her.
3. Set the stage, and then stop talking.
You don't need a ten-minute introduction to make a Torah point. Give her the idea in a minute or two and ask, "What do you think?" "Does that resonate with you?" "How do you see that?"
4. Check that she's still with you.
Halfway through, pause. Is she engaged? Asking questions? Adding thoughts? Great. Keep going. Is she smiling politely

Handyman / Plumber תכ"ס

Shmuel Rosenzweig
Aluf in home
repairs

052-8496418

while you're delivering part three of a five-part shiur? Change course. A date is not a shiur.

5. Look for compatibility, not identity. He doesn't necessarily need someone who talks about Torah exactly as he does. He needs someone who respects how important Torah is to him and wants it to be central to the home they build. Those are not always the same thing.

Most importantly, remind him: don't test for marriage before you've built communication. First dates are for discovering a person, and developing the connection.

He wants a wife he can talk Torah with. The "with" is just as important as the Torah.

May you help him find a woman who shares his Torah values, appreciates his passion, and turns all those future "shmusim" into beautiful conversations.

Blessings,
Aleeza ■

Want to set up your friends?
Become their ambassador -
join Shagririm Balev!



en.shagririm.org.il
0585323242



JCT



MIZRACHI
WORLD MOVEMENT

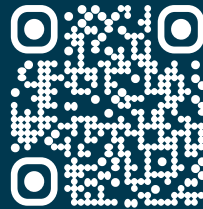
Founded in Israel in 2019 and led by Rav Rimon, **Shagririm Balev** - a social online matchmaking initiative - has taken the dating scene by storm. With over 10,000 candidates and 3,000 Ambassadors, in Israel and the US, Shagririm Balev is averaging a Wedding every 2 days!

רפואה שלמה

Peleg Shabtai ben Chaviva Leah

THE ISRAEL
HOME EXPO 2026

**Registered
yet?**



30.09

Chol Hamoed Sukkot

10 AM - 10 PM

Jerusalem

**ENTRANCE IS
FREE UPON
REGISTRATION**

