

# The Dating Game

## A Great Opportunity to Speak Your Mind

**F**or the past three months you've heard our experts dish out advice about technology and dating, the decision to date, and tips for singles to keep an eye on before, after and during the date. (See [www.sephardiclink.com](http://www.sephardiclink.com) and click on the advice tab to view all previous IMAGE articles.)

Now it's time to turn the tables. We have a great idea for this column and we are asking our readers for help.

We are currently in the midst of accumulating data for what we think can be the most groundbreaking singles advice articles of them all—they will consist of advice from the singles themselves to the opposite sex. This will allow you to peek into the minds of the very people you are dating, which should prove quite interesting, to say the least. Obviously all advice will be kept completely anonymous.

Furthermore, singles have long voiced opinions about their parents and their attitudes towards singles and dating, and vice versa. Constructive advice such as this can only serve as a guide to both parents and singles. We've been jotting down tips as we hear them, and now we appeal to you directly.

The articles we are working on are as follows: girls' advice to guys, guys' advice to girls, singles' advice to their parents, parents' advice to their children and general advice on how we can better help the singles, and singles scene, of today.

We would love to hear from you! Please state if you are male or female, a single or a parent, so we know where the advice is coming from and whom it's going to. We will not use any names—again, everything will be strictly confidential.



Here are some topics to think about:

### Girls and Guys

- What makes a person approachable?
- Which signals mean you are interested and which mean you are not?
- How do guys feel when making the call for the first date?
- What's the nicest way to decline if you are not interested?
- What are your best first date ideas?
- Tell us how you feel about singles parties and events—what works and what doesn't?
- How do you feel about the way singles are dressing these days and

the way they are acting?

- How much does religious level and eating out/not eating out play into your decision to date someone?
- What can the opposite sex improve upon to make dating a bit easier on everyone?
- What are the best attributes about the opposite sex?
- What do guys feel about girls who have careers, degrees?
- What are girls' attitudes today about balancing careers and family?
- How has technology today affected dating?
- Give your opinion about chivalry and dating—do you think it's necessary?

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- What qualities do you seek in a mate?
- What should the opposite sex do, or never do, or say on a date?
- How do you feel about set ups?
- How many dates do you go on before you decide if this person is or is not for you?
- What if you are unsure about a person—what do you do then?
- How can we, in general, put more focus on internal attributes and less on external?
- What types of pressure do singles endure?
- What are the best and worst things about being single?
- At what age or at what point is a person ready to settle down?
- How does the cost of living factor into the decision to marry?
- How does it feel to be single?
- What things have your parents done or said that you appreciate? What things are not as appreciated?
- Singles—it's your parents job to care and be on top of things—how can they do this when most children are private about their social lives?

## **Parents**

- What can parents do to make the singles years as encouraging as possible?
- How do you guide your children the right way?
- How involved do you think singles want their parents to be?
- How involved do parents want to be?
- What advice have you given your single children? Have they followed it?
- How does it feel to be a parent of a single?
- What can make your relationship with your children better? What can they do to achieve this?
- How do you let your single child know that you care without overstepping the line to interfering?

Parents—feel free to give input on all the questions addressed to girls and guys.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Due to our strict discretion policy, we would never divulge anything personal, but rather make constructive suggestions based on the learning experience of others.

Remember, anything you see here in this column should not replace the advice of rabbis, parents or experts in the field. It is just an opinion.

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