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This is potentially a very important book. I have not read it, and do not know the author or the publishers. I have faith that G-d put every person here for a reason.

The Rugalacher Gaon

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Sefer Haimish L'Chaim is the code of laws relating to shidduchim written by Rabbi Shlomi Shlempka of Chelm, who is known as the "Haimish L'Chaim." Sefer Shmiras Ha Shidduch explains the customs of shidduchim.



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\\ AN OVERVIEW / The Beauty of Shmiras Ha Shidduch

Shiddichum is a general term used to describe an elaborate and treacherous period of time from when one becomes eligible for marriage and the wedding night. Sandwiched between the awkwardness of adolescence and the bliss of holy matrimony, shidduchim is a taste of *gehena* in this world. It includes, but is not limited to: arranged marriage, dating, seeing someone, going out, getting set-up, shadchanim (matchmakers) and blind dates. It also may include speed dating, on-line dating, phone dating, virtual dating, friends, relatives, busy bodies, and taxi drivers.

Today most people have great freedom in choosing a shidduch (mate). While it was once forbidden to meet more than once before the wedding, today, *rachmna latzlan*, weeks and months of meetings can occur. Statistically, because there are more women than men, there are more women who are single than men. However, due to their nature, most of those men are not worth marrying. Nonetheless, being married is better than being single, according to most poskim.

This work is meant to be a reference book, but please ask your rabbi or *sheitel macher* before deciding on any issue of *toras shidduchim*, the laws and customs of shidduchim. Armed with these *halochos*, G-d fearing Jews can enter a shidduch with the assurance that not only will they not transgress any laws, but that their dating will be a kiddush Hashem, a blessing. May the merit of our study and practice of the proper laws of Shidduchim hasten the coming of Moshiach, rekindle the spirit of brotherhood among man, and make Israel King of all Nations. AMEN

I. HALACHIC ISSUES IN ARRANGING A SHIDDUCH

1. Though everyone feels qualified to be a shadchan, one must exercise great caution.¹
2. Children born of marriages arranged by untrained shadchanim, G-d Forbid, decide to work, and not learn full-time.²
3. Most matchmakers are in it for the money, therefor poskim agree that you should sign pre-shidduch agreements, limiting the amount they can charge.³
4. In the event of a good shidduch, a shadchan receives their honorarium, according to all authorities, after the main meal is served.⁴ Some say it can be even after desert.⁵
5. Min Ha Torah⁶, Parents have no right to veto or approve potential shidduchim. However, Rabbinically, they can veto a shidduch for

¹ See *Shadchanut K'Hilchasa vol.3, Meor L'Shadachan* and *Pri Shadchan*. The *Bidet Shadchan* is lenient here. Most people who get into shidduchim are looking for quick get-rich schemes and fail to take into account the responsibility. According to an alternative understanding of the destruction of the Second Beis Hamikdash found in Midrash Kacha Kacha, G-d destroyed his Temple because of poor *shadchanus*. The RU" M of Havana explains this apparent contradiction with conventional understanding. Was it *sinas chinam* or poor *shadchanus* that caused the *churban*, destruction? He writes that it is really no contradiction. People enjoyed setting up their neighbors with children of families they were incompatible with, so that their own kids could marry the desirable children from good families. Needless to say, in order to fix the sin that caused the expulsion from our land, and the destruction of our Holy Temple, we must learn on a daily basis the halachos of Shidduchim. Only in this way can we hope for a restoration of our glory, the rebuilding of the Temple, and an end to the Exile.

² Zohar

³ See Hardsell's[®] *Matchmaker, Matchmaker Make Me A Match, Find Me A Find, Catch Me A Catch*, for a suggested pre-shidduch agreement text.

⁴ See *Inyanei Chatunot*, by HaRav HaGaon I. M. Broke.

⁵ The *Meor l'Shadchan* is lenient. Some say he is actually more stringent, because he liked to serve desert first, at the Shmorgasborg, and then he had the fruit and salad plate.

⁶ Somewhere it says this, trust me.

any good reason.⁷

6. Speed dating, on-line dating, virtual dating, single-socials, venues where singles may meet, Heaven Forbid, and personal ads are strictly forbidden, because *aino makom l'bnei melech*.⁸ They are permitted in Teaneck.⁹
7. One must first ascertain that you know very little about the potential shidduch, so that you will be impartial.¹⁰
8. Most authorities permit knowing just a little bit about the other party, however, this is only in a case of *hefsed merubah*.¹¹

II. QUALITIES OF A GOOD SHIDDUCH

1. The Golden rule in finding a good wife is still what was written by King Solomon: *Chiker ha Shein, V' Yofi ha hevel, Isha Im Yerusha, Hi Tichapes*.¹² Women can rely on the words of the Psalms, *Ish, Bar lo yada, uchsil lo yavin*.¹³
2. Looking for a shidduch is like shopping for a lawnmower.¹⁴ You want one that does the job right, at the right price, is dependable, will not break down. The more options the better.¹⁵

⁷ According to the klal in *Chosen Mishpat*, “*Zeh sheh meshalem, hu ha boss*.” In other words, the one who will pay for the mistake gets to nix any good match if it is financially risky.

⁸ See *Hilchos Bnei Melech*. Since it would be unseemly for President George Bush, Shlita, to put his children into an online dating program, for example, this is forbidden for all B'nai Yisrael, who are Children of Hashem.

⁹ As is known, the laws of *tinok sheh' nishbar*, are more lenient in regards to dating and other things.

¹⁰ The Alhapanim Gaon, admonishes those who think they know it all. “Who knows it all if not Hashem. So you think you are so great that you want second-guess Hashem? Who made you so high and mighty?” See *Mussar For Dummies*.

¹¹ Commonly translated as “great financial loss.” In our context it refers to “loss of a great shidduch.”

¹² *Check her teeth, vanity is praiseworthy, a woman with money you should find*.

¹³ *Man is a fool who doesn't know or understand*.

¹⁴ See *The Sears Guide to Shidduchim*.

¹⁵ Just as there are many varieties of lawnmower, so too are their many kinds of people. Some prefer a lawnmower that can be pushed. Some want a lawnmower that is self-propelled. Some want a tractor-mower, the SUV of lawnmowers.

3. Some say that it is like shopping for a new car.¹⁶
4. A good heart, a compassionate ear, a kindly disposition – these are transient qualities. Once a family has a few whining kids the truth will come out.¹⁷
5. Look for permanent qualities, such as commitment to growth in *gashmius*, and *midos* impoverishment.¹⁸
6. Check their haircut, weight, and which car their father drives.¹⁹
7. There must be mutual attraction and chemistry. But not too much.²⁰

III. WHAT TO WEAR

1. Men should wear their Shabbos cloths on a shidduch.²¹
2. Women should wear cloths they wear to other people's weddings.²²

IV. WHERE AND HOW TO GO ON A DATE

1. It is forbidden to drive to the shidduch in the same car. (See *Merkava Yechezkiel: Laws and Customs of Driving*, for a detailed analysis of this great social ill.)
2. Couples must show up at the shidduch destination separately.²³
3. Hotel lobbies are permitted, but not hotels with hourly rates.²⁴

¹⁶ Cars have backseats. See *Shtus Yaakov* who explains this differently.

¹⁷ See Miriam Hadaham, *Why Mommies Drink*.

¹⁸ See the classics *Mesilas Yorshim*, *Derech Meshumad*,

¹⁹ Just makes sense, right?

²⁰ This could lead to immorality. See *The Unofficial Taliban Guide To Dating*.

²¹ Since this will enable several key parts of the shidduch to take place simultaneously. 1) You are showing your religious commitment 2) You show your potential kallah kavod she deserves. After all, you dress this way to meet the figurative Sabbath Bride, how much more so to meet your real bride.

²² See *Malbushe Shidduch*, *Levush Mordechai*, *Keser Ester*, *Bigdei Chamudos*, *Gartel Avraham*, *Be'er Borsalino*, Dr. Terski's *Twelve Steps to Shidduch Dating*.

²³ See *Merkava Yechezkiel: Laws and Customs of Driving*, by Rabbi Kenishtgayen. He writes, "It is absolutely forbidden by all poskim for a man to pick up a woman for a date with his car. He may use a forklift, bicycle, or skateboard, as this is not directly prohibited. If she doesn't enter the car but rides in a separate trailer this is OK. If the back seat and front seat are separated by a solid *mechitza*, many poskim permit driving short distances."

²⁴ In Las Vegas, since all hotels have hourly rates, you are permitted to meet in a well known establishment. Since these lobbies often permit immoral activities, Jews are not permitted to move to Las Vegas as they will be placing themselves

4. Cafés, restaurants, pizza and bagel shops are absolutely forbidden because of the halachic restrictions of *batei apikorses*, *mechze k'yesh lo kesef*, and *maris ayin*.²⁵
5. Since New Jersey Turnpike rest stops are not prohibited you may meet there *l'chatchila*, i.e. without consulting the girl's parents.²⁶
6. Possible permitted places to meet also include a public library, Pathmark, Costco, Sears, Home Depot, any dry cleaners, Borders or Barnes and Noble.²⁷
7. Walmart is prohibited even for a married couple to enter.²⁸
8. As explained by most poskim, men and women cannot share the same table, bench, umbrella, taxi, sofa, joke, or counter.²⁹ They may not stand under the same awning.
9. According to Minhagim Munkatsch, Hungarian custom, couples on a shidduch may not use the same sugar bowl.³⁰

in a *makom sakana nefashos*. If a Jew is already living in Las Vegas, they may meet in well-known, family friendly hotel/casinos.

²⁵ These establishments exist for one reason alone—to undermine the fabric of society. They are Houses of Apostasy and are forbidden. An additional restriction related to *gneivas daas* is also included in this prohibition. It appears that the young man has money to spend on fancy dates, when in fact, he probably had to borrow the money just to get to the date, let alone the money for the food. There is additional problem of *maaris ayin*, as a passerby might think something. Anything, which gives anyone something to think about, is prohibited because of *marris ayin*. Only things that will not create thought are permitted.

²⁶ This should not be tried without studying in depth the *Ohel Shel Avraham*, which deals specifically with the halachos of rest stops, including how to have a successful shidduch in a rest stop, even when most of the people present are truck driving, beer drinking, cigar smoking gentiles.

²⁷ See *Shidduchim K'Hilchasa*. These are places that are not conducive to permissiveness or lasciviousness. Of course, if there are any immodestly dressed personnel or immoral behavior present at that time, the place is completely forbidden, *d'oraysa*, and the date must be cancelled.

²⁸ Couples invariable spend more money than they can afford, so they should not go into Walmart. However, they may go there with a shomer.

²⁹ Since the table/sofa/bench may wobble, this will lead to immoral thoughts, which could affect the clarity of mind needed in evaluating a prospective shidduch.

³⁰ This could lead to sharing a spoon that leads to talking.

10. German “yehkkish” custom permits using same sugar bowl.³¹
11. Polish Jews and most Chasidim have the custom to use separate packs of individually wrapped sugar.³²
12. Litavaks are not permitted to use sugar,³³
13. Baal Tshivas may share the same honey bottle.³⁴
14. Only ask questions that have been approved by poskim, and conform to the newly established *She’aila Guidelines*.³⁵
15. Some poskim permit three dates before the l’chaim, others permit up to five dates.³⁶ In Manhattan there is no restriction on the number of dates.
16. To help couples decide if they are compatible, they must use the Shidduch Compatibility Test^{© 37} and compute their Shidduch Factor™ .(See the test on page 13)
17. It is not required to reveal most information that may in the future compromise the shidduch.³⁸
18. Some information must be revealed before the couple develops

³¹ See *Uber-Frua, Mama, un Gezuntershidduchkeit*, by Dr. Rabbi Shimon Fried.

³² This way everyone is happy. The Spiller Zaide wrote, “*Zukier iz ziss, un maidels zaynen ziss, aber, ken mir nisht mishen dem tzuzamen*”

³³ Lithuanian Jews are very pious, and since the destruction of the Temple, do not use sweetening for any foods.

³⁴ See *Hilchos Baal Tshuva, Aish Shidduch*, and the *Or Somayach*

³⁵ Approved questions: What kind of tablecloth does your mother use? Where do you want to be buried? If you were a fur trapper where would you work? How many angels can fit on the head of a pin? What is more important to you, money or looks? If you could rewrite any laws in the Torah, which would they be? Do you consider tzius a chumra or a minhag? If you were a pizza, would you have cholev yisroel cheese? How often do you learn mussar?

Prohibited questions: Where do you see yourself in 5 years? How do you feel about spiritual growth? Are you Jewish? Don’t you love the Internet?

³⁶ Poskim disagree how many times to meet. This disagreement hinges on a how they understand the position of the Rishrash. Permitting unmarried singles to speak is according to some poskim is a Torah prohibition, to others, a rabbinical prohibition, and to other poskim it is not only permitted, but mandatory.

³⁷ Developed by a team of shadchanim, rabbis, lawyers, doctors, scientists, psychologists, social workers, marriage counselors, police officers and divorced drunks.

³⁸ See Dr. Ester Altreis, *Better Late Than Never: What you Should Tell Your Fiancée Before Committing*.

feelings for one another.^{39 40}

19. There are various customs to be followed which dictate when a family meets the shidduch.⁴¹

20. If the shidduch does not work, both parties are forbidden to discuss the other, except in public letters to major newspapers.⁴²

V. GETTING ENGAGED

1. When a couple feels they are mutually compatible, they must immediately become engaged through a ceremony called “*ehven ha ozer*.”⁴³ Some call this *Ma’ase DeBeers* or Rock n’ Roll.

2. Delay of engagement causes serious permanent spiritual harm.⁴⁴

3. Zirconium rings are not kosher l’chatchila.⁴⁵

4. All elaborate preparations for the celebration of an engagement are forbidden.

³⁹ Some say that nail-biting, bed wetting, chronic flatulence, kleptomania, body hair, and prosthetics should be mentioned, while other poskim say that this is not necessary.

⁴⁰ See *What you Must Say, If You Must Say, When They Say, You May Say, So They Will Say, How To Say, What It Is They Want To Say: A Halachic Itinerary To Getting And Giving Information For A Shidduch*, CD-ROM Edition.

⁴¹ Yeshivish families meet the shidduch before they let their daughter out of the house. Chasidish families wait in the kitchen while the couple meets, but the girl never leaves the living room. Modern Orthodox families meet the shidduch the week before the engagement is announced. Baal Tshuva families meet the shidduch after the engagement has been announced.

⁴² For example *The New York Times*.

⁴³ Literally translated this means “the rock that helps.” See *Mishnayos Yahalom Ha Ozer*. The Rishonim debate the status of this ancient ritual, whereby a man hands his fiancée to be an extremely large diamond ring, on a platinum band, that usually costs more than the gross national product of a small African country. The Rishrash d’ Lawrence contends it is d’oraysa and the Rifraff d’ Passaic maintains it is d’rabanan.

⁴⁴ The Talmud, tractate Shidduchim, relates the story of Mar Gigilo who delayed engagement, and was stricken with incurable desire to be *machmir*, vehemently stringent, about things that most people had never heard of. He was driven out of every shul, *beis midrash*, and lived out his days in lonely isolation, refusing to eat food that he had cooked, because it was not *l’mehadrin* enough.

⁴⁵ The *Even Chasuna* is lenient here in cases of *cheapskate gadol*, great miserliness.

5. New *Simcha Procedures*[®] allow for one jar of herring, one box of crackers, one bottle of wine, and twelve rugalach.⁴⁶
6. Prominent leaders are exempt from these guidelines. However they cannot attend an engagement which does not conform to the guidelines and they must enforce them.⁴⁷
7. Different *minhagim* about what gifts should be exchanged have evolved over the centuries.⁴⁸ A person should follow their mother-in-law-to-be's minhag if she has one.⁴⁹ If not, they should follow the minhag of *Gedolei Yisroel*.⁵⁰
8. After the engagement, couples are forbidden to see or speak to the other.⁵¹

The End

⁴⁶ In order to limit spending on elaborate pre-nuptial celebrations, which most families can ill afford, our sages have instituted a limit on who may attend and how much you can spend. Therefore, ONLY the bride and groom to be (*chossen* and *kallah*) may attend the L'chaim. All others are forbidden from participation.

⁴⁷ See *Para Aduma B'zmaneinu*.

⁴⁸ For example: In Persia men gave their fiancées rugs, and Grecian Jewesses gave their fiancée fishing nets. In Bulgaria the couple exchanged feta cheese recipes, and Jews of Lower Bohemia exchanged cart-fulls of discarded grape skins. The Jews of Sicily had the unique custom of exchanging coffins. See *Shulchan Ha Shadchan*, *Kedushas Matanos l'shudduch*, and the *Netivos Shidduch*.

⁴⁹ Follows the commentary of *Meir Aynayim*. This is not just good advice, but based on the pasuk in Mishle, Proverbs, and "She cannot be pleased, only placated."

⁵⁰ Women give their *chossen*: subscription to the Jewish Observer, years supply of socks and undershirts, silver *nagle wasser* cup and bowl set. Men give their *kalloh*: the five volume classic *Why Support A Husband in Learning*, business cards for her job search, white gloves, and a gold-plated *shaitel* stand.

⁵¹ See *Kol Sasson V' Kol Simcho*. The *Kol Kalloh* argues vehemently calling the *Kol Sasson* a "Slovakian Meatball," and that couples should be able to speak by phone. The Shnitzler Rebbe in *Dinah, Rina, v'Chedva*, poskens to allow messages exchange by couriers. The *Yotzer HaAdam*, *Tzelem Dmus*, and *Daas Moshe v'Yisoel* don't understand all the fuss as long as she is covered with a sheet, and he is handcuffed. The *Kol Mitzhalos Chasanim Mechuposom* rules that today we can rely on the *heter* of *Achrei Rabim Lehatos*. Poskim have no idea what he means, doubt he was a Rabbi at all, and claims he sold insurance.

\ SHIDDUCH COMPATABILITY TEST[®] / Shidduch Factor[™]

Before you start to go on shidduchim, or even if you have been going on shidduchim for many years, this compatibility test will help streamline the shidduch process. It will take much of the guesswork and anxiety out of the first meeting. After you complete the test, you will have a Shidduch Factor[™] number which can be entered into a national database, shared with friends, and family. Instead of sharing potential *loshon hora*, you simply state the Shidduch Factor[™] range and you know immediately if they are potentially compatible. For example, if you are approached and asked about Mr. Smith, you can answer, “He needs a girl with a Shidduch Factor[™] between 75-82.” See how easy that is?

Instructions: Use pencils to circle the most appropriate answer. If you do not see an answer that is exact, try to closest one. Then use the key below to add up your total, called the Shidduch Factor[™].

1. Eating *Gebrucks* is
 - a. So severe, one should sacrifice their life before eating it
 - b. A stringency
 - c. For the 8th day of Pesach
 - d. For Jews who are off the derech
 - e. My favorite part of Pesach
2. Our first Bris Banquet should be....
 - a. a catered affair
 - b. a sit-down meal lovingly prepared in our mothers' kitchens
 - c. served buffet style
 - d. vegetarian pot-luck
 - e. brought in boxes from Pizza World
3. A new mini-van should be selected based on....
 - a. its purchase price
 - b. its performance, repair and insurance costs
 - c. the number of dings and scratches per 100,000 miles
 - d. its color
 - e. the number of car seats it can accommodate
4. The toilet seat must, according to halacha, always be
 - a. down, with the lid closed
 - b. down, with the lid up
 - c. left up
 - d. left up or down, it doesn't matter
 - e. up in his bathroom, down in her bathroom
5. The proper location for dirty clothes is....

- a. the clothes hamper
 - b. the floor near the clothes hamper
 - c. the floor in the room where the hamper is located
 - d. on the furniture in the room where the hamper is located
 - e. near the bed so you can wear them again the next day
6. Supporting a family is
- a. the responsibility of the husband
 - b. shared responsibility
 - c. The wife's father's worry
 - d. left up to Uncle Sam
 - e. Women's work. Men don't get their hands dirty.
7. The number of children that I want to have is,
- a. as many as G-d gives us
 - b. at least 9
 - c. at least 6
 - d. at least 2
 - e. Children? What for?
8. Diapers are changed by....
- a. the wife
 - b. the wife and the maid
 - c. the wife, the maid and the babysitter
 - d. the sister, the aunt, the wife, and their mother
 - e. random acts of kindness
9. My idea of an exotic vacation destination is....
- a. Hawaii
 - b. the South Pacific
 - c. Thailand
 - d. newly-opened regions of China
 - e. Boro Park
10. If we have an argument
- a. we make up before we go to bed
 - b. we read Rabbi Peleg Zisskind's *Marriage for the Emotionally Impaired*
 - c. we fast, receive tehillim, and do tshuva
 - d. we call the Rabbi
 - e. He apologizes. She's already decided it's his fault anyway

Add your points based on the following calculations: a=10, b=8, c=6, d=3, e=1. For example: An "a" equals ten points. Remember your Shidduch Factor™ number, print it on Shidduch Factor Cards™ which can be exchanged, and wait for G-d to do the rest.

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One day a feisty student approached the saintly Haimish L'Chaim, and asked: "Is it true that there is no place in the world that is free from the *yetzer hora*." The esteemed sage stopped dead in his tracks and stared the young man straight in the eyes. His vision penetrated like laser-guided cruise missiles. He whispered something inaudible. The young man fainted at once.

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On a train from Warsaw to Frankfurt, the Haimish L'Chaim commented, "so many tracks, so many girls."

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Many times the Holy sage was approached to lend his support for one organization or another. From political to social groups he always refused. He was also approached to endorse various books, weekly magazines, and even torah institutions. He was offered lucrative promotional incentives from Boorsolana, and H&H Clothiers to put their brand name on his hat, jacket, tallis and tefillin. He always kindly refused stating that he was no one to promote a cause, and certainly didn't want anyone making a living from his notoriety.

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Once a famous conductor came to the visit the Holy sage. He was having great difficulty with the third movement of Handel's *What a Mechayah*. It just didn't sound right. He explained the problem, and the learned luminary lighted upon his feet, grabbed the baton from the conductor's hand, and proceeded to illustrate exactly how the conductor had to lead that decisive moment in the piece.

C

Many are the books about the saintliness of the Haimish L'Chaim, a child prodigy who mastered the entire talmud at age two. He answered the greatest Rabbis of Europe by age five. Once the Gaon of Chelm asked his mother why she merited having such a son who is a towering genius, leader of a generation? She said, "if I could only get him to clean up his room."

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Creator of the Universe,

may it be Your Will, that you grant me the merit today and everyday that I don't have any gunk in my teeth.

May I be zealous to gargle with mouthwash, smile, and tie my shoes. May I not speak of my parent's neurosis, or my years of psychotherapy. May I be zealous not to complain about the ways of others who are happily married, making jokes about being tied down and under the thumb. May I be zealous not to speak words of anger, hurt, falsehood, flattery, strife, arrogance, embarrassment, or mockery on my dates.

Grant me the merit today to know the right *shadchan*, singles events, and *kiddushes*. Grant me the merit of finding a physically fit, and financially loaded soul-mate, so that all my deeds and words will be for the sake of heaven.

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