



How to Research a Shidduch Suggestion

- How long have you known him/her and how well do you know him/her?
- Does he/she have good *middos* and character traits/ Is he a *mentch*?
- How are his/her communication skills?
- Is he/she a growing person or is he/she happy where he/she is?
- Describe his/her personality.
- Describe his/her connection to *yiddishkeit*.
- Why do you think he/she would be a good match for me?
- What type of spouse and parent do you think he/she would be like?
- How does he/she like to have fun, spend vacations, use spare time?
- What type of person is he/she looking for?
- Does he/she have a *Rav*?
- What are his/her parents like? What are his/her siblings like?
- Is there *Shalom Bayis* in the parents' home?
- What are his/her friends like?
- Does he value *davening* with a *minyán*? Does he have a regular learning *seder*?
- Would she value her husband *davening* with a *minyán*, and learning regularly?
- What are his/her plans, short and long term? *Kollel*/College/Profession/*Klei Kodesh*
- Did he/she learn in Israel?
- What kind of lifestyle would he/she like to have?
- Is he/she a high maintenance type or can he/she sacrifice for a *Kollel* lifestyle?
- Does he smoke or drink?
- Is he/she patient, kind, and what are his/her particularly outstanding *middos*?
- Have you ever seen him/her deal with an emergency or crisis? How did he/she react?
- Is he/she emotionally stable? Does he/she have the need for any medication?
- What qualities can he/she bring to a marriage?
- What kind of relationship does he/she have with his/her parents? With his/her siblings?
- What kind of relationship do his/her siblings have with their parents? With each other?
- Do you have any reservations in recommending him/her as a marriage partner?

The above questions are meant to act as a general guide, and touch on many topics that carry significance with respect to shidduchim. However, this list is neither exhaustive, nor should one attempt to ask all of the above questions in the course of each call that is made when looking into a shidduch. One must use their own personal judgement when researching a shidduch, and stay focused on those areas of research that they feel are most relevant to their needs.