



# Tips for Bochorim

*It's H this will be easier than you thought, so relax and enjoy the ride!*

*ALL of these situations have occurred on dates in the past. This effort is to try and help them NOT be repeated in the future. You may already know most of this, but most guys will find something they can learn here:*

*Most of these tips apply not just dating but to relationships/life in general.*

!!!! Turn off cell phones.

1. Be a mentch to your date and all you encounter; i.e. waiters, valets, etc.
2. It is nice to open the door of the car and let her enter first when you are outside of Crown Heights. Also open the door to a place you enter; Hotel lobby, etc.
3. Don't use vulgar guy language around a girl; bathroom words, he or she is "hot", or swear words, even things like "p'ed off", Da\_\_ it, my G\_\_D.
4. Walk next to your date, not ahead of her.
5. Thank the waiter, parking attendant, door man etc. She is watching to see how you treat other people, especially the server classes.
6. Make sure she gets into her house safely, don't just zoom off.
7. Offer to buy drinks (or snacks if the date is long). If she says no thank you, say, "are you sure, I'd really like a drink and would feel better if you had one too". Or wait and ask again later, and if she doesn't want a drink, maybe order one anyway, since some girls are embarrassed to say they want something. Buy drinks for both of you, don't try to save \$

by not ordering for yourself, she won't feel comfortable if you don't get one.

8. If you are late, call to let her know, and apologize.
9. Admit when you are wrong, some guys have trouble with this.
10. Don't compliment her clothing etc., but do compliment her if she does something considerate or kind.
11. Treat her as you would want to be treated. Even if you will never see her again, she might be the one to suggest your bashert. Also, her friends will hear about what you did or said.
12. If she or her parents have a car and they offer to let you use it, then always put gas in the car, more than you use. If you want to show you are really a mentch, then fill it up!
13. Do not ask her for the next date until you ask the shadchan if she is ready for it. Better to take things slow than rush them, and risk making her feel uncomfortable.
14. Don't put others down; it is a bad reflection on YOU.
15. Don't insist that you are right.
16. Maturity is when you know when to fight and when NOT to fight for something.
17. Do give a choice of places to go if you can. Check out opening times and parking arrangements ahead of time. If you see she's wearing high heels, don't take her for a hike. If she doesn't have a sweater and it is cool outside, don't take a long walk.





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18. Even if she says something negative about her family, do not remind her that her family is \_\_\_\_\_. A person may want to say something negative about her family. We should remember to listen and possibly ask for clarification questions. And not use it against them in the future. Such as “you know your father always ....”.
19. Thank her for spending the evening with you.
20. Relax and be yourself, try to enjoy and have a good time.
21. Look your best, a nice suit and hat, pressed shirt (buy new ones if needed) arrange/comb your beard. "You only have one chance to make a good first impression".
22. Stand tall; don't slouch.
23. If you have a medical or emotional/psychological problem or require medication, tell her on the 3rd date (or ask a Rov when to tell). Withholding information about these things destroys trust. A marriage must be built on mutual trust.
24. Don't get too drunk/ lose control, at your lechaim Or anytime for that matter.
25. Do be a mentch!!! Always, it works much better anyway :)))
26. If you see that she is not for you, spend the date talking to her and getting to know her so that you can recommend her for a friend. This will bring bracha to you and is a zchus too. It is a great way to make a kli. Never just drop her off very early (A first date should be about 2 1/2 - 3 hours). This is very insulting and arrogant. No one likes arrogance. She has helped you get one step closer to your bashert. Show appreciation and treat her the way you would want to be treated.
27. If your mother made you go on this date, PLEASE don't say this to your date.
28. PLEASE GET BACK TO SHADCHAN ASAP, WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER EACH DATE.
29. Ask her open-ended questions that require more than a one-word answer. Really listen and comment to show that you heard.

Mazal, bracha and clarity!

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