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Introducing My Date to My Medical Issue

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I had finally met someone – possibly The One. But I was faced with the unpleasant responsibility of having to reveal to him my medical issue and I knew this could make or break our relationship.

The time was right: women's intuition, the backing of my *Rav* and my *frum* therapist confirmed that for me. I had *emunah* that this would work out for the best. I repeated to myself the words of Queen Esther, as she prepared to confront King Achashveirosh, "Ka'asher Avaditi Avaditi." I told myself, if he were not able to handle it, I wouldn't want him anyway. But if he can handle it, if he rises to the challenge, this will bring us closer.

I was very upfront and honest: I laid all the cards on the table. I told him all about my condition and its ramifications for marriage and children. And he responded with a strong verbal commitment to be there for me no matter what.

His *Rav* advised that we go to my doctor together and that he should speak to the doctor alone. I *davened* so fervently that

this would work out. When he walked out of the doctor's office after a brief meeting, he suggested we go out to dinner. That night... he proposed!

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I'm so thankful to *Hashem* for a *chosson* who really sees the whole picture and evaluated me in my entirety before making a decision. His *Yiras Shamayim*, courage and strength of character are a daily inspiration to me.

I met Shimon from *Frumster*, and believe it or not, I took the first step and contacted him. The fact that he was not intimidated by my lead demonstrated his confidence and self-esteem. It was only due to the securities and controls on the website that I was comfortable initiating contact. As a woman, I felt greatly

empowered as the initiator, but as a *frum* woman, it was equally important for me to maintain the level of *tznius* that I wanted my future relationship to uphold. *Frumster* made it possible for me to achieve both. That Shimon was receptive was the first indication that he would warmly receive the difficult news and problems I needed to share – now and in the future. ■



Chaya and Shimon were married during 5764/2004. They are just one of over 135 couples who have become married through Frumster's Orthodox managed online dating & marriage service.*

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