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TODAY'S FORECAST: Windy, with heavy rain and a thunderstorm in the morning.

at 7 A.M.
45°

at 2 P.M.
45°

at 7 P.M.
40°

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Kosher Meet

Benjamin wanted a girl who wore long sleeves. Rochel would never date a man who wore a knit yarmulke. Five months later, they were married. Thank you, Frumster.com!

The Passaic-based online dating service for Orthodox Jews recently celebrated its 250th marriage since forming in December 2001 (including Jerry and Rachel Schranz of Fair Lawn, seen here, who will celebrate their third anniversary in July).

Frumster.com, whose name is a takeoff of the Yiddish word "frum," meaning religious, has nearly 21,000 members, just under half in the New York metro area. All are screened for religious observance level, sincerity and desire to get married and create a Jewish home, although the Web site has also started reaching out to less-observant Jews who are still serious about making a Jewish match.

Members are asked how often they study Torah and what sort of head covering they wear, along with more traditional dating service questions like education, hobbies, political beliefs and physical attributes. Speaking of which, photos are processed "for sincerity and adherence to Orthodox modesty standards," so no bikinis, please.

— Vicki Hyman

