

Additional Incentive Commitment Contract

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Note: the word “I” from here on refers to the undersigned Jewish male or female

**WHEREAS I am a Jewish single who has reached marriageable age and
WHEREAS I recognize my obligation to myself and to the perpetuation of the
Jewish people through my potential children and
WHEREAS I hereby affirm my definite determination to fulfill this, the very first
Mitzvah of the Torah and**

**WHEREAS I recognize that there may be a variety of factors which impede many
Jewish singles today from getting married at what is traditionally considered a
reasonable age and**

**WHEREAS I am determined to overcome any and all such factors, as they may
pertain to my individual situation, i.e. come what may, I Will Definitely Put Marriage
As One Of My Highest, If Not Highest, Priorities and cannot see myself continue in an
unmarried state for more than the next:: (fill in #): _____ months _____ year(s) and**

**WHEREAS I fully recognize that marriage is not totally dependent on one’s
determination to marry, but comes about also as a result of G-d’s involvement in
making various circumstances come together at the right time, so as to permit one to
meet, “recognize” and accept one’s “bashert”__predetermined soul-mate, and
WHEREAS man or woman, being granted freedom of choice, may sometimes
“bungle up” things as a result of certain attitudes, fears, and wrong choices, and
WHEREAS I, as stated above, will strive to overcome all such inner obstacles that
may hinder my making the right choice at the right time,**

**I HEREBY DECLARE in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that I will make
honest efforts at dating only the kind of persons considered good marriage
potentials for me, and do so with the goal of eventual marriage in mind and that
I will strive to have a reasonable “shopping list” of the attributes I seek in a spouse
and that**

**I will not expect the exact same attributes I was looking for 5 years ago and that
I will be satisfied if someone “fits the bill” by:**

**(Circle one) 90% - 85% - 80% - 75% - other: ___ % of my expectations, and that
I will not expect sudden “ringing of bells” and “flashes of chemistry” to be the sole
determinants for choosing a spouse, and that**

**If, after going out on (fill in #) ___ dates with the same person, (s)he fits the above-
mentioned percentile, is someone whose company and conversation I enjoy and
appreciate, and who is basically aligned with me in terms of religious level,
intelligence, and**

**(for women) is reasonably able to support me, though he may not be a “top-notch
professional”**

(for men) is pleasant-looking to me, though she may not be a “striking beauty”

THEN, much as Nachshon ben Aminadav did when he plunged first into the Red Sea and thereby activated its splitting __with G-d’s help__ I, too, am hereby making the commitment to plunge into marriage, apply my best efforts at achieving a mutually happy married state, and not run away from it through a hasty divorce. And, in conclusion, I am concurrently beseeching G-d to meet me half-way and do His share in helping me find my bashert spouse, and grant me the wisdom to “recognize and accept”.

To this I have hereby affixed my signature on this day:

Date: _____

Your signature: _____

Witness: _____

Witness: _____

Note: any change made in the text of this contractual statement must be initialed by both witnesses.

Suggestions: after signing, make 2 copies of the original. Keep the original in a safe place, and display the two copies, one at home and one at work, so that you will see them several times a day. Framing is optional. Make some additional copies for your single friends and challenge them to emulate your commitment..

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