

# Suggested Opportunities For Making One's Husband Feel Special

1. Discontinuing telephone conversations to greet and converse<sup>1</sup> with one's husband upon his arrival home<sup>2</sup>.
2. Making sure the husband's place at the table is set<sup>3</sup> before<sup>4</sup> he comes home<sup>5</sup>.
3. When the family eats together the husband should always be served first<sup>6</sup>.
4. Going out of one's way to provide one's husband with his favorite food even though he did not openly request it.
5. In discussions with the children on important issues state - What does Taty/Daddy feel on the matter<sup>7</sup>.
6. Refrain from unnecessarily contradicting or even correcting one's husband [at least in front of the children] on matters that have no immediate significance.
7. Disagreements that can turn personal should be conducted only in private.
8. The fact that a wife upon marriage accepts upon herself all her husband's customs<sup>8</sup> and *halachic rulings*<sup>9</sup> is a powerful expression of honor to him.



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1. If the husband is not interested at that moment in engaging in conversation with her for whatever reason, the wife should still interrupt her phone conversation just to greet him and then she can resume her phone conversation.
  2. Ignoring one's spouse upon their entry to the house can be perceived as a subtle lack of respect.
  3. If there is a concern the children will mess up the setting prior to his arrival, perhaps one should place the entire setting on a tray to be kept in a safe place until his arrival (a little creativity can go a long way).
  4. This suggestion might be impossible to implement for extremely busy women with young children at home. However, it can be important to internalize it as an ideal to strive for in the future.
  5. This action proclaims to the entire family that the wife views the husband as special.
  6. Except in a situation where the children are really hungry and they are too young to understand any delay.
  7. This is a great way of conveying your respect of your spouse to the children.
  8. This applies to all areas of religious life such as *nusach hatifilah* (Sefard or Ashkenaz), *cholov yisroel*, *yoshon*, which foods can be eaten on *Pesach* and the like. According to Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach z"l when a woman changes any of her previous customs to that of her husband she does not even need *hataras nedarim* (*Halichos Shlomo, Tefilah* (41:7)).
  9. Every couple should agree upon a specific *Rav* that they are both going to follow regarding unclear *halachic* matters. Sometimes a separate *Rov* can be designated for different areas of *Halacha* or *Hashkofah*.