



## Because Nobody's Home

### PART TWO

(Continuation of the article "Downsizing")

The dust settles, the moving boxes are gone and we look at our tiny 2x2 apartment with half a smile and say to ourselves, "Hey! **Nobody's Home!** My oh my! We are back to square one!" The house is so quiet, you can literally hear half a pin drop! The sink and counters are squeaky clean, and they might even stay that way for the entire day *and* tomorrow! The floor needs no mop, or even a sweep, because nobody's home to drop or spill cereal or breadcrumbs, paper scraps or potato chips, candy wrappers or orange juice.

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The color-coordinated cushions line the couch in perfect order as they sit there staring impatiently, holding their breath for someone, *anyone*, to come and throw them around! The way life used to be.

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Even the washing machine is throwing a tantrum, missing the good old days of action, activity, life! The laundry room is complaining how life has now gotten so dull and boring with nothing to do all day....

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Imagine not having to vacuum for one whole week! Poor, sad vacuum cleaner, sitting in the corner of the spare room, awaiting that faithful day when someone will make use of her again! It looks as if the life was sucked out of her, poor thing (mind the pun ☺).

On the other hand, though! Imagine the fridge and pantry, smiling from ear to ear with content because they are full to the brim with all of life's goodies! After all, **Nobody's Home** to finish everything off to the very last crumb!

Imagine finding your half-eaten, chocolate-covered cookie still sitting on the shelf wrapped in gladwrap where you left it, anticipating only *you* to come back and finish it off!

Imagine finding your favourite bar of chocolate; relaxed, smiling, sitting and awaiting your return to take good care of her! (No more hiding her under the lettuce, or in the linen closet, or any other hide-and-seek places you can think of....)

Imagine this.....

You are home alone, back to square one with just your spouse – the very one you started out with, once upon a time, long, long ago, before BC (Birthing Children)! Imagine just you and your loved one having no distractions and being the only sweet voices that are echoed in your home!

Imagine this.....

You can actually hear the sound of the keys opening your front door at the same time every night. Your spouse comes home from work and says "Honey! I'm home!" And he actually walks around the house looking for you! You exchange small talk, and he says "Honey, I brought this home for you – I remembered you like coffee yogurt!" And he opens the fridge and says "Hey! You made me my favourite compote!" And the focus becomes just the two of you. Because you're back to Square One. It is just the two of you. And **Nobody's Home**!



Honeymoon days are back!

Time to wrap yourself around the 'new you' and get used to being spoiled again! Time to realize that you are now going to be spending the rest of your precious life with this same one person that will be coming in that very door every single day with the same sound of the same keys. Looking for you!

Wind the clock back to the first year BC. (Before Children came into our lives!)

The perfect spouse with no flaws!

The romance; the warm-feelings-of-love-that-would-last-forever type of feeling! Let's bring back the honeymoon days and 'life is beautiful' feelings, where it is only you and your spouse, and nothing else matters!

Those days where it was easy to live by my favorite slogan, "What can I do for you?" rather than "What can you do for me?"

Let's wind the clock back to those early, just-married years and slip into those fantasy slippers that tiptoed through your tiny first apartment while your spouse was having a nap and you wouldn't dare wake them up..... Or, make their favourite dish that only their mom knew the exact recipe for, but you tried it over and over again, until you received the glowing smile that *this* time you got it right!

Let's wind back the clock to 'just been married' and remember the feeling that 'nobody else is more important than you' that you shared with your brand-new partner....

Because **Nobody's Home** is the best reason to take this rich, rewarding experience awaiting you – to reconnect with each other, to reaffirm your loving bond with each other that may have not had enough time AC (after children were born) and count your blessings together every single moment of every day – the awesome blessings you have together accomplished with the help of Hashem!

When **Nobody's Home** is the time to realize a new chapter in your lives; that you are so blessed to now focus on the other more than ever before!

When **Nobody's Home** is a goldmine waiting for you to unwrap all the amazing qualities that each of you has to offer the other, which can now be expressed like new honeymooners. It's like getting a new lease on life!

What a gift!