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LIZA'S HOT NEW MAN

ONLY days after pulling the plug on her 16-month marriage, Liza has bounced back with a new man in her life — former Israeli commando Yossi Dina.

And the 57-year-old star's macho beau is the flip side of her estranged hubby David Gest.

When contacted by *The ENQUIRER*, Yossi, 49, confirmed that he and Liza are dating.

"Liza's one of the best people I've ever met," he said.

"She's not only a beautiful person but she's also my best and most wonderful friend. I know I can count on her — and she can count on me for anything.

"I'm pleased to say she's doing great these days. She's staying sober and handling her life very well."

Liza and Yossi — who co-owns South Beverly Wilshire Jewelry & Loan in Beverly Hills — have known each other socially for several years. And they got together again in early October when Liza asked Yossi to escort her to a black-tie gala in Los Angeles, an insider revealed.

"Liza is used to having a man by her side and didn't

want to go to the event alone.

"Even though Liza and Yossi went out together before David filed his \$10 million pain and suffering suit against Liza, all the attention this has brought has only drawn them closer together."

When Liza returned to Los Angeles after spending a few weeks in New York, Yossi was the first person she contacted — and the romance heated up, said the insider.

"He's the polar opposite of David. Before he moved to the U.S. he served in the Israeli military in the Massad, Israel's equivalent of the CIA.

"Having a macho man like Yossi to lean on at this troubled time in her life is just what Liza needs."

Added an inside source: "Liza and Yossi went to the opening of the new Walt Disney Concert Hall together as well as the Actors' Fund benefit gala.

"When out of the public eye the two lovebirds also took in several intimate dinners in town.

"Liza's so happy to have found Yossi."

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