



The mitzvoh

מצוה מ"ג



מצוות יעוד אמה העבריה



Explanation

A person who buys a Jewish maidservant under the age of 12, must marry her or marry her off to his son.



Type of mitzvoh

מצוות עשה



Torah source

אם רעה בעיני אדניה אשר לו יעדה
(פרשת משפטים כא, ח)



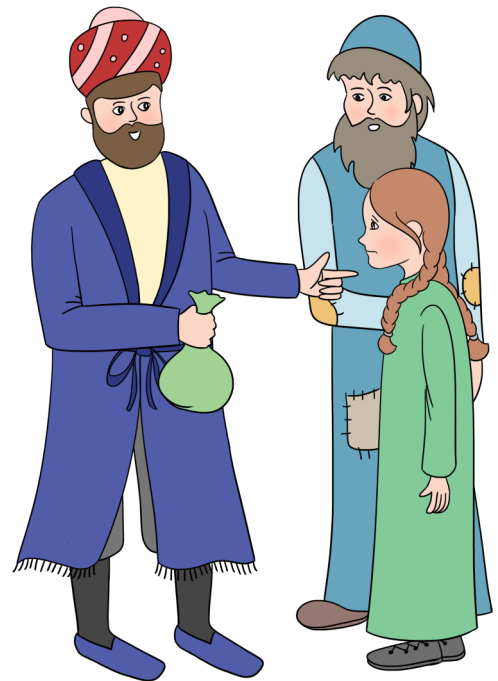
The reason for the mitzvoh

Hakodosh Boruch Hu had compassion on a Jewish girl who had to be sold as a maidservant because of the poverty in her home, and He therefore gave a mitzvoh to the master to marry her, so that she return to being an important woman and not a poor



When does the mitzvoh apply?

It applies to men and women in all places, only during times when the Yovel year is kept.





Specific Laws

1. The Torah allowed a person to sell his daughter as a maidservant while she was under bas mitzvoh. The sale is with money or a deed of sale.
2. The mitzvoh of designating can only be performed if the maidservant agrees, but we don't need her father's agreement.
3. If the master did not keep the mitzvoh of designating her, the maidservant goes free six years after her she is sold, or when she becomes bas mitzvoh at the age of 12.