

## Parshat Mishpatim

- "ha'isha v'yladeha t'hiye l'adneha" by Rabbi Aharon Ziegler

Thank you -to all those who sent in answers to my Torah question. Many of you were on the right track.

Obviously, the Torah states : Ha'isha vi'y'ladeha ti'h'ye l'adneha.

Thus, the children born to this Eved Ivri and Shifcha, remain as avadim, while the eved ivri goes out afte seven years.

That in itself does not prove the status of the children, because we do not know the status of the shifcha, perhaps she was an Ivriya.

However, there is one halakhic link that is stated in gemara Kiddushin.

Namely, a father can only sell his daughter as an amah ivriya while she is a naarah. Once she passes that legal age limit past na'arut, she goes free. One of the simanim of leaving period of naarut is child bearing age, which is tantamount to shteit saarot.

Therefore, if this woman glives birth to children, she cannot be regarded as a naarah, and if she were an amah ivriya, she would automatically go out. The fact that she remains in avdut proves that she must be a shifcha k'naanit. Yet , the children stay with her and not with the Jewish father. Proving , that the children follow status of mother.

Shabbat Shalom,  
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