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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Behar: (ויקרא כה:ו)

לְעֵלָם בְּהֵם תַּעֲבֹדוּ

A non-Jewish slave works for a Yid forever, unless the Yid hurts him in certain ways.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Kiddushin and Mesechta Gittin

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (דברים כג:טז)

לֹא תִסְגִּיר עֶבֶד אֶל אֲדֹנָיו

If a non-Jewish slave runs away to Eretz Yisroel, he becomes free and becomes a *ger*. It is *asur* to give him back to whoever bought him. Instead, the amount of money he is worth needs to be paid to the person who owned him before, and he doesn't go back to being a slave.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Kiddushin and Mesechta Gittin

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עֲמֵךְ יֵשֵׁב בְּקִרְבְּךָ בַּמָּקוֹם
אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר ... בְּטוֹב לוֹ
לֹא תוֹנְנוּ

It is *asur* to say anything mean to a non-Jewish slave who ran away to Eretz Yisroel and became a Yid.

Rambam: Hilchos Avodim

PEREK ZAYIN

In today's Rambam, we learn more of the *halachos* of the *shtar* (document) that the master gives to his servant to make him free.

We learn that if many servants are going free, each servant needs his own *shtar* to say that he is free. We also learn that the master has to say that he owns NOTHING that belongs to the servant! If he writes that the servant is free, but he still has to polish the master's shoes, the *shtar* isn't good.

PEREK CHES

If a Jew sells a slave to a non-Jew, he gets a *knas* (fine) that he has to pay up to 10 times as much as the slave is worth to set him free!

There are also other things that the master can do that will set his slave free. For example if he puts *tefillin* on his slave, that shows that he doesn't consider him a servant anymore, and he goes free! But if he taught him Torah that's not a proof that he doesn't consider him a servant.

We also learn the last two *mitzvos* of a slave that escapes to Eretz Yisroel, not to send him back, and to treat him well.

PEREK TES

Finally, the Rambam teaches us a very important lesson in our lives. Although we are allowed to be strict and make our non Jewish slave work hard, a Yid should have *rachmanus*. The *chachomim* would give from all of their food and drink to their slaves and feed them first. Hashem has *rachmanus* on those who have *rachmanus* on others.

Mazel Tov!
We have finished
Sefer Kinyan!