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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (בראשית א:כה)

שֵׂאֲרָה כְּסוּתָהּ וְעִנְתָּהּ  
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In today's *Sefer Hamitzvos*, we again learn the *mitzvah* that a man has to do certain things for his wife — two of them are that he has to take care of making sure she has food and clothes.

## Rambam: Hilchos Ishus

### PERAKIM YUD-ZAYIN, YUD-CHES AND YUD-TES

In today's Rambam, we are learning many *halachos* about the *Kesuba*. The *Kesuba* promises the wife that if they can't be married anymore or the husband passes away, the woman will have money and not be stuck without any money to live.

Usually, if a husband passes away, the wife gets the amount written in the *Kesuba*. But what if the husband owed money to other people, and there's not enough to give the wife her *Kesuba* AND to pay back what he owes?

The Rambam tells us that it's more important to pay back the money the husband owes, even if there is no money left to pay the *Kesuba*. That's because the people that loaned him money were expecting to get that back, and if they don't, that money was wasted. But the wife didn't get married FOR the money, she got married to have a husband, so even without the *Kesuba*, she still got what she wanted.

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