

***Amah Ivriyah* (Hebrew Maidservant)**

Ref: Sefer Kinyan, Hilchot Avadim, Chapter 4

📖 | To redeem a Hebrew maidservant.⁸

An *amah Ivriyah* is a girl below the age of majority (i.e. normally less than 12) – A *ketanah*, who has been sold by her father due to extreme poverty. (But this age could stretch to 35. see above Table)

Because it is a shame to have such a situation, it is a *mitzvah* for her father to redeem her. If this is not possible, she has to work until she is released or reaches majority or has worked for 6 years.

| | Can be sold |
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| <i>Ketanah</i> | ✓ |
| <i>Naarah</i> | ✗ |
| <i>Bogeret</i> | ✗ |
| <i>Aylonit</i> until she reaches majority | ✓ because still considered <i>ketanah</i> |
| <i>Tumtum</i> | ✗ |
| <i>Androgynous</i> | ✗ |