## **REISHIT: KOSHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

## **PETTER RECHEM**

## Selling Mother Animal before Birth of Petter Rechem

- SITUATION The first-born male baby of a female *kosher* domestic mammal or of a female donkey, if completely owned by a Jew, is a *petter rechem* (which may not be used for any purpose).
- WHAT TO DO Before the mother has her first baby, sell part of her to a non-Jew so the firstborn will not be wholly owned by a Jew and, if male, will not become a *petter rechem. Rabbinic* guidance is recommended!

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