

## PARSHAT MISHPATIM

### THE WOMB AND BEYOND

A deeper look at Torah's enigmatic prohibition of mixing meat and milk sheds new light on life in the womb and after birth as a metaphor for our arduous journey towards personal and collective redemption. (Based on the Maamor V'eiroh 5724 and other sources.)

#### Sources:

1. *Shmot 23.19; Shmot 34.19; Devarim 14.21*  
Do not cook a kid in its mother's milk.  
1) Cook 2) Consume 3) Benefit
2. *Ramban Rereh 14.21*  
Cruelty.
3. *Rikanti Mishpatim. Or HaTorah Mishpatim, Nach 232*  
Prohibition of mixing species. Chesed and Gevurah.
4. *S R Hirsch Mishpatim 23:19*  
Milk - nutrition and propagation (vegetal component). Meat - sensuousness and motion (animal elements)
5. *Sifre Devarim 12.24*  
Blood prohibition.
6. *Talmud Niddah 9A*  
The blood decomposes and becomes milk.
7. *Yechezkel 19*  
The Exodus was the birth of the Jewish people.
8. *Talmud Niddah 30A*  
The fetus in the mother's womb . . . its head placed between its knees . . . its mouth is closed and its navel is open and it eats of what its mother eats and drinks of what its mother drinks . . .
9. *Talmud Niddah 42B*  
I heard the child cry toward evening on the eve of Shabbat.

10. *Job 12.11*

The palate tastes the food.

11. *Zohar 2:254*

Chochma discerns.

Taste. Reason. 'Ta-am' טעם

12. *Song of Songs 1:9. Zohar 3 7.2*

My friend. My provider. רעייתי פרנסתי

13. *Shir Hashirim 4:11*

Honey and Milk under your tongue.

14. *Bechaya Mishpatim 23:19*

At the future time the prohibition of mixing meat and milk will be nullified.