

מְצוֹת
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Yisro: (שמות כ"י)

לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה כָּל מְלָאכָה

Today's *mitzvah* is that we are not allowed to do *melacha* on Shabbos.

This is the matching *mitzvah* to the one we just learned yesterday and the day before. Hashem often gives us TWO *mitzvos* for one thing so we get double rewards — one for the *Mitzvas Asei*, doing what we are supposed to do, and one for the *Mitzvas Lo Saasei*, not doing what Hashem told us not to!



The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Shabbos

Rambam: Hilchos Shabbos

PEREK VOV

In this *perek*, we learn that the *Chachomim* made it *asur* to tell a *goy* to do something for us on Shabbos, so that we won't treat Shabbos lightly and come to do the *melacha* ourselves. There are some times we are allowed to ask a *goy* to do something, like if someone is even a little bit sick or if it is important for another *mitzvah*.

We are not allowed to have any benefit from *melacha* that was done on Shabbos when it is *asur*, even if it was done by a *goy*.

PEREK ZAYIN

We now start to learn the 39 *melachos* of Shabbos! The Rambam lists them, and teaches us the difference between an *Av Melacha* and a *Tolda*. The *Av Melacha* is the way the *melacha* was done to build the *Mishkan*. A *tolda* is something that accomplishes the same thing, but in a different way.

PEREK CHES

In this *perek*, we learn the first 10 *melachos*, from plowing the earth to kneading the dough. The Rambam tells us the *halachos* of each of these *melachos*.