

AV MELACHOS INVOLVED IN PREPARING MATZAH

The purpose of the first 11 Melachos listed below, according to the Talmud Yerushalmi, was to prepare loaves of bread for the Lechem Haponim.

(Alternately; to grow and process plants needed to color the wool and skins.)

חורש - Plowing - : Preparing the earth for planting.



זורע - Planting:
Causing plants to grow.



קוצר - Harvesting:
Detaching a plant.

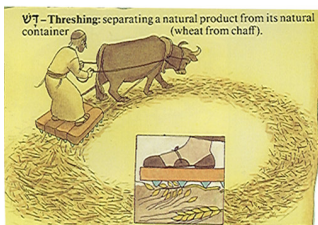


תעמר - Gathering:

Collecting natural produce into a bundle.
(Applies only to products that were grown.)



לש - Threshing:
Separating a natural product from its natural container.

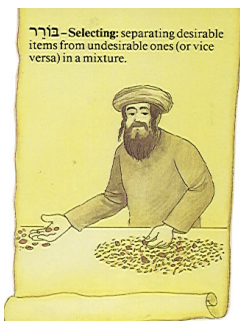


זורה - Winnowing:

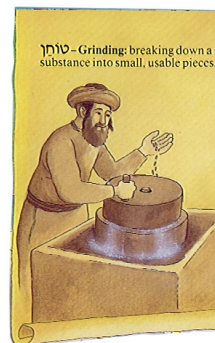
Using the wind to separate wanted from unwanted objects.



בורר - Selecting:
Separating desirable items from undesirable ones (or vice versa) in a mixture.



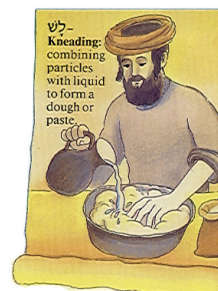
טוחן - Grinding:
Breaking down a substance into small, usable pieces.



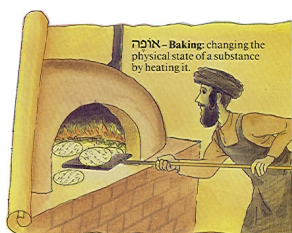
מרקד - Sifting:
Separating mixed objects with a strainer (sifter).



לש - Kneading:
Combining particles with liquid to form a dough or paste.



אופה - Baking:
Changing the physical state of a substance of a substance by heating it.



The Torah teaches that the 39 major categories of work performed in the construction of the Mishkon are the Avos Melacha, prohibited on Shabbos.

The purpose of the next 13 melachos involved processing wool and weaving it into curtains for the Mishkon .

גוזז - **Shearing:** detaching non-living parts from a person or animal.

מלצן - **Bleaching:** freeing material from unwanted dirt stains, dust, etc.

מנפץ - **Combing:** untangling clumps of raw material into separate parts.

כובע - **Dyeing:** changing or reinforcing color.

טווה - **Spinning:** twisting a strand of fiber into thread.

מיסק - **Threading a loom:** tying the threads from the front to the back roller of a loom.

עושה שני צתי כירין - **Threading a harness (of a loom):** inserting two threads through the rings (one in each harness).

אורג - **Weaving:** pulling across the thread which adds a new row to the material.

פולע - **Separating thread:** cutting or removing the cloth from the loom rollers.

קושר - **Tying:** making a permanent knot.

מתיר - **Untying:** undoing a permanent knot.

תופר - **Sewing:** attaching two materials to one another.

קורע - **Tearing:** ripping apart material for a useful purpose.

The purpose of the following 7 melachos was for preparing the skins for the Mishkon covering.

לך - **Trapping:** restricting the movement of an undomesticated living creature for its use.

שוחט - **Slaughtering:** shortening the life of a living creature for its use.

מפשיט - **Skinning:** separating the skin from the flesh of a dead animal.

מעצב - **Tanning:** processing raw materials physically or chemically.

מתחקה - **Smoothing:** rubbing an object to reduce roughness or form a shape.

משרטט - **Marking:** outlining a surface for a useful purpose.

תחתך - **Cutting to shape:** altering the size or shape of an object for functional use.

The following 2 melachos were needed to rebuild the Mishkon properly. Letters were written on the pillars identify their position. Letters were often erased and rewritten.

כותב - **Writing:** creating meaningful images.

מוחק - **Erasing:** a cleaning process preparing a surface for writing.

The melachos of building & demolishing were employed to build and take apart the Mishkon when travelling.

בונה - **Building:** constructing or improving a structure.

קותר - **Demolishing:** destroying a structure to enable new construction.

It was necessary to light a fire needed for dyeing wool and smelting metals. Fire was extinguished to make the charcoal.

מכבה - **Extinguishing:** Putting out a fire.

מצער - **Kindling a fire**

This melachah completed metal construction.

מכה צפטיש - **Final Hammer Blow:** to complete the act construction.

This last melachah was needed to move the pillars from the wagons to a Public Area and vice versa; to bring the maasros for the Mishkon from the tents to a Public Area.

מוציא - **Carrying:** between a public area and a private area.