

The 39 Prohibited Categories of Creative Labor

Class 7

וְהִמְסַךְ - Stretching the Threads/Warping

What:

Creating the framework for weaving.

Don't:

Prepare the threads on the frame (create the warp)

Layout the reeds to make a basket

וְהָעוֹשֶׂה שְׁנֵי בְּתֵי נִירִין - Making two meshes/heddles

What:

The setting up of a system to pull the warp threads apart to allow the waft to pass through.

Don't:

Weave in to a basket to hold the warps in place.

Make nets or net like materials

וְהָאוֹרֵג שְׁנֵי חוּטִין - Weaving two threads

What:

The creation of a fabric through the passing of a waft thread over or under the warp threads.

Don't:

Pass the shuttle with the weft through the separated warp threads

Pushing down on the thread passed through to tighten it against the already woven threads

Stretch out a fabric that got snagged to make the snag disappear

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וְהַפּוֹצֵעַ שְׁנֵי חוּטֵיין - Dividing two threads

What:

Detaching the finished material from the loom, fixing a mistake in the weaving process, or unweave to reweave in a patch

Don't:

Tighten the threads of the warp
Repair a broken thread
Tear out a part from a cotton ball
Pull out a "hang" thread
Unravel a string

הַקּוֹשֵׁר - Knotting

What:

The twisting of one pliable object around another to form a craftsman's knot (קשר אומן) or a permanent knot (קשר של קיימא)

Do:

Make temporary knots like a neck tie, slip knot (עניבה) or bow tie (עניבה על גבי קשר) to be untied in 24hours.
Tie a loose double knot on a belt
Wrap a metal twist tie around a bag to close its top

Don't:

Make a ring loop knotted through the nose of a camel for leading it.
Make a ring loop knotted through the bough of a boat for fastening it ashore.
Make any knot that holds tight and will not become undone on its own over normal use.
Make a double knot
Make a single knot on one string

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Tie Tzitzit

Tie a garbage bag shut with one knot

Tie a garbage bag together with a double knot

Tie a bow tie intended to last for more than 24 hours

Twist a metal twist tie to close a bag

Tie a balloon shut

Reinsert the lace in to a hood of a jacket

וְהַפְתִּיר - Untying

What:

Undoing any knot that fits under the previous category.

Do:

Untie a knot that was made unintentionally

Don't:

Untie any permanent knots