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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Vayakhel: (שמות לה:ג)

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Today's *mitzvah* comes from a *posuk* that says “Don’t burn a fire on Shabbos.”

The *Chachomim* ask a very important question: “Isn’t lighting a fire one of the *melachos*? Hashem already told us not to do the *melachos*! Hashem doesn’t give us the same *mitzvah* twice, unless He is teaching us something new. So why does Hashem tell us not to light a fire?”

The *Chachomim* explain that Hashem is telling us not to punish a person on Shabbos, even if he deserves *Sereifah*, a kind of punishment with burning. We learn from here that the *Beis Din* should not have ANY court cases on Shabbos.

## Rambam: Hilchos Shabbos

### PEREK YUD-BEIS, YUD-GIMMEL, AND YUD-DALED

In today’s Rambam, we learn about three of the *melachos*: Not to light a fire, not to put out a fire, and not to carry on Shabbos.

If a fire starts on Shabbos, we are not allowed to put it out ourselves unless it will be dangerous. For a small fire that isn’t dangerous, we are allowed to do something so the fire will burn out by itself, like by pouring water or juice AROUND the fire or putting plastic cups of water right next to the fire so it will put itself out.

Of course, for even a medium sized fire, or one that we think MIGHT be dangerous, we need to call the fire department RIGHT AWAY, even on Shabbos, because Hashem says that saving a person’s life is even more important than not doing a *melacha*!

The *melacha* called *hotza’ah* (we usually call it “carrying”) has a lot of details! We learn about the four different *reshuyos*: *Reshus Hayochid*, *Reshus Horabim*, *Karmelis*, and *Mekom Petur*.