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# Dear Editor,

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In a hypothetical, if one were to have to choose between taking a full-time job where the work could end at any moment or a part-time job where there is a guarantee of non-ending work, it would seem logical to take the part-time job.

Thankfully, this hypothetical doesn't exist within the spiritual realm, because there is no limit of work that's needed to refine oneself. The Mishna in Avot (2:20), in not so many words, conveys the notion that there is a lot of work to do and the work is great, and the Owner is knocking. Indeed, within the spiritual arena, there is no shortage of work.

Another Mishna in Avot (2:2) notes that all Torah without work will be nullified. We may posit that one explanation of this Mishna is that all Torah that is not accompanied by spiritual work, makes the Torah an empty idea.

As the book of Genesis comes to a close, it's hard not to be moved by the Avot's spiritual work. To chase their example, the work needed is immense but exists within us to apply. Whatever kind of work you have and no matter how busy you are, in another workplace, the spiritual one, the work never runs out.

**Steven Genack**

## Dear Editor,

Recently, I received an email from a friend who is deaf. She explained how difficult mask mandates have been for her. When she goes to a grocery store, she has to hold a sign or pass a note to the store workers say-

ing, "I am deaf, but I lip-read very well. Please remove your mask so that I can understand you."

She says that many people are afraid to remove their masks and instead write their answers to her. She finds this scenario extremely frustrating, as it takes far longer to write the answer, and it is unnecessary to behave this way. I have heard similar stories from school students who cannot understand professors or classmates when they won't remove their masks.

I request your readers and their friends and contacts: please think about and be sensitive to someone else's needs. Please remove your mask when speaking to a deaf or hearing-impaired person. You can stand six feet away and have your conversation with your mask off and still be safe. During the short time that you converse, you are at minimal or no danger with your mask off. You will make a deaf person's life much easier by making this small adjustment to your mask routine.

**Daniel Feldman**

**Woodmere, NY**

## Dear Editor,

In the spirit of appreciation and gratitude, I am writing this to tell you that our family truly appreciates The Jewish Home every week. So much so, that my wife brings home two copies each week, so there's no fighting amongst us.

In any case, I appreciate that you keep us informed of important topics.

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# Readers Poll

In which seat do you prefer to sit on an airplane: Window or Aisle?

**48%** / **52%**  
Window / Aisle