

Parshat Emor

Seize the Opportunity to Perform Mitzvot

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In this weeks Parsha, Parshat Emor, the Torah says “You shall watch my commandments and perform them. I am Hashem.” Why would Hashem tell us to watch the Mitzvot? Are we not already watching/observing the Mitzvot if we are doing them? We suggest that maybe it means to be vigilant in looking for any chance to do a mitzvah. Very often opportunities to do Mitzvot pass us by because we are not keeping an eye out for these moments in time. It is easy to miss a chance to do good deeds such as helping someone with their work, giving Tzedakah, opening doors for people or helping people move objects. During the Omer, when we are working to improve ourselves, in anticipation of the holiday of Shavuot, it is even more important to be vigilant when it comes to doing Mitzvot. We suggest that everyone should pick daily goals to improve on during the remaining days of the Omer.