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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (זברים כ"ג)

## לא תוכל להִתְעַלֵּם

This *mitzvah* is that we can't ignore something that we find, and just pretend we didn't see it. If we see something lost, and we do ignore it, we are doing this *aveira* — the *Lo Saasei* of *Hashovas Aveidah*.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Bava Metziah perek Beis (Perek Eilu Metzios)

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (שמות כ"ד)

## הַשֵּׁב תְּשִׁיבֵנוּ לוֹ

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei:

## הַשֵּׁב תְּשִׁיבֵם לְאֶחִיךָ

This *mitzvah* is that we need to bring back something we find to the person who lost it. That's the *Mitzvas Asei* of *Hashovas Aveidah*!

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## Hashovas Aveidah

In a *sicha* to children on Monday of *Parshas Ki Seitzei*, when we have some of the *pesukim* about *Hashovas Aveidah*, the Rebbe taught a *hora'ah* we can learn from this *mitzvah*:

When we see a *Yid* that lost something, we are not allowed to ignore it — we need to return it to him. Even if he is not close to you and you don't

know him, as long you know that he lost something, you have to take what he lost, and keep it in your house until you are able to return it to him. But you are not allowed to ignore it and say that you can't help him!

In *Ruchnius*, when a Yid, including a Jewish child, realizes that there is a Yid that lost something, meaning that there is something in his daily life which is not the way it should be by a Yid, the Torah tells us “*Lo Suchal Lehisalem*” — we will not be able to ignore that a Yid needs something, even if we don't know him, that we should help him that his behavior should be the way a Yid should be.

*See Sicha Daled Elul 5739, Likutei Sichos chelek Chof-Daled p. 284-285*

## Rambam: Hilchos Gezeilah VaAveidah

### PEREK TES-ZAYIN

The Rambam explains when you need to return money or a treasure that you find. Usually, you are allowed to keep money that you find in the street, unless it has a *siman* (a sign), like it is arranged in a pile. Money that you find on the counter in a store needs to be returned, but money found on the floor in a store does not need to be.

### PEREK YUD-ZAYIN

Sometimes there is a lost object that the Torah says we do not need to return. There are *halachos* about what we need to do to make it ours. For example, just looking at it and saying, “I found it! I'm keeping it!” is not enough. We need to actually do something, like picking it up, for it to belong to us.

### PEREK YUD-CHES

This *perek* teaches the *halachos* of what we do if we find a *shtar* (contract). One of the *halachos* is that we do NOT give back a contract where somebody owes money, because maybe it was already paid, and if we give it back they will have to pay again!

Now we have finished learning the section of *halachos* about *Gezeilah V'Aveidah*.