# Returning Lost Objects (Hashavat Aveida)

You are required to return a lost object (*hashavat aveida*) to its Jewish owner if you can. This is a *Torah* commandment.

NOTE It is saintly behavior to return lost objects to non-Jews, too, if it will be a *kiddush Hashem*.

NOTE You should tell a person if his or her cigarettes fall out of a pocket, even though the cigarettes are dangerous to the smoker's health.

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