

Acquiring a Lost Article

Ref: *Sefer Nezikin, Hilchot Gezelah Vaaveidah, Chapter 17*

Reminder

Aveidah (Lost Articles). Ref: *Sefer Nezikin, Hilchot Gezelah Veavedah, Chapter 11, 12, 13.*
Definition of Sales. Ref: *Sefer Kinyan, Hilchot Mechirah, Chapter 1-6*



Finder acquires property in following ways:

- Reaches his hand or domain
- *Magbiah* (lifts up)
- *Meshichah* (pulling an animal)
- *Manhigah* (leading animal from behind – like a horse and carriage)
- *Chatzero* (his courtyard acquires the property)

(Man can, female minor can, but a male minor cannot acquire via courtyard.)

This is because a female minor's ability to accept a *get* (divorce) if placed in her courtyard is deduced from the fact that she can accept it in her hand. A male minor does not have the capability to acquire something when it's placed in his courtyard because a male's "courtyard" acquisition is deduced from the *shlichut* (sending a messenger) mechanism, and a minor may not appoint a *shaliach*.

Reminder

Pack on Children



- Field acquires property if he says 'may my field acquire it for me.'
- *Daled amot* (4 *amah* around a person)



Rabanim made these rules to protect people from arguments.

This only applies in a non-crowded area. If it is a public domain with many people, then finder will have to take hold of the article to acquire it.

Certain relatives acquire a lost article for say the father. (E.g. son or daughter who are still supported by father, wife etc.)