

# Tum'a: Leather or Synthetic Shoes

Only leather shoes are considered to carry tum'a.

**REASON** Leather shoes absorb sweat.

**NOTE** There is no problem with cloth or synthetic material shoes (as long as they are not sweaty--even though they also absorb sweat).

**NOTE** Soaking and scrubbing leather shoes to remove the absorbed sweat does not remove the requirement to wash hands after touching those shoes.