Tefilin: Replacing: Tefilin You Had To Take Off or That Fell Off

If you take off your *tefilin* because you have to, such as to go to the bathroom, or if one or both of the *tefilin* fall or slide off your arm or head, say:

- Both blessings again when you replace the head *tefila* (*tefila shel rosh)* on your head.
- Only the first blessing when replacing the arm *tefila* (*tefila shel yad)* on your arm.
- Each blessing in its correct place if you took off both.

REASON We say the blessing again for *tefilin* that fell off because there was discontinuity in thought (*hesech da'at*) when they fell off.

NOTE If you took the *tefilin* off between *bar'chu* and the end of *amida* and replaced them without saying the blessings:

- Wait until after you have finished the *amida*, and then
- Move each of the *tefilin* slightly, first the arm *tefila* and then the head *tefila*, and
- Say the appropriate blessings.

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