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.

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