HAMOTZI: INTERRUPTED MEAL/HESECH DA'AT

Washing Your Hands for Interrupted Meal

SITUATION	You said *ha'motzi*, ate any amount of bread, interrupted your meal and forgot about it, and now wish to resume your meal and eat more bread.
WHAT TO DO	Wash your hands again and say the blessing on washing hands.
NOTE	There is no time limit for this; whenever you forget about the meal, you must rewash before eating more bread. However, you do not say *ha'motzi* if it is within the allowed time to say *birkat ha'mazon.*

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