TEFILIN: REPLACING

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.

Tefilin: Replacing: Tefilin You Took Off by Choice

If you take off your *tefilin* without being required to do so and with the intention of replacing them, do not say the blessings when you replace them on your head and arm.

NOTE If you took the *tefilin* off between *bar'chu* and the end of *amida*, see the note to *Tefilin*: Replacing: *Tefilin* You Had To Take Off or That Fell Off**.**

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