TUM'A: SHOES

Tum'a: Leather Shoes and Washing

After touching leather shoes, you must wash your hands using the *One-Time Method* before saying blessings or prayers or before learning *Torah*.

NOTE If you do not have any water with which to wash your hands, say the blessing or prayer anyway but wipe your hands off on something before saying the blessing.

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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