

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.