

# 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.