

Daf HaYomi B'Halacha



Today's

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TOPICS

Where on the Arm Should the *Tefillin* Be? Washing Hands After Donning *Tefillin* Someone Who is Unable to Don Both *Tefillin*



Where on the arm should the tefillin be?

The *tefillin shel yad* should be located on the muscular part of the arm, the bulge which rises between the elbow and the shoulder. The *tefillin* should be placed on the down slope of the muscle that leans towards the elbow. Some *poskim* allow the entire bulge of the muscle. *Tefillin* that are too large to fit on the slope may be placed on any part of the bulge. It is preferable to put them higher on the arm rather than lower, because the area of the arm below the muscle towards the elbow is not acceptable. It is also important to make sure that the *tefillin* are not pushed down to this area when pulling a sleeve over them.

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Washing hands after donning tefillin

Both the *shel yad* on the biceps and *shel rosh* on the hairy part of the head are placed on areas of the body which obligate a person to wash his hands after touching them. The *poskim* discuss whether it is necessary to wash one's hands after donning the *tefillin*. One opinion considers the inevitable touching of these areas as part of the *mitzva* which does not necessitate washing, with some holding that even touching that takes place while removing the



tefillin does not obligate one to wash. Another opinion adds that touching this area of the arm even at other times does not obligate a person to wash. An opposing view requires handwashing after donning tefillin.

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Someone who is unable to don both tefillin

Someone who is unable to don both *tefillin* (e.g. he has only one) may use whichever one he is able. If he only has a *shel yad*, he recites just one *beracha* (*lehaniach*). If he only has a *shel rosh*, he recites just one *beracha* according to the Mechaber and two *berachos* according to the Rama. If there is reason to believe that he may obtain the missing *tefillin* before the end of *zman kriyas Shema*, he should wait for the second *tefillin* so that he can don both for *Shema*.

(סימן כו, סעיף א-ב, ס"ק ג, וביה"ל ד"ה מניח)

Mesterday's HIGHLIGHTS

- On days that the Torah is read, the custom is not to remove the tefillin before the Torah is returned to the Aron Kodesh. These days include Mondays, Thursdays, Taneisim and Chanuka.
- On Rosh Chodesh the tefillin are removed before Musaf. One reason for this is that there are communities that recite the kedusha of Kesser on Rosh Chodesh. It is not appropriate to talk about Hashem's crown when we are wearing our own crown (the tefillin).
- The *tefillin* are removed between *kadish* and the Musaf *Shemoneh*

Tomorrow's TOPICS

- Tefillin on an amputee
- Position of the tefillin loop
- Adjoining the yud to the bais

Esrei. It is customary to remove the *tefillin* hurriedly in order to minimize the interruption between *kadish/Uva* Letzion and Shemoneh Esrei.

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