


Impurity of Hands

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 *Rishon letumah* does not normally impart impurity to humans. However, *Derabanan* the hands become impure to the wrist (*sheni letumah*).

Any form of *rishon* will cause impurity to hands i.e. touching a person, vessel, food, liquid or placing hands in *tumah* earthenware vessel.


Impurity of hands does not apply in Temple.

If one eats impure food, he become a *sheni* until he immerses in a *mikveh*.

To become impure through eating one needs **1.5 betzah**.

1.5 betzah, = *chatzi pras* ($\frac{1}{2}$ *pras*) = $\frac{1}{4}$ loaf of bread.

Impurity from drinking needs measure of **1 reviit**.

 *Shlomo Hamelech* decreed that hands are always *sheni letumah* i.e. even if they did not touch something impure (regarding sacrificial food). Later the Sages extended this also to *trumah*. (It is even burned because of this impurity.)

Impure liquids from hands can impart impurity to other foods or liquids but not to vessels (because the impurity is *Derabanan*).

A woman who is a *rishon* does not transmit impurity to her child while nursing.

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