

Ordered Pair

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Q When I put my tzitzis back on after bathing for Shabbos, do I make a *bracha*? If not, what if I change to a different pair?

A The Rama (O.C. 8:14) writes that one who removed his tallis with the intent to put it back on does not make a new *bracha* upon doing so. The Mishnah Brurah says that this is so even if he wasn't wearing a tallis *katan*. It follows that the same would apply to a tallis *katan*; if it was removed with intent to put it back on, no *bracha* is made.

(It seems (see Ma'adanei Shlomo p. 189) that Sefardim follow the Rama in this matter.)



The Rama's reason, as the Mishnah Brurah explains, is that since the wearer meant to put the garment back on soon, he wasn't *meisiach da'as* from the mitzvah. (The Shulchan Aruch Harav writes (8:23-24) that within two or three hours is soon enough.) Though the Biur Halacha (s.v. *Veyeish omrim*) wonders why people don't make a new *bracha* on tzitzis after bathing, Siach Halacha (63) says in the name of R' Shlomo Zalman Auerbach that today, when people spend less than two hours bathing, no *bracha* is made.

If you change to another pair of tzitzis, however, there is great debate among contemporary *poskim*. It is advisable to obviate this problem by having in mind when making the *bracha* on your tzitzis in the morning to cover only the current pair.

If one dons his second pair of tzitzis in a place unfit for a *bracha* or with unclean hands, he should wait until that is resolved, then touch his tzitzis and make a *bracha*.