HaMotzi: Being Touched by Unwashed Hands

SITUATION

Someone who has not yet washed touches your hand after you have washed your hands, said *al netilat yadayim*, and dried your hands.

STATUS

- If his/her hand is dry, there is no problem of transferring impurity.
- If his/her hand is wet, this may have transferred ritual impurity to your hand.

WHAT TO DO

- If his/her hand is wet, touch a normally covered part of your body and then rewash your hands and say the blessing on washing hands.

  NOTE If you have already said *ha'motzi*, don't repeat the *ha'motzi* blessing.

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