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Rosh Hashanah 2017: Disney Tourist Blows His Own Horn

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Days before Rosh Hashanah 2017, Los Angeles filmmaker Salvador "Sal" Litvak made headlines after he braved stern security guards at Downtown Disney in Anaheim in an effort to blow his shofar in celebration of the Jewish New Year.

The Orange County Register first drew attention to the incident with an article detailing how Litvak, who began learning how to use the shofar this year, would go to public places and play the instrument while recording people's reactions and then posting it to his Facebook page, the Accidental Talmudist.

On Friday, he decided to welcome the Jewish New Year, which begins Wednesday evening, by blowing his shofar at Downtown

Disney.

However, it was not as simple as merely walking into the venue. Security guards were sceptical of allowing Litvak in with his instrument.

In a video shared by the Register and posted to the Accidental Talmudist, Litvak explains how security said he was not allowed to enter with a musical instrument, referring to his shofar.

Satvik went on to say that the Shofar was not a musical instrument, but rather a spiritual instrument.

"That's the key," he said.

The video footage shows Litvak walking around Downtown Disney, engaging with fans and explaining to them, and audiences, the significance of blowing the shofar during Rosh Hashanah.

"The sound of the shofar is hard-wired into the soul," he said, according to the Register.

"When the soul hears the shofar, it knows it's getting help from above. It's a joyful reminder to the soul. And it's also a beautiful sound."

Litvak blew his shofar several times, without being interrupted by security guards, and spoke to various people who found the sound spiritually uplifting.

"I walk in here and the first thing I see is a man blowing the shofar, days before the Jewish New Year," Sara Karg of Irvine said, according to the Register.

"I couldn't have planned this. Jesus Christ made it happen. It was meant to be."

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