Oryx Shofar

Unusual and exotic, the Oryx shofar is handcrafted from the horn of the Oryx gazelle antelope, which is found in southern Africa. Its Afrikaans name is gemsbok and, unlike the curved ram's horn, the Oryx horn is perfectly straight with ridges along half of its length. Like our other top quality, 100% natural and kosher shofars, the traditional manufacturing of our Oryx shofars is overseen by the rabbinate and each one is certified kosher. One important characteristic of these special Oryx shofars is that they are easy to blow. Our shofars are handmade using the same family traditions and techniques that date back to 15th century Spain. Certain models are embellished with paintings or intricately carved silver plating.

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Silver Plated Oryx Shofar - Old Jerusalem

~~$330.30~~ $270.70

Preparing the horn for use as a ceremonial shofar is an involved process that includes separating the horn covering (made from keratin, the same substance as our hair and fingernails) from the bony core inside. Its outer sheath is then hollow. When the end tip is removed, it can be used as an instrument. The history of the shofar dates back to ancient times, and it is frequently mentioned in Jewish scripture, the Talmud and in rabbinic literature. The Israelites were said to tremble in awe at its sound that came from Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16), and traditionally, the shofar was sounded to announce holidays (Psalm 81) and the year of the Jubilee (Leviticus 25:9).

The most common type of horn used for a shofar, then and now, is the ram's horn. It is the ram's horn shofar that is typically heard as part of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. However, as ram's horns were not always available in particular regions of the world, other animal horns were fashioned into shofars. This gemsbok shofar (also known as the Oryx shofar) is among the most unusual, with horns about 2.5 feet long and colored deep brown or black. As with all our shofars at Shofars.com, they're handcrafted by skilled artisans at our factory in Tel Aviv, Israel and shipped directly to our customers.

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