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## Nu, what's new since last year?

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### Who-ah's Once-Yearly News

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## #Orangelivesmatter: Who-ah Investigates Wonka

Citing troubling labor practices in its production of the world's most delectable confectionaries, Who-ah has launched an investigation of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory and its current CEO Charlie Bucket. Director of Chocolate Campaigns Rabbi Rachel Cacao-Troster raised concerns about the treatment of the so-called Oompa Loompa, an ethnic group of unclear origins who mysteriously run the Wonka factory. "We simply cannot ignore that these workers are poorly paid and given below standard living arrangements deep in the recesses of the Wonka factory," Cacao-Troster says, "We believe they are forced to produce charming rhyming tunes on demand in order to receive their pay. This injustice shall not stand." One Oompa Loompa, who did not reveal her name for fear of reprisals, offered this dire warning: "What do you get from labor practice unfair? Chocolate streaks in your underwear!"



#### Who-ah Comments on the News

**February 12, 2015:** [Inside Edition Does Really Bad Segue from Chapel Hill Shooting to Parking Tips](#)

This joke pretty much tells itself...there's not much else we need to say.

**February 9, 2015:** "The U.S.-Israeli relationship is not about a particular party," Obama said. "This isn't a relationship founded on affinity between the Labor Party and the Democratic Party or the Likud and Republican Party."



## Jacobs Joins Cast of "Orange is the New Black"

Executive Producers of *Orange is the New Black* have announced that Rabbi Jill Jacobs will join the cast in season three, playing a character loosely based on her life named Rabbi Sarah Tzedek. "She will play a rabbi-activist who is put in jail for chaining herself to the Israeli embassy for its treatment of Palestinians and foreign workers," says Jenji Kohan, the show's creator. "Her character will try to bring together different factions in the prison to fight for their rights, but her efforts will fail and she will be alienated and abused by the others. It promises to be a very uplifting story line." Rabbi Jacobs is excited for this new challenge. "After spending one night in jail, I felt I could really bring some realism to this role."

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## New Who-ah Staff Picture



Who-ah is pleased to finally have put an updated picture of the staff on its website. From right to left: Director of Special Events Ronit Schlam, Executive Director Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Senior Organizer Marisa James, Director of Programs Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster, Administrator/Executive Assistant Emma Berdugo, Director of Education Rabbi Lev Meirowitz Nelson, and Senior Rabbinic Educator in Israel Rabbi Gideon Sylvester. #bringbackourgirls.

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## Movie Reviews From Who-ah



**Selma**--Yoel Cohen turns in a stunning performance as "Marcher Wearing Kippah in Second Row." The way he bows his head with his comrades was deeply uplifting. Fair Food Tomato Rating: 87%

**Exodus: Gods and Kings**--Not a bad movie, as long as you didn't think it was based on the Book of Shmot. We loved other people's discomfort with the [historical inaccuracies](#), though. Fair Food Tomato Rating: 62%

**The Imitation Game**--A well-acted film, though disturbing how the director fails to mention the Holocaust. Also, if Turing had been a Yid, he would have cracked that code in half the time. Just saying. Fair Food Tomato Rating: 53%

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## Games to Keep Activists Occupied

No Bibi, it's founded on the affinity between nutjobs and idiots.

**January 15, 2015:** [Israel Hayom top headline: "IDF forecast for 2015: Middle East 'mess' will continue."](#)

Nu, this is news?

**January 13, 2015:** [How "Harry Potter" fans won a four-year fight against child slavery.](#)

Now we can eat our chocolate frogs in peace. Next up: ASPCA takes on unicorn abuse campaign.

## Upcoming Events

**Which is harder: Free-climbing El Capitan's Dawn Wall or Ending the Occupation?** Yosemite National Park, March 8, 2015, 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

**Boston Climate Refugees and the Right of Return:** Rabbi Danny Lehmann, President, Hebrew College, in conversation with Natan Sharansky, President, Jewish Agency. Moderated by Sven from Frozen. Newton, MA, March 15, 2015, 5:00-7:00 PM. Snow dates: March 22, March 29, April 12, April 19, April 26.

**Another painful exercise in Israeli democracy. March 17, 2015.**

**Favorite ice cream flavors of world leaders and their impact on peacemaking: A discussion with Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield.** Jerusalem, Israel. April 13, 2015, 7:00 PM IDT. Pistachio ice cream courtesy of Sara Netanyahu. BYO soda bottle.



Do you like adding "in bed" to the end of fortune cookie notes like we do? If so, check out this new twist: add "in solitary confinement" to the end of random sentences, for a good old human rights chuckle. A few examples from the Who-ah office this week:

"Do you have your [tickets for the annual benefit](#) in solitary confinement?" --Ronit Schlammed, Director of Special Alcoholic Events

"I think we're all out of Diet Coke in solitary confinement." --Marisa Dames, Senior Women's Organizer

"This makes even my job look interesting in solitary confinement." --Emma Perdiem, Day-to-Day Administrator

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Who-ah Purim eNews is brought to you by Rabbis Sue Fendrick, Ethan Linden, Lev Meiowitz Nelson, Bill Plevan, and Susan Silverman.

## Torah from T'ruah

T'ruah's divrei Torah are now hosted on a separate weekly email list, "Torah from T'ruah." Last week, Rabbi Schmeckl Silverstein wrote about [Extra Virgin Human Rights](#). (No kidding.) This week, Rabbi Jost Minnen wrote about Human Rights for Rabbis Who Tell Rabbi Jokes. ([Ok, not really...](#))



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