



**SBC # 528**

**Monday 6 PM • JUNE 17, 2024**

**The HopMonk 'Abbey'**

230 Petaluma Ave. Sebastopol, CA

Host, Daniel Osmer ([daniel@economicbuzzcafe.com](mailto:daniel@economicbuzzcafe.com))

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**Civil Dialogue & the Un-Civil Middle East**

**ISRAEL | GAZA | NEW ANTISEMITISM**

**Ofer Zur Ph.D. • Psychologist & Ethisit**

**Enmity Scholar**

"Competing historical 'claims' of who was first, Moses or Allah, or who owns what, Muslims or Jews, or who is 'holier,' should NOT be part of the current 'ceasefire' negotiation," Ofer Zur says.

Audience participation and **respectful disagreements** will be welcome.

Knowing the region and the complexities of its people, solution for the situation and maintaining that the challenge for **both** Israelis and Palestinians is how to forge a ceasefire with an enemy who wants to destroy you. He will also discuss the world wide eruption of antisemitism since Oct. 2023.

Dr. Zur was born and raised in Israel. During military service there in 1970, he was a lieutenant and a paratrooper and was stationed also in a refugee camp in Gaza. This experience changed his understanding of Israel's position in relation to the Palestinians and led to his conviction to leave Israel (for moral reasons). However, he continues to visit relatives and friends in Israel and has seen the horrors of occupation up close and personally.

**Ofer Zur, PhD**, is a psychologist, fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA), renowned lecturer, ethics consultant, and forensic expert. He was director of the Zur Institute, which offers over 180 online continuing education courses for mental health practitioners. He also has been practicing psychotherapy in California for over 25 years. Dr. Zur is one of the top experts in the field of psychological ethics, applying a non-dogmatic approach to multiple relationships and therapeutic boundaries. **Website: [www.drzur.com](http://www.drzur.com)**

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