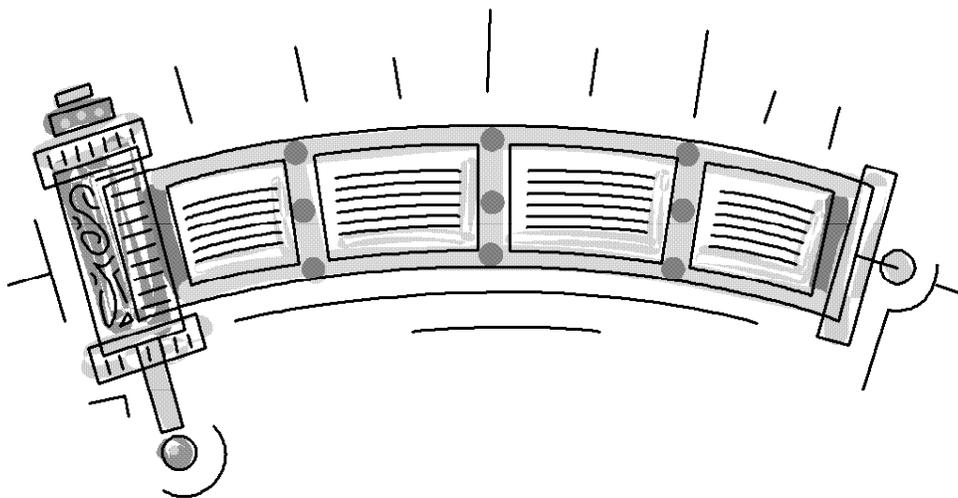


# A Purim Tale

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Adapted and musical selections added by Adrian A. Durlenster



**DIRECTIONS:** Dress up children as each of these characters. When their character's name is read, they should do [an action] and the audience should respond:

- Ahashverosh should sneeze: [Ahhh-khaash-verosh!] and the audience respond: [Bless you!]
- Vashti should pump fist in air triumphantly as the audience calls: [Yaaaaaay, Vashti!]
- Haman should glare at the audience as they boo and shake groggers.
- Mordechai should pump two fists in the air like a boxing champion while the audience chants: [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] (alternate [It's Good to be The King!])
- Esther should curtsy demurely while the audience sings: [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] (with their fists circling hip-hop-style in front of their bodies)

**NARRATOR:** A long time ago in a country called Persia, in a city called Shushan, there lived a king by the name of Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] had a wife named Vashti [Yaaaaaay, Vashti!]. One night, when King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] had a party at the palace, he commanded Queen Vashti [Yaaaaaay, Vashti!] to dance for his guests. Queen Vashti [Yaaaaaay, Vashti!] was a strong-minded woman who didn't take orders from anyone, even her husband the king. She put her hands on her hips and said, "I don't think so!" That made King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] very angry! He shook his finger at her and cried, "You, you, you... disobedient wife! How dare you ignore the wishes of the king?!! You are banished from my court!" Vashti [Yaaaaaay, Vashti!] smiled – for she was none too fond of her husband, even if he was the king – and replied, "As you wish," and swept from the room with a swish of her skirts.

[VASHTI'S SONG-Friedman]

**NARRATOR:** Over the next few weeks, King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] was very lonely. He missed Queen Vashti [Yaaaaaay, Vashti!], although he would never admit it to anyone. He called for his advisor, Haman [Boo! Hiss!], and told him that he wanted to find a new wife. It was decided that there would be a beauty pageant and that King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] would choose his wife from among the contestants.

The word about the pageant was spread throughout the land, and it came to the attention of a man named Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] who had a beautiful ward named Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!]. When Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] heard about the pageant, he had a brilliant idea!

[MORDECHAI SONG 1-parody on Yankee Doodle]

**NARRATOR:** So, as I was saying, Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] had a brilliant idea: if Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] entered the beauty pageant, perhaps she could win the eye of King Ahashverosh. [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] After all, it couldn't hurt to have a friend in the palace. You never know. And so it came to pass that Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] did indeed win the beauty pageant and became Queen of Persia! No one knew at the time how Esther's good fortune would be so important in preventing a most hideous crime!

One day, when Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] went to the palace to visit Esther, he overheard two guards at the place gate plotting to murder King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!]. He hurried into the palace and told Esther [Go Esther! Go Esther!] who revealed the plot to

the King, saving the King's life. When the king heard about Mordechai's loyalty [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!], he ordered it recorded in the royal records.

[MORDECHAI SONG 2] parody on Yankee Doodle

NARRATOR: This story of how the King was saved from a traitor, to Esther [Go Esther! Go Esther!] and Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] would prove useful later.

Some time after these things had happened, King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] decided to show favor to a certain man named Haman [Boo! Hiss!] He raised Haman [Boo! Hiss!] above all his other ministers.

[MORDECHAI SONG 3] parody on Yankee Doodle

NARRATOR: Then King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] ordered that all those who worked at the palace gate would bow down to Haman [Boo! Hiss!] But while others at the gate (knowing that bowing was far preferable to death) bowed down low to Haman [Boo! Hiss!] Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] would not bow down. You see, Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] was Jewish. And Jews do not bow down low to anyone but G'd. The others at the gate told Haman [Boo! Hiss!] why Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] would not bow - because he was a Jew.

[MORDECHAI SONG 4] Parody on Yankee Doodle

NARRATOR: Haman [Boo! Hiss!] decided it was not enough to punish only Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] Haman [Boo! Hiss!] decided to destroy all the Jewish people everywhere in Persia, in the Kingdom of King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] And the Jews of Shushan were in great danger because one brave man, Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] refused to bow down to the king's wicked advisor Haman [Boo! Hiss!]

Haman [Boo! Hiss!] decided to cast "pur," which is like throwing some dice, in order to decide on which exact day he would do to all the Jews something that wasn't so nice. So the purim were cast, and the 13th of Adar is the day which was chosen at last. Then Haman [Boo! Hiss!] asked permission from King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] to destroy these people who were different from all the others, and disloyal. From his hatred of what one man did do, Haman [Boo! Hiss!] tricked the King so he could kill every Jew. Haman even offered King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] a gift of ten thousand pieces of silver. King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] said to Haman [Boo! Hiss!] "you may keep the silver that you offered me, but do what you wish to these strange people, that is my decree!" So Haman [Boo! Hiss!] sent word throughout the land, to his followers wherever they are, to kill all the Jews of Persia on the 13th of Adar.

Meanwhile, Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] and all the Jews of Persia were very sad. The refused to eat, and cried all day long. Oy! Oy! they cried, just like this song:

[OY, OY, UNCLE MORDECHAI-Avni]

NARRATOR: The 13th of Adar was approaching! Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] told Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] that it was time she told the king about Haman's plot [Boo! Hiss!].

Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!], who, by the way, was also known by her other name, Hadassah, because they say she looked as beautiful and smelled as sweet as a myrtle tree - which is hadas in Hebrew. Remember those myrtle leaves that are part of the lulav for Sukkot?

Now where was I? Oh yes. Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] was very afraid to approach the king, because she remembered what had happened to Queen Vashti [Yaaaaaay, Vashti!] when she made the king angry. Swallowing her fear, she entered the king's chamber and said, "Honey, I'd like to throw a party! And be sure to invite Haman." [Boo! Hiss!] King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] said "Anything you wish, anything you desire, even half my Kingdom is yours, my sweet wife, for my heart is on fire."

[HADASSAH -Parody of "Elvira"]

NARRATOR: The party is a smashing success! King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] again offers Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] anything she desires. She says "How about another party tomorrow, snookey-wookums, and be sure to ask that nice Haman again." [Boo! Hiss!] Andy snooky-wookums...err, I mean King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] ordered it so, to another party they would all go.

The next morning, Haman [Boo! Hiss!] was very happy, until he passed by the palace gate, and Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] did not bow down. Haman [Boo! Hiss!] became very angry. He complained to his wife and friends. After all, he was a man honored by the King, and even invited to another party by the Queen for that evening. Yet all he could think about was Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] the Jew who would not bow down to him. His friends and his wife advise him to build a tall gallows, and hang that impertinent Jew on it. Haman [Boo! Hiss!] liked the idea, and ordered the gallows be built.

Now we don't know if it's really true what they say about this mean old rat, but for some very odd reason he wore a three-cornered hat.

[HAKOVA SHELI] or [STOMP, STOMP, STOMP-Daniel]

NARRATOR: The night after the first party, King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] could not sleep. So he decided to look through all the old record books, instead of counting sheep. In it he found the story of how Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] had saved him from being killed. King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] wondered what had been done to honor this man, and asked his servants. "Nothing has been done," they told him. Just at that moment, Haman [Boo! Hiss!] arrived to inform the King that he was going to have Mordechai hung on the gallows. King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] summoned Haman [Boo! Hiss!] and told him he wanted to reward a very loyal subject. Haman [Boo! Hiss!] thought that the king was talking about him, so he suggested a lavish reward of gold and diamonds most pretty, and the honor of riding the king's favorite horse through the streets of the city.

"Perfect!" King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] cried, and declared that Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] would be thus rewarded. Haman [Boo! Hiss!] turned purple with rage - could it be that this man who refused to bow down to him would now be honored throughout Shushan? And then to make matters worse, King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] ordered Haman [Boo! Hiss!] himself to lead Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!] through the streets of the city riding the king's favorite horse. For Haman [Boo! Hiss!] this was a most humiliating thing, of course.

[MORDECHAI SONG 5] (parody on Yankee Doodle)

NARRATOR: Afterwards, Haman [Boo! Hiss!] again complained to his wife and friends, but just at that moment, guards came to escort him to the palace for the party. At the party, King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] once again offers Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] anything she desires. "Dear husband, I have some terrible news to tell you. Someone is threatening to kill all the Jews! That includes Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!]... and me! I am Jewish too."

King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] was outraged to hear about a plot against his loyal subject, Mordechai [Mordy, Mordy, he's our guy!], not to mention his beautiful new bride, Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] He called Haman [Boo! Hiss!] to his side and said, "You must do something about this terrible thing I have just heard!" and urged his wife to repeat her news.

[YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD-Klepper/Nanus]

NARRATOR: Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] looked straight at Haman [Boo! Hiss!] and summoned up all her courage and said, "You wicked, evil, vile man! I've told the king about your plan to destroy the Jews, including me! How dare you pretend to have loyalty?!"

King Ahashverosh [Ahhh-khaash-verosh! Bless you!] tried to calm down by taking a walk in the garden, while Haman [Boo! Hiss!] tried to beg Esther [Go, Esther! Go Esther!] to save him. Just at that moment, the King returned, and seeing Haman [Boo! Hiss!] with Esther [Go Esther! Go Esther!] became even angrier and jealous, too.

"Haman [Boo! Hiss!]" the king roared, "How dare you threaten my subjects?! How dare you threaten my queen?! I sentence you now to the gallows you built - not a drop of Jewish blood shall be spilt! Guards! Arrest him! Don't let him go far - he'll get what he deserves on the 13th of Adar!!!"

[CHAG PURIM]

And on that day, the Jews of Persia were saved, and there was light and joy, gladness and honor.

[LAI-Y'HUDIM HAI'TA ORA]

NARRATOR: So now, on the holiday of Purim, we tell the story, dance and sing. We give gifts to the poor, and to friends gifts we bring. And no matter how others may plot and scheme, the Jewish people live to help fulfill G"d's dream..

[UTSU EITZA]

NARRATOR: Our Purim Shpiel's gone on too long, so join us in this final song!

[ENDING SONG] (parody on Yankee Doodle)

## **PURIM SHPIEL SONG LYRICS**

*Everyone is invited to sing along!*

### **VASHTI'S SONG**

Music and Lyrics: Deborah Lynn Friedman

I NEVER LIKE TO GO TO PARTIES WHEN  
I'M THE ONLY WOMAN THERE.  
WHEN I SAID NO TO ACHASHVEIROSH, I  
REALLY DIDN'T KNOW HE'D CARE.  
HE THREW ME OUT, I COULD NOT BE  
FIRST LADY ANYMORE.  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT BECAME OF ME,  
I'M NOT THE QUEEN NO MORE.

(DOO DE DOO, DOO DE DOO)...(X4)  
I WAS DIVORCED (DOO DE DOO, DOO DE  
DOO)  
THAT'S NOT THE WORST (DOO DE DOO,  
DOO DE DOO)  
I WAS REPLACED (DOO DE DOO, DOO DE  
DOO)  
WITH ESTHER'S FACE (DOO DE DOO,  
DOO DE DOO)  
I TOLD THE KING (DOO DE DOO, DOO DE  
DOO)  
THIS ONE BAD THING (DOO DE DOO,  
DOO DE DOO)  
I DON'T WANT TO EA T MY MEALS  
WITH A HUNDRED MEN WHO DEAL  
IN THE MATTERS OF THE ROYAL  
FAMILY. (DOO DE DOO, DOO DE DOO)

HE WANTED TO SHOW THEM MY  
LOVELY FACE.  
I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE DRESSING UP IN  
SATIN FRILLS AND LACE.  
PERHAPS IT WAS A PRETTY SILLY THING  
FOR ME TO DO,  
NO WOMAN WANTS TO BE A SINGLE  
ACT--HOW 'BOUT YOU?

(DOO DE DOO, DOO DE DOO)...(X4)  
I WAS DIVORCED (SHE WAS DIVORCED)  
THAT'S NOT THE WORST (THAT'S NOT  
THE WORST)  
I WAS REPLACED (SHE WAS REPLACED)  
WITH ESTHER'S FACE (WITH ESTHER'S

FACE)  
I TOLD THE KING (SHE TOLD THE KING)  
THIS ONE BAD THING (THIS ONE BAD  
THING)  
I DON'T WANT THE KING'S  
SUGGESTIONS  
TO GIVE ME BAD INDIGESTION  
IN THE MATTERS OF THE ROYAL  
FAMILY. (DOO DE DOO, DOO DE DOO)

ALL THESE MATTERS MAKE ME TOIL  
IN THE MATTERS OF THE ROYAL,  
IN THE MATTERS OF THE ROYAL (3X)  
FAMILY. (DOO DE DOO, DOO DE DOO)

### **MORDECHAI SONG 1**

(parody of Yankee Doodle)

THERE WAS A JEW WHO LIVED IN  
SHU-SHAN  
WITH HIS NIECE NAMED ES-THER  
JOIN THE CON-TEST TO BE QUEEN DEAR  
ES-THER HE DID PES-THER

MOR-DE-CHAI A MAN MOST WISE  
FOR THE JEWS A GOOD THING  
ES-THER WON, IT'S NO SUR-PRISE  
SHE GOT TO MAR-RY THIS KING

### **MORDECHAI SONG 2**

(parody of Yankee Doodle)

WHILE LIST'-NING AT THE PA-LACE  
GATE  
OUR MOR-DY OVER-HEARD A  
PLOT TO KILL THE KING  
AND SO HE HOL-LORED BLOOD-Y  
MUR-DER!

ES-THER TOLD, THE KING WAS SAVED,  
THEN  
AFTER AN IN-QUIR-Y  
MOR-DE-CHAI'S DEED WAS RE-COR-DED  
IN THE PA-LACE DIA-RY

### **MORDECHAI SONG 3**

(parody of Yankee Doodle)

KING A-HASH-VE-ROSH CHOSE HA-MAN  
TO  
BE HIS NEW PRIME MI-NIS-TER A  
HATE-FUL MAN WHO'S AL-WAYS UP TO  
SOME-THING THAT IS SI-NIS-TER

HA-MAN THOUGHT HE WAS THE BEST  
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, SIR? IF  
HA-MAN WAS OUR DIN-NER GUEST,  
WE'D  
MAKE HIM EAT HIS HAT, SIR

### **MORDECHAI SONG 4**

(parody of Yankee Doodle)

ALL WOR-KING AT THE PA-LACE GATE  
WHEN  
OR-DERED BY THE KING TO  
BOW TO HA-MAN DID COM-PLY 'CEPT  
MOR-DE-CHAI A GOOD JEW

MOR-DE-CHAI HE IS THE ONE  
HE IS SUCH A BRAVE MAN  
SINCE JEWS ONLY BOW TO G'D HE  
WOULD NOT BOW TO HA-MAN

### **OY! OY! UNCLE MORDECHAI**

(Fran Avni & Jacki Citrynbaum)

[CHORUS]

OY OY UNCLE MORDECHAI (4X)

WHAT DID HE HEAR AS HE STOOD BY  
THE DOOR?  
WHAT DID HE FEAR HAS HE HEARD  
MORE AND MORE?  
HAMAN WAS PLANNING SOME VERY  
BAD NEWS  
HAMAN WAS PLANNING TO HURT ALL  
THE JEWS. OY OY. . .

BUT MORDECHAI WAS CLEVER AND  
VERY VERY SMART  
HE WENT TO ESTHER AND SHE DID HER  
PART.

THE KING HONORED MORDECHAI,  
MORDECHAI THE WISE  
THE KING HONORED MORDECHAI AND  
HAVE HIM A PRIZE. OY OY. . .

### **HADASSAH/OH ESTHER** (Parody on Elvira)

HA-DAS-SAH. HA-DAS-SAH  
MY HEART'S ON FIRE, HA-DAS-SAH  
(repeat)

HA-MAN-TA-SCHEN, GROG-GERS,  
MISH-LO-ACH MA-NOT  
HA-MAN-TA-SCHEN, PUR, MA-TA-NOT  
L'-EV-YO-NIM  
HA-MAN-TA-SCHEN, GROG-GERS,  
ME-GIL-LAH, PU-PU-RIM  
HEART'S ON FIRE, HADASSAH

Alternate Lyrics

OH ES-THER, SWEET ES-THER  
MY HEART'S ON FIRE, DEAR ES-THER

How to fit the words in:

HA-MAN-TA-SCHEN, GROG-GERS, MISH-LO-ACH  
(gid-dy- yup - a um pa- pa um pa-  
MA-NOT  
pa mao-mao)  
HA-MAN-TA-SCHEN, PUR, MA-TA-NOT  
(gid-dy- yup - a um pa- pa um  
L'-EV-YO-NIM  
pa- pa mao-mao)  
HA-MAN-TA-SCHEN, GROG-GERS, ME-GIL-LAH,  
(gid-dy- yup - a um pa- pa um pa-  
PU-PU- RIM  
pa mao mao)

### **HAKOVA SHELI**

LA-KO-VA SHE-LI, SHA-LOSH PI-NOT  
SHA-LOSH PI-NOT LA-KO-VA SHE-LI  
V'-IM LO HA-YU LAH SHA-LOSH PI-NOT  
LO HA-YA ZEH HA-KO-VA SHE-LI.  
(My hat has 3 corners. 3 corners has my hat. If  
it did not have 3 corners, it would not be my  
hat!)

**STOMP, STOMP, STOMP** by Karen Daniel

WHEN YOU GO TO THE STORE TO BUY A  
COOKIE  
MOST OF THE COOKIES ARE ROUND  
BUT A COOKIE IN THE SHAPE OF A  
TRIANGLE  
CAN ALMOST NEVER BE FOUND EXCEPT  
FOR  
HAMANTASCHEN HAVE THREE SIDES  
POPPY-SEED FILLING IS BAKED INSIDE  
EVERYTIME THAT WE HEAR HAMAN'S  
NAME  
WE PLAY A LITTLE GAME AND WE GO  
STOMP, STOMP, STOMP,  
RAT-A-TAT-TAT  
I'M GONNA EAT YOU HAT,HAT,HAT  
STOMP, STOMP, STOMP,  
RAT-A-TAT-TAT  
I'M GONNA EAT YOU HAT

**MORDECHAI SONG 5**

(parody on Yankee Doodle)

HA-MAN HAD TO LEAD A HORSE WITH  
MOR-DE-CHAI U-PON IT  
THROUGH THE STREETS OF SHUSHAN  
FOR THE  
KING TOLD HIM TO DO IT

THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENS WHEN YOU  
THINK YOU'RE  
BET-TER THAN A-NOT-HER  
YOUR WORLD COULD TURN UP-SIDE  
DOWN  
SO BE GOOD TO EACH OTHER

**YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD**

by Jeff Klepper/Dan Freeland

IN A PLACE YOU MAY HAVE HEARD  
ABOUT, IN SHUSHAN, AS YOU KNOW  
AN EVIL MAN NAMED HAMAN SAID,  
"THE JEWS HAVE GOT TO GO!"  
NOW ESTHER WAS THE JEWISH QUEEN,  
AND SHE KNEW NOT WHERE TO TURN,  
'TILL MORDECHAI HER COUSIN SAID,  
"THERE IS SOMETHING YOU MUST

LEARN,  
OH ESTHER"  
[CHORUS] YOU CAN CHANGE THE  
WORLD  
YOU CAN MAKE THE WORLD  
COMPLETE.  
TAKE THE PRIDE YOU FEEL INSIDE  
AND NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT.

THERE'S AN EVIL PLOT AGAINST US  
NOW, A LIST OF CRUEL DEMANDS  
AND ESTHER ONLY YOU CAN HELP, OUR  
FATE IS IN YOUR HANDS."  
SHE SAID, "COUSIN DO YOU REALLY  
THINK THAT A DIFFERENCE I CAN  
MAKE?  
A JEWISH GIRL BEFORE THE KING, IT  
COULD BE A BIG MISTAKE."  
NO ESTHER. . .[CHORUS]

SO ESTHER WENT BEFORE THE KING  
AND THOUGH SHE WAS AFRAID  
SHE STOOD UP PROUD AND SPOKE OUT  
LOUD AND BROUGHT HER PEOPLE AID.  
AND NOW WE READ THE MEGILLAH AT  
PURIM TIME EACH YEAR  
AND WE LEARN HOW GOD CAN GIVE US  
STRENGTH TO OVERCOME OUR FEARS.  
REMEMBER. . .[CHORUS]

OUR HISTORY IS INTRICATE, OUR  
PEOPLE'S LIFE UNFOLDS  
IN STORIES RICH AND COLORFUL THAT  
WE HAVE LEARNED AND TOLD.  
WE JEWS HAVE WANDERED MANY  
LANDS AND WE'VE FOUND GOOD  
HOMES IN SOME,  
BUT ALWAYS WITH THE REMINDER  
THAT OUR GOAL IS TIKKUN OLAM,  
WHICH MEANS THAT. . .[CHORUS]

## **CHAG PURIM**

CHAG PU-RIM, CHAG PU-RIM, CHAG  
GA-DOL LA-YE-HU-DIM  
MA-SEI-CHOT RA'A-SHA-NIM, Z'MI-RIM  
V'-RI-KU-DIM  
HA-VA NA-RI-SHA RASH RASH RASH!  
(3X) BA-RA'-A-SHA-NIM.

CHAG PU-RIM, CHAG PU-RIM, ZEH EL  
ZEH SHOL-CHIM MA-NOT  
MACH-MA-DIM, MAM-TA-KIM, TU-FI-NIM  
MIG-DA-NOT.  
HA-VA NA-RI-SHA RASH RASH RASH!  
(3X) BA-RA'-A-SHA-NIM

PURIM'S HERE, PURIM CHEER, 'TIS A  
HOLIDAY SO DEAR.  
MASK AND SONG BRING ALONG,  
GRAGGERS LOUD AND CLEAR.  
HERE GO THE GRAGGERS, RASH RASH  
RASH! (3X)  
GRAGGER TIME IS HERE.

PURIM'S HERE, PURIM CHEER, GIFTS  
ARRIVE FROM FAR AND NEAR,  
COOKIES SWEET, GOOD TO EAT, CAKES  
AND PIES APPEAR.  
HERE GO THE GRAGGERS, RASH RASH  
RASH! (3X)  
GRAGGER TIME IS HERE.

PURIM DAY, PURIM DAY, SUCH A HAPPY  
HOLIDAY  
WE MAKE NOISE, WITH OUR TOYS, SING  
AND DANCE AND PLAY,  
LET'S HEAR THE GRAGGERS RASH RASH  
RASH!" (X3)  
WHEN WE SAY "HAMAN!"

## **UTZU EITZA**

UTZU EITZA VETUFAR (3X)  
DABRU DAVAR VELO YAKUM:  
KI IMANU EIL.

LAI-Y'HUDIM HAI'TA ORA  
SAS-SON V'-SIM-CHA V'-KI-KAR

**ENDING SONG** (parody on Yankee Doodle)  
THAT'S THE STO-RY THAT WE KNOW  
IT'S  
ALL IN THE ME-GIL-LAH. NOW  
THAT OUR SHPIEL IS AT AN END  
WE HOPE IT WAS A THRIL-LA.

PU-RIM'S HERE, WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN,  
SHARE  
GIFTS AND HELP THE POOR IM-  
A-GIN-ING A WORLD AT PEACE THAT'S  
WHAT WE DO ON PU-RIM.

## MORE PURIM SONGS TO ENJOY

### HEY-MAN! (Stephen Richards)

Chorus: Hey hey hey hey, hey hey hey Hey-man!  
He wanted everyone to bow down  
He wanted everybody to serve  
That big big big boss-man from Shu-shu-shan  
The loudest big-mouth in the land  
Hey hey, hey hey hey, hey Hey-man

But Mordechai did not know how to bow  
And Mordechai never wanted to serve  
That big big big boss-man from Shu-shu-shan  
The loudest big-mouth in the land  
Hey hey, hey hey hey, hey Hey-man

### IN SHU SHU SHUSHAN

(to the tune of Polly Wolly Doodle)

Oh Haman was a high and mighty bluff,  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago.  
He ordered Mordechai to take his derby off  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago.

So we sing, (3x) and raise a row.  
For Haman he was swinging  
While Mordechai was singing  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago.

But Mordechai sang and laughed in his face  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago.  
So Haman swore he'd exterminate his race  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago. So we sing. .

Oh Esther was a timid little maid  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago.  
But Mordechai told her she needn't be afraid  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago. So we sing. . .

So she went to the king and she gave him a smile  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago.  
The king he liked her manner and her style  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago. So we sing. . .

Ahashuerus was the jolly little king,  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago,  
That ruined Haman's plot in the merry month of  
spring  
In Shu Shu Shushan long ago. So we sing. . . .

### ESTHER'S DAY

(To the tune of 'Yesterday' -Lennon/McCartney)

Esther's Day is when Jewish folks will have their  
say  
And cru-el Haman will just go away  
O we believe in Esther's Day  
Mordechai says that we don't really have to die  
Now that's just a lot of cha-zer-ai  
So have the King tell Haman, "Bye"

Why we're hated so,  
we don't know - and who can say?  
Esther, help us now  
When our skies are dark and grey-ay-ay-ay

Esther's Day is when Haman will be sent away  
Or forever we will say oy vey  
O we believe in Esther's Day

### MEGILA MEGILA

(To 'Obladi Oblada' by Lennon/McCartney)

Achashverosh is the king in Shushan town  
Haman his advisor is so mean  
Mordechai's the Jewish guy who won't bow down  
And then there's Vashti, now it's Esther as the  
Queen

Me-gi-la, Megila, Megila la - it's all in the Megila

Esther was selected to be Persia's Queen  
Didn't tell the king she is a Jew  
Mordechai said she must be the go-between  
And tell the truth or else the Jews will all be  
through (chorus)

Achasverosh couldn't sleep at all one night  
Read the palace records with delight  
When he heard about how Mordy saved his life  
He started to see the light

Mordechai is riding on the king's white horse  
Haman has to lead him so he's mad  
Esther tells the king and saves the Jews of course  
And Haman's history so everybody's glad!  
(chorus)

**A WICKED WICKED MAN** (traditional)

Oh, once there was a wicked wicked man  
And Haman was his name, Sir.  
He would have murdered all the Jews,  
Though they were not to blame, Sir.  
(Alternative: He lied and lied about the Jews,  
Though they were not to blame, Sir)

Oh, today we'll merry, merry be (3x)  
And "nosh" some Hamantaschen.

And Esther was the lovely queen  
Of King Ahashuerus,  
When Haman siad he'd kill us all,  
Oh my! How he did scare us. Oh, . . .

But Mordechai, her cousin bold,  
Said "What a dreadful villain!  
If we don't act at once, my dear,  
Our life's not worth a Shilling." Oh, . . .)

When Esther speaking to the King,  
Of Haman's plot made mention,  
"Ha, ha," said he, "Oh, no he won't,  
I'll spoil his bad intention." Oh, . . .

The guest of honor he shall be,  
This clever Mr. Smarty,  
And high above us he shall swing  
At a little hanging party. (Chorus)

Of all his cruel and unkind ways  
This little joke did cure him.  
And don't forget we owe him thanks  
For this jolly feast of Purim! (Chorus)

**PEANUT BUTTER, POPPY, PRUNE, OR  
CHOCOLATE HAMANTASCHEN**"

(to "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," from  
Mary Poppins-Music: Richard Sherman)

Peanut Butter, Poppy, Prune, or Chocolate  
Hamantaschen  
If Purim is the Holiday this snack you will be  
Noshin'  
It's Haman's hat or ears or eyes (on this, I am not  
Joshin'!)

Peanut Butter, Poppy, Prune, or Chocolate  
Hamantaschen!  
Yum-diddle diddle diddle yum diddle-eye...

When I was just a little kid, a long long time ago  
The month Adar had just come in, but how was I  
to know  
that there was such a holiday with food I would  
sequester  
That yummy treat I love to eat when reading about  
Esther

Peanut Butter, Poppy, Prune, or Chocolate  
Hamantaschen  
Yum-diddle diddle diddle yum diddle-eye...

The first time that I saw these things, triangular in  
shape,  
Their smell was oh, so heavenly that there was no  
escape  
I took a bite, my appetite just grew and grew and  
grew  
Without Oz-nei Ha-man\* and Purim, oh what  
would I do?  
Peanut Butter, Poppy, Prune, or Chocolate  
Hamantashen  
Yum-diddle diddle diddle yum diddle-eye...  
*\*(Haman's ears-Hebrew for Hamantaschen)*

So when we read of Mordechai around this time of  
year  
Just don't forget a mitzvah which will bring all lots  
of cheer  
We give out gifts to one and all, they're called  
shaloch manot  
(And in English, that's presents of food!!! So put  
Hamantashen in MY boat! MMMMMM  
MMMMM!)

Peanut Butter, Poppy, Prune, or Chocolate  
Hamantashen (4X)  
(shouting:) Where's the Apricot one???

## **HEY JEWS**

(To the tune of 'Hey Jude' by Lennon/McCartney)

Hey Jews, you can't refuse  
This is Purim your special day  
Remember to have a very good time  
With thanks to Esther and Mordechai

Hey Jews, don't be afraid  
We've been taught to bow down never  
How clever to always give it your best  
And never rest, till our world is better

And anytime you're feeling low  
Hey Jews you know  
The Hamans can't win cause they're all hateful  
So wear a mask and make some noise  
All girls and boys  
Recall and retell the Scroll of Esther (na na na...)  
Hey Jews, let's all be brave  
Tell the story and thank our heroes  
Remember to never hide who you are  
Then you can start to make life better (better,  
better...etc)

Na, na, na, na na na na, na na na na, Hey Jews

## **SHUSHAN CABANA**

(to At The Copa by Barry Manilow, Bruce  
Sussman, and Jack Feldman)  
Her name was Vashti, she was his show girl  
She was the jewel in his crown, even though he  
got around  
His royal highness, drunk at his party  
Told her to bare it all, but she wouldn't heed his  
call  
Didn't like what she said, honor cost her her head  
The point of this all being that the king re-wed

Back in Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
Monarchs weren't much for decorum  
In Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
The king's every passion, was always the fashion  
Back in Shushan, he axed his love

Her name was Esther, she was of our tribe  
With help from Uncle Mordecai, she gave being  
queen a try  
Went to the pageant, king looked her over

And Esther was so fair, that the others had no  
prayer  
He told his chamberlain, no need to look again  
And took her back to palace right there and then

Back in Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
The King found someone to adore him  
In Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
Days full of bliss, with a lovely Jewess  
Back in Shushan, he fell in love

His name was Haman, he was quite evil  
He was the king's right-hand man, and he hatched  
a deadly plan  
Talked to the king and, he won him over  
There's some people who won't bow, must get rid  
of them right now  
And when he sold his lie, planned to hang  
Mordecai And drew lots for  
the day that we all would die

Back in Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
We didn't get much of a forum  
In Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
Haman's evil scheming soon could be leading  
To Shushan, drenched in our blood.....

Shushan on Purim, Shushan on Purim.....

Her uncle told her, she was our last chance  
She would have to see the king, and tell him  
everything  
But Achashverous, was no New-Ager  
If his sceptre wasn't out, she was through no doubt  
But the king loved her so, to dinner he would go  
And the tables would turn on Haman now Ach  
was in the know

Back in Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
Haman built gallows used for him  
In Shushan, Shushan on Purim  
Esther saved us all when she answered our call  
Back in Shushan, thank G-d for love.

This is the story of Purim.  
It is a story of freedom, of Esther and Haman and  
King Achashveros.  
Now this should prepare us to hear it through,  
To hear it through both me and you.

## **THE PURIM SONG**

(To "La Bamba," by Ritchie Valens)

New Lyrics: Michael Nathanson, Dan Berg

This is the Megillat Esther.  
Now the King did request her hand in marriage  
and this she agreed to,  
But she decided to heed to her cousin's advice and  
not reveal her religion.  
Religion, religion, and so she lived,  
And so she lived and so she lived.

Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Pur--

But a wicked man, Haman,  
Who was far from a layman, he ruled the  
state--yeah he thought he was so great.  
Yeah he thought he was so great, the people  
bowed,  
They all bowed down around the town.

That is all except Mordecai.  
Esther's cousin was quite a guy, he wouldn't bow  
down  
No he wouldn't bow to Haman.  
And Haman did frown, saying "As for you,  
The gallows wait for all the Jews."

Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Pur--

And Haman picked the Jews' doomsday.  
He chose, in his own way, the 14th of Adar by  
playing the slots.  
By playing the slots and drawing lots  
And lots and lots and lots of lots.

Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Pur--

Para celebrar Purim  
Se necessita un poca de bulla  
Yo no soy Ahashveros, soy Mordecai  
Soy Mordecai, soy Mordecai!

Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Pur--

Then Esther said to her husband,  
She said to her husband who loved her dearly, told  
him she was Jewish.  
And this made the King blue-ish, for well he knew

That Haman's plan he would soon rue.

So Ahashveros decreed  
That because of his deed Haman must die,  
Not the Jews but Haman!  
Haman dies instead, he dies instead.  
Off with this head, off with his head!

Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim, Purim...

HEY, HEY, WHAT DO YOU SAY?  
(Carol Boyd Leon)

Hey, Hey, what do you say?  
Let's sing Purim songs today  
Hey, hey, what a great day  
Purim is a fun holiday

CHORUS Come to see the great Purim show  
Get your groggers ready to go  
Listen for the names that you'll here  
One we boo, the other's we cheer.

Hey, hey, what do you say?  
What's a name we cheer today?  
Esther, say hip hooray!  
Cheer for Esther, she saved the day  
CHORUS

Hey, hey, what do you say?  
What's another name we cheer today?  
MORDECHAI, he wouldn't bow down  
To the nastiest man in the town  
CHORUS

Hey, hey, what do you say?  
What's a name we BOO today?  
Haman, Haman's the name  
Make some noise that's part of the game  
Turn your groggers all girls and boys  
Now's the time to make a loud noise  
HAMAN! HAMAN! Was a mean man  
Drown his name out loud as you can

Hey, Hey, what do you say?  
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