



PURIM RESOURCES

in the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

IN THE PINSOFF CHILDREN'S READING ROOM:

***The Mystery Bear* by Leone Adelson (E240.5)**

When he awakens from hibernation, Little Bear's hunger leads him to a house where a Purim celebration is just beginning.

***Queen Esther* by Tomie dePaola (E240.5)**

Retells how Queen Esther risked her life to save the Jews in Persia.

***On Purim* by Cathy Fishman (E240.5)**

Uses the story of a family's preparations for Purim to explain the traditions connected with this celebration.

***The Mitzvah Girl* by Beverly Geller (E240.5)**

On Purim, Shira has the opportunity to perform many *mitzvot* and has the best Purim ever.

***Queen Esther Saves Her People* by Rita Golden Gelman (E240.5)**

A spirited retelling of the Purim story celebrates Queen Esther's brave defense of the Jews against the king's tyrannical prime minister.

***Queen Esther, the Morning Star* by Mordicai Gerstein (E240.5)**

Retells the story of how a beautiful Jewish girl became the Queen of Persia and saved her people from death at the hands of the evil Haman.

***Cakes & Miracles* by Barbara Goldin (E240.5)**

Young, blind Hershel finds that he has special gifts he can use to help his mother during Purim.

***The Uninvited Guest and Other Jewish Holiday Tales* by Nina Jaffe (J240)**

Valuable information about Purim introduces the lyrical tale of "The Purim Trunk" in this imaginative collection.

***It's Purim Time!* by Latifa Berry Kropf (E240.5)**

Photographs and easy-to-read text portray children in a Jewish preschool celebrating Purim.

***Daughters of Fire* by Fran Manushkin (JBB)**

This is a collection of 11 stories about women of the Bible (including Queen Esther) who influenced the course of Jewish history through their courageous actions.

***Purim* by Miriam Nerlove (E240.5)**

A young boy gets caught up in the excitement of the Purim celebration as the rabbi relates the tale of the courageous Queen Esther and the evil Haman.

***Sammy Spider's 1st Purim* by Sylvia Rouss (E240.5)**

A young spider wants to join in as Josh and his mother bake *hamentashen*, make a costume, and spin the *grogger* for Purim.

***The Day the Rabbi Disappeared* by Howard Schwartz (J240)**

This collection of magical Jewish holiday tales includes the Purim story, "The Angel of Dreams."

***Raisel's Riddle* by Erica Silverman (E240.5)**

A Jewish version of the Cinderella story, in which a poor but educated young woman captivates her "Prince Charming," a rabbi's son, at a Purim ball.

***Festival of Esther* by Maida Silverman (E240.5)**

Explains the history and meaning of Purim and includes a traditional holiday song and a recipe for *hamentashen*. See also "Disguises: A Story for Purim" in *The Glass Menorah* (J240).

***The Purim Surprise* by Lesley Simpson (E240.5)**

Having moved to a new city just before Purim, Naomi reluctantly agrees to help deliver *shalach manot*, while worrying that her mother has forgotten her seventh birthday.

***A Costume for Noah* by Susan Topek (E240.5)**

Noah's classmates are busy making costumes for the Purim parade, but he is preoccupied with the imminent arrival of a new baby.

***Esther's Story* by Diane Wolkstein (J224)**

Using a diary format, Esther's inspiring voice and personality come to life.

Goldie's Purim by Jane Breskin Zalben (E240.5)

Although Goldie is scared at first, she overcomes her stage fright to play Queen Esther in the synagogue's celebration of Purim. See also *Beni's Family Cookbook for the Jewish Holidays* for Goldie's *hamentaschen* recipe and other Purim treats (J741).

It's Party Time! by Jonny Zucker (E240.5)

Here is a simple introduction to Purim - follow a family as they wear costumes, go to synagogue, and make lots of noise!

IN THE MAXWELL ABBELL LIBRARY:

***The One Hour Purim Primer* by Shimon Apisdorf (240.5)**

Everything a family needs to understand, celebrate, and enjoy Purim is included in this step-by-step guide.

***Haman and the Jews: A Portrait from Rabbinic Literature* by Elaine Rose Glickman (220.1)**

A scholarly, yet accessible, study of Haman provides insight into the nature of hatred and evil, as well as reconciliation and triumph. Also discusses what rabbinic literature can teach us about the Hamans of our time, as well as how our ancestors perceived him.

***The Gilded Chamber* by Rebecca Kohn (F)**

This sweeping, meticulously researched novel restores Esther to her full, complex humanity while reanimating the glittering Persian empire in which her story unfolded.

***Reclaiming Judaism as a Spiritual Practice* by Goldie Milgram (150)**

Includes a chapter on Purim, "Odd Lots of Spirit."

MUSIC CDs:

***Sing Shalom* by Peter & Ellen Allard**

Singing holiday songs in a host of engaging musical styles, the Allards provide a reason to celebrate. Includes the song "Purim Parade."

***Shirim Al Galgalim* by Debbie Friedman**

This album contains a dozen intelligent but accessible children's songs following the holiday cycle. Includes the song "The Purim Ball."

***Miracles & Wonders* by Debbie Friedman**

Includes six original Purim songs with clever lyrics and catchy melodies.

***Shalom Yeladim* with Judy Caplan Ginsburgh**

An extensive collection of 32 fun, simple songs and blessings for all the Jewish holidays. Includes "Chag Purim," "Ani Purim," and "Mishenichnas Adar."

MOVIES:

***Esther and the King* (VHS)**

This movie, starring Joan Collins, Richard Egan, and Dennis O'Dea, is a Hollywood version of the Purim story from 1960.

***For Your Consideration* (DVD)**

In this satire about Oscar hype, the "cast" is making a film entitled "Home for Purim," and when news of possible Academy Awards for the film's actors reaches them, each one responds in a unique way. (PG-13)

***One Night with the King* (DVD)**

This epic theatrical release depicts the Purim story, as Hadassah, the young Jewish orphan, becomes Esther, the Queen of Persia and saves her people. (PG)

***People of the Book: Esther, Queen of Persia* (VHS)**

Brings to life the story of Esther through dramatic recreations at the actual biblical sites, and examination of historical events.

***Queen Esther* (VHS)**

An animated version of the story of Esther.

RECIPES

Recipes for *hamentaschen* and other Purim treats can be found in many of the cookbooks in our collection such as:

Jewish Holiday Cooking by Jayne Cohen (741)

Jewish Holidays All Year Round by Ilene Cooper (J240)

Kosher by Design: Picture Perfect Food for the Holidays and Everyday by Susie Fishbein (741)

The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking by Phyllis Glazer (741)

A Treasury of Jewish Holiday Baking by Marcy Goldman (741)

The Hadassah Jewish Holiday Cookbook (741)

The World of Jewish Entertaining by Gil Marks (741)

The Jewish Holiday Baker by Joan Nathan (741)

Chocolate Chip Challah and Other Twists on the Jewish Holiday Table by Lisa Rauchwerger (J741)

Fast & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays by Marlene Sorosky (741)

Contact Rachel Kamin at 847/432-8900 x242 or rkamin@nssbethel.org for more information on these and other available resources.