

SAMPLE: “A MARY POPPINS PURIMSPIEL!”

New Purim Lyrics by Rabbi Billy Dreskin & Cantor Ellen Dreskin
Music adapted from Walt Disney’s “Mary Poppins”

___ Okay, then! Let’s get this party started!

___ No, no, wait!

Cast What?!

___ I can’t let you tell this story.

Cast Why not?

___ (whispering & gesturing) There are kids here.

Cast So?

___ So? It’s not exactly what Don Wildmon likes.

___ Who’s Don Wildmon?

___ You know. American Family Association. They hate TV shows like “Will and Grace” and “Family Guy.”

___ And you don’t think he’d like the Esther story?

___ No way!

Cast But it’s in the Bible!

___ Hmm. That could be just the hook we need. Hold on a minute. (dials phone) Don? Yeah, it’s me. The rabbi. Right. Listen, is the Bible okay to read to children? It is? You sure? Have you read it, Don? You don’t *have* to? It’s God’s word and that’s good enough for you? Right up there with “American Idol” and “Extreme Makeover.” Quality stuff, yeah. Yes, Don, I did check your website. Bible wasn’t there. Okay, thanks, Don. No, I work most Sunday mornings. Yes, I understand ... eternal fires. Sure thing. Love ya, baby. Bye now.

___ What’d he say?

___ Seems the story’s family fare after all.

Cast Then what are we waiting for!?

___ Okay, let’s chant some megillah.

___ CHANT 1:1-3

___ It happened in the days of Ahashuerus, who reigned over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces from India to Nubia. In those days, when King Ahashuerus occupied the royal throne in the fortress Shushan, in the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all the officials and administrators of Persia and Medea. He threw a royal bash for all the nobles and the governors of the provinces in his service.

THE BIG BASH (to the tune of “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”)

Ai digi digi digi dai, digi dai.

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We’ve a Purim tale to tell and haven’t got much time ____.

Comedy and intrigue and we’ve got to make it rhyme ____.

Quite a cast of characters but we won’t let that scare us,

Barring one Buffoon-in-Chief named King Ahashuerus!

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From Ethiopia to India, he is the king.

Ahashuerus asks for something, that’s what they will bring.

So when he throws a party for his drunk and rowdy ranks,

He bellows for Queen Vashti, but she calmly says, “No thanks!”

See, Vashti has a brain. She is the talk of all the town ____.

She won’t go to parties wearing nothing but her crown ____.

’Hashuerus is embarrassed. Feeling so uncool ____,

Cannot let her have her way. He’d look just like a fool.

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In order to save face, the king drums Vashti from his house

In hope that women everywhere will listen to their spouse.

But now he feels that something big is missing from his life.

He’s made his point and saved his pride, but now he’s lost his wife.

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____ So the king throws a party, and the booze flows freely.

Cast What happens?

____ He tells his buddies they can have anything they want.

____ And what do they want?

Cast Queen Vashti.

____ The king’s wife?

Cast Yep.