NEW FOR PURIM 2005

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Adelman, P. *The Mystery Bear.* Illus. by Naomi Howland. Clarion, 2004. A hungry bear cub awakens from his winter nap and find a Purim party with lots of food. A first choice for reading aloud to ages 4-6.

Kropf, Latifa Berry. *It's Purim Time.* Photos by Tod Cohen. Kar-Ben/Lerner, 2005. Children in a Jewish preschool celebrate Purim. The fifth in a charming series for ages 3 – 5.

Moscowitz, Moshe. *The Queen of Persia.* Shazak, 2004. A comic strip version of the Queen Esther story, with quizzes between each chapter. There is also a video of the same title. Ages 8 – 12.

Schram, Peninnah. *The Purim Costume.* Illus. by Tammy Keiser. URJ Press, 2004. Rebecca goes to the Purim party as Vashti, because her mother had told her that without Vashti, there would be no Purim. The story of Purim is framed by the Purim party, where prizes are given for the best costumes. For ages 7 – 9.

Watts, Irene. *A Telling Time.* Illus. by Kathryn E. Shoemaker. Tradewinds, 2004. A grandmother tells her granddaughter about the last Purim she spent in Vienna, when she was one of a group of children who visited the rabbi's study in costume to listen to him tell the story of Esther. Beautifully illustrated. For ages 8 – 11.

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