



PURIM RESOURCES

in the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

IN THE PINSOF 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.

***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.

NEW! *Problems in Purimville* by Karen Fisman (J240.5)

Jacob and Sarah must draw on their wits and courage as they try to solve the problems in Purimville.

***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.

NEW! *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.

***The Story of Queen Esther* by Jenny Koralek (E240.5)**

Enhanced with Persian-inspired illustrations, the ancient tale of Queen Esther is retold for young readers.

***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.

***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.

***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).

***When It's Purim* by Edi Stolz Zolkower (E240.5)**

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text portray a group of friends making hamentaschen cookies to give as gifts on Purim.

***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.

***NEW!* *Queen of Secrets* by Jenny Meyerhoff (TF)**

Fifteen-year-old Essie Green, an orphan who has been raised by her secular Jewish grandparents in Michigan, experiences conflicting loyalties and confusing emotions in this modern-day twist on the Queen Esther story.

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

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

***After the Apple* by Naomi Rosenblatt (305)**

Blending history, psychology, and storytelling, this collection of stories of women in the Bible includes Esther.

***NEW!* *Good for the Jews* by Debra Spark (F)**

This novel holds a modern mirror to the book of Esther with a cast of characters from present day Wisconsin who identify with Jewish culture rather than religion.

***Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays: Hanukkah, Tu b'Shevat, Purim* by Paul Steinberg (240)**

Bursting with primary sources, poems, prayers, rituals, and stories, this guide will help you create a holiday experience rich in meaning and spirit.

***The Murmuring Deep* by Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg (220.1)**

With concepts drawn from psychoanalytic thinkers, provides a new understanding of the desires and motivations of the men and women of the Bible, including Queen Esther.

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:

***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)

RECIPES

Recipes for *hamentaschen* and other Purim treats can be found in many of the cookbooks in our collection. Browse the 741 shelf or ask for a recommendation.

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