

Congregation Beth El Presents

MEGILLAH MADNESS



A ROCK 'N ROLL PURIM

Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County

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More than 2000 years ago, the Jewish people in Babylonia were doing quite well. Although some had returned to the Land of Israel years earlier to begin rebuilding the Second Temple, the majority chose to remain in Persia. Life was good, and the Jews were moving up the social ladder. And then, in the blink of an eye, a madman named Haman came to power. Fear and despair filled the hearts of the Jews. And at that darkest hour, when the Jews were on the verge of complete destruction, it was left to one brave, intelligence and beautiful Jewish woman, and one stubborn but wise Jewish man, to change the course of Jewish History.

This is their story

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Henry Kahn • Hollie Stein

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Olivia Blanchard • Hannah Broder • Maddy Bucher
Matthew Eisenstein • Rebecca Gillman • Max Goldberg
Matthew Jacobson • Emily Jerison • Joseph Levine • Hunter Marder
Josh Posner • Ariana Rothman • Rachel Rothman
Amanda Silverstein • David Solkowitz • Naomi Solkowitz
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The Shushan Dimension

Judy Baldinger • Jeffrey Hausfeld
Stephanie King • Marsha Liss • Elizabeth Simon

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MEGILLAH MADNESS SONGBOOK

Prologue

A Megillah To Read

(To the tune of the theme to
"The Magilla Gorilla TV Show")

We've got a Megillah to read
Megillah of Esther to read

Come on Schvester
Read about Queen Esther
Megillah to read

It's here on the bimah
Megillah of Esther
Full of intrigue and appeal
We'll read it, sing it
Act it out too
And have a great shpeil

If reading a megillah makes you feel all right
You should read the Book of Esther 'cause it's Purim tonight!

Megillah, Megillah of Esther to read

Take our advice - at any price - A Megillah about Purim is mighty nice
Read the Megillah, Megillah tonight!!!!

That Old Megillah Scroll

(To the tune of "Old Time Rock 'n Roll")

Let's get that old Megillah off the shelf
It's time to read it now with everyone else
An ancient story 'bout the Jews of old
It's time to read that old Megillah scroll

One year the Purim theme was disco
And two years ago - Broadway shows
Last year the Purim theme was Fiddler
And now it's time again for rock 'n roll

It's time to read that old Megillah scroll
With a message that soothes the soul
We'll reminisce about the Jews of old
When we read that old Megillah scroll

Instrumental

We're gonna read a little Hebrew
About a Jew who wouldn't bow to the floor
About a Queen who had a wonderful soul
It's time to read that old Megillah scroll

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Chapter One

The Twist

(To the tune of "The Twist")

Come on Vashti, let's do the twist
Come on Vashti, let's do the twist
Put your crown on, and go like this

Twist, twist, Vashti twist
Oooo yeah, just like this
Come on Vashti, don't resist

The sheiks are waiting
We're drinking our wine
And they're complaining
About their wives
Don't keep us waiting, you're out of time

Twist, twist, Vashti twist
Oooo yeah, just like this
Come on Vashti, don't resist

Instrumental

He wants to see you, see you twist
Come on Vashti, he does insist
He said you've gotta dance, he said you've gotta twist

Come on twist yeah Vashti twist
Oooh-yeah just like this
Come on little miss, and do the twist
Rock on now
Twist on now
Rock on now
Twist on now
Come on Vashti, and do the twist

Her Boots Are Made For Walkin'

(To the tune of "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'")

You keep sayin' that I oughta be dancin'
You keep sayin' that I've got to learn
You're mistaken if you think that I'm prancin'
Just keep it up, and we'll see what you'll learn

Her boots are made for walkin'
And that's just what she'll do
Tell her she's gotta dance, and then she'll walk right out on you

You keep threat'nin when you oughta be lovin'
And you keep sayin' that I'll end up alone
You keep asking why I'm not obeyin'
But what's right is right, I'm not a thing you own

Her boots are made for walkin'
And that's just what she'll do
Tell her she's gotta dance, and then she'll walk right out on you

You are dreamin' if you think that I'm dancin'
And I'm not lyin' about what's gonna come next (hah)
I'm gonna get myself a brand new husband (yeah)
'Cause I'm telling you that I deserve the best

Her boots are made for walkin'
And that's just what she'll do
Tell her she's gotta dance, and then she'll walk right out on you

Ready boots
Start walkin'

Chapter Two

The King's So Fine

(To the tune "He's So Fine")

The King's so fine
I wish he were mine
What a handsome King over there
And I really love his hair

I don't know how I'm gonna do it
But I've gotta make him mine
He's the envy of all the girls
And he's choosing tonight

Vashti was the Queen
And now she's gone away
And I wonder if today
I'm gonna get to stay

I know I've got to do it
I've gotta make him mine
I'm going to be the Queen
It's just a matter of time

The King's so fine
He's gonna be mine
Sooner or later
I hope it's not later
I hope we get together
The sooner the better
I just can't wait, I just can't wait
To be in his royal arms

If I were his Queen
I'd be the perfect Queen
I'll do anything he asks
Anything to make him mine

He's so fine
So fine
He's so fine
So fine
He's so fine
So fine

Chapter Three

Bow Bow Down

(To the tune "Barbara Ann")

Bow, bow, down, you gotta bow down
Bow, bow, down, you gotta bow down

You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow down
You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground

The King said to bow
You gotta do it now
You gotta bow down
And we can show you how

You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground

Bow, bow, down, you gotta bow down
Bow, bow, down, you gotta bow down

You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow down
You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground

Haman is the man
He's got an evil plan
He's gonna draw lots
To rid you from this land

You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground
Bow, bow, down, you gotta bow down
Bow, bow, down, you gotta bow down

You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow down
You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground

Mordechai, Mordechai
You gotta bow down, or Jews will die
Mordechai, Mordechai
You gotta bow down, down to the ground
You gotta bow bow down, down to the ground

Lot Around The Clock

(To the tune of "Rock Around the Clock")

One, two, three, o'clock, four o'clock lot
Five, six, seven o'clock, eight o'clock lot
Nine, ten, eleven o'clock, twelve o'clock lot
Adar 13 is the lot tonight

Put your black robe on, and join the fun
We'll get those Jews, when the clock strikes one
We're gonna lot around the clock tonight
We're gonna lot, lot, lot 'til broad daylight
We're gonna lot, gonna lot, around the clock tonight

He's got a plan and it's brand new
He's gonna get rid of every Jew.
We're gonna lot around the clock tonight
We're gonna lot, lot, lot 'til broad daylight
We're gonna lot, gonna lot, around the clock tonight

Instrumental

When the clock strikes two, and three and four
We'll get those Jews, they'll kvell no more
We're gonna lot around the clock tonight
We're gonna lot, lot, lot 'til broad daylight
We're gonna lot, gonna lot, around the clock tonight

Mordechai, you are the Jew
You should have bowed when he asked you to
We're gonna lot around the clock tonight
We're gonna lot, lot, lot 'til broad daylight
We're gonna lot, gonna lot, around the clock tonight

Instrumental

When the clock strikes twelve, all Jews will die
No one in Shushan's gonna cry
We're gonna lot around the clock tonight
We're gonna lot, lot, lot 'til broad daylight
We're gonna lot, gonna lot, around the clock tonight

Chapter Four

Help Us Esther

(To the tune "Help Me, Rhonda")

The Jews are all in trouble and we need your help tonight
Haman's on the loose and he's giving us all a fright
Well Esther we're out of time
If you tell the King, we'll all be fine
You've got to help us Esther, help us with all of your heart

Chorus: (Help us Es) Help us Esther, help, help us Esther
(Help us Es) Help us Esther, help, help us Esther
(Help us Es) Help us Esther, help, help us Esther
(Help us Es) Help us Esther, help, help us Esther
(Help us Es) Help us Esther, help, help us Esther
(Help us Es) Help us Esther, help, help us Esther
Help us Esther, yeah, time to do your part

The King really loves you, and you know he is your man
If you tell him you're a Jew, he'll stop Haman's evil plan
Well Esther, you have his eye
You've got to tell him, you've got to try
You've got to help us Esther, help us with all of your heart

Chorus

Instrumental

Chorus

Chapter Five

Esther's Got A Secret

(To the tune "Do You Want To Know A Secret")

I need to know if you really love me

I need to know if you really care

Listen

You really need to know my secret

It is something I must tell

Wo, oh, oh Esther

You can whisper in my ear

Say the words that I must hear

I'm in love with you

Listen (doo wah doo)

You really need to know my secret (doo wah doo)

At the banquet I will tell (doo wah doo)

Wo, oh, oh Esther (doo wah doo)

Ask me anything you wish (doo wah doo)

Half the kingdom is my gift

I'm in love with you

I've got a secret, oh yes it's true
Come with Haman, and I'll tell you

Listen (doo wah doo)
You really need to know my secret (doo wah doo)
At the banquet I will tell (doo wah doo)

Wo, oh, oh Esther (doo wah doo)
Tell me what it is you fear (doo wah doo)
Say the words that I must hear
I'm in love with you

Chapter Six

At the Midnight Hour

(To the tune "In the Midnight Hour")

He can't sleep at the midnight hour
His thoughts were bringing him down
All awake at the midnight hour
'Cause he nearly lost his crown
Needs to pull himself together
And sleep on the royal feathers
At the midnight hour

He was reading 'bout the killing plot
And learning how his life was saved
All awake at the midnight hour
Knowing that the Jew was brave
Askin' what can he do for Mordi
Wondering how to honor Mordi
At the midnight hour

Instrumental

He said, "Dress him in some royal clothes
From his head down to his toes
Parade him all around
Tell everyone in town
This is what the Jew has done
That Mordi is second to none."
AT THE MIDNIGHT HOUR

Chapter Seven

Rescue Me

(To the tune "Rescue Me")

Rescue me
And take me in your arms
Rescue me
I need your royal charm
'Cause I'm worried
And I'm blue
I need you
And your love too
Come on and rescue me

Chorus: Come on baby, and rescue me
 Come on baby, and rescue me
 'Cause she needs you by her side
 'Can't you see that she's worried

Rescue me
And save her people too
Spare her life, it's what you must do
'Cause she's worried
And she's blue
She needs you
And your love too
Come on and rescue me

Chorus

Instrumental

Rescue me
From Haman's evil plan
Rescue me
You need to understand
'Cause I'm worried
I'm a Jew
Yes it's true
Yes I'm a Jew
Come on and rescue me

Save me baby
Hold me baby
Love me baby
Oooo hooo
Can't you see that she's worried

Rescue me
You've got to foil his plan
C'mon baby, and be her man
'Cause she needs you
She's a Jew
Can't you see that she's worried

Mmm-hmm
Mmm-hmm
Save me baby
Love me baby
Save me baby
Mmm-hmm
Can't you see that she's worried

Chapter Eight

I Can't Help Myself

(To the tune "Can't Help Myself")

Intro

Esther my sweet wife
You know that I love you
I can't help myself
I love you and nobody else

Listen my sweet wife
Think you should know
You mean the world to me
You're my everything

Haman had a plan
To end your life
You came a running to me
You're the love of my life
And there's nothing that I wouldn't do

Instrumental

Can't help myself
No I can't help myself

Sugar pie honey bunch
I'm weaker than a King should be
I can't help myself
I'm a fool in love you see

The thought that I could lose you
From his evil plan
I nearly died
Now every time I see your face
I get all choked up inside

You know that I'm the man
Who foiled Haman's plan
Mordi gets my ring
You get Haman's things
I'll issue the decree
The Jews will all be free

Sugar pie honey bunch
You know that I'm weak for you
I can't help myself
I love you and nobody else

Sugar pie honey bunch
I'll do anything you ask me to
I can't help myself
I want you and nobody else

Sugar pie honey bunch
You know that I love you
I can't help myself
I love you and nobody else

Sugar pie honey bunch
You know that I love you
I can't help myself
I love you and NOBODY ELSE!!!

Chapter Nine

Haman, Haman

(To the tune "Louie, Louie")

Chorus: Haman, Haman, oh yeah
We said, you gotta go
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Haman, Haman, oh yeah
We said, you gotta go now
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Haman drew lots to kill the Jews
Esther told the King he had to choose
The gallows were built for Mordechai
But now it's Haman who's sayin' goodbye

Chorus

Sorrow turned to joy, here and there
Victorious Jews were everywhere
Haman and his sons not gonna gloat
'Cause now they're doing, the dead man's float

Haman, Haman, oh yeah
We said, you gotta go
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Haman, Haman, oh yeah
We said, you gotta go now
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Instrumental

Victory over hatred is our fate
Fourteenth of Adar we celebrate
And the antisemites better beware
There's lots of strong, fightin' Jews out there

Haman, Haman, oh yeah
We said, you gotta go
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Haman, Haman, oh yeah
We said, you gotta go now
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
You gotta go now
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
You gotta go now
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
GO!!!!

Chapter Ten

We Can't Be Beat

(To the tune "We Got The Beat")

Intro

Here we come walkin' down the street
Our enemies, we did defeat
Celebrate our vict'ry today
Esther saved the day

Chorus: We can't be beat
We can't be beat
We can't be beat, yeah
We can't be beat

Here we are standin' proud and tall
Avenge ourselves and beat them all
Spread the word throughout the land
So the world will know

Chorus

Instrumental

Shake your groggers and make some noise
Everyone - all the girls and boys
Remember this day from year to year
Because it's Purim time!

We did defeat
We did defeat
We did defeat, yeah
We did it

We can't be beat (3x)
Everybody get on your feet
We can't be beat
We know you can dance, to the beat
We can't be beat
Jump back, and kick round
We did defeat
Round and round and round, whoo!
We can't be beat (8x)
We can't be beat!!

Epilogue

Chag Purim

(To the tune of "Age of Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In")

When the Jews were in diaspora
Living peacefully in Shushan Persia
Evil Haman plotted to destroy them
But the Queen foiled his evil plan

That's why we celebrate the holiday of Purim
The holiday of Purim
Chag Purim
Chag Purim

Harmony and understanding
Sympathy and love abounding
Free to practice our religion
And fulfill all G-d's commandments

Keep the Sabbath, study Torah
Don't forget to dance the hora

Chag Purim
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When the Jews were in Shushan
Facing genocide by evil Haman
Esther made King Achashverosh
Put an end to Haman and his clan

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Instrumental

Am Yisrael Chai
Am Yisrael Chai
Yisrael Chai
(4x)

Od Avee-nu Chai
Od Avee-nu Chai
Avee-nu Chai
(4x)

Hee-neh Matov
Oo-mah Nayim
Shevet Achim
Gam Yachad
(4x)