

Congregation Beth El Presents
Megillah Madness!



Rock 'N roll purim

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Sometime long ago, 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, intelligent and beautiful Jewish woman, and one stubborn but wise Jewish man, to change the course of Jewish History.

This is their story . . .

Prologue
"Dancing in the Street"



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Chapter one

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"Now It's Time to Dance"

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Evan Krame ■ Mark Levitt

"You Don't Own Me"

The Queen of Hearts ■ Elizabeth Simon

"Hit the Road Vasht"

The Shandalas

Gail Fribush ■ Gail Ross ■ Helene Weisz ■ Janyse Weisz

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The Sandak of Soul ■ Paul Haar

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PURIM HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

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Narrator ■ Dena Greenblum
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Haman's Assistant ■ Ben Friedmann

"The Great Jew Hater"
The Duke of Cruel ■ Cantor Abe Lubin
Zeresh ■ Sandy Lubin



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Esther ■ Michelle German
Esther's Aide ■ Dena Greenblum

"Help!"

The Back Shtetl Boys

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The Poly-Esthers

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Narrator ■ Eric Weissmann

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Ed and the Insomniacs

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"Get Ready"

The Hamentations

Steve Cohen ■ Marilyn Hammerman ■ Henry Kahn
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Judy Baldinger ■ Sani Barr ■ Barbara Cohen
Sandy Cohen ■ Judy Futterman



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The Hebrews (a.k.a. The Children's Choir)

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Chapter ten

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"Purim Time, All Hail"

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The Shtetl People

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Megillah Madness Songbook

Dancing In the Street

Lyrics by Scott Glick

Calling Jews around the world
Are you ready for a brand new beat
Purim's here - it's Adar 14
Time for dancin' in the street
Dancin' in Bethesda
Down in Chevy Chase
In Cabin John

All we need is music
Sweet music
There'll be ruach everywhere
There'll be Jews all swayin'
when the music's playin'
Dancin' in the street

Oh, it doesn't matter what you wear
Just as long as you are here
So come on, every guy, grab a girl
Every Jew around the world
Should be dancin'
Dancin' in the street

It's a celebration for the Jewish nation
A chance for folks to meet
There'll be laughin' singin' and music
swingin'

Dancin' in the street
Potomac, M.D.
Silver Spring and D.C. now
Can't forget Rockville City

All we need is music
Sweet music
There'll be ruach everywhere
There'll be Jews all swayin'
When the record's playin'
Dancin' in the street

Oh, it doesn't matter what you wear
Just as long as you are here
So come on, every guy, grab a girl
Every Jew around the world
Should be dancin'
Dancin' in the street

In Takoma Park, and Garrett Park
They're dancin' in the street
Let's form a big strong line,
it's Purim time
We're dancin' in the street
In this wonderful shul, me and you
We're dancin' in the street



Chapter one

Now It's Time to Dance

Lyrics by Scott Glick

You broke my heart
When you wouldn't dance
And you wouldn't even wear your crown
Now I'm here to let you know
that I'm giving you one more chance

Do you love me?
Do you love me?
Do you love me?
Now, it's time to dance
Watch it now

Work it out Vashti
Well you're drivin' me crazy
Just a little bit of soul now

You can mash potato
You can do the twist
Now tell me Vashti
Do you like it like this
Tell me, tell me

Do you love me
Do you love me
Do you love me
I want you to dance
Watch it now

You don't own me

Lyrics by Scott Glick

You don't own me
I'm not one of your many toys
You don't own me
I'm not dancing for you and your boys
Don't tell me what to wear
Don't tell me what to say
And when you ask me to dance
Don't put me on display

You don't own me
Don't try to change me in any way
You don't own me, don't tie me down
'cause I'd never stay

Don't tell me what to say
Don't tell me what to do
And just let me be myself
That's all I ask of you

I'm young and I love to be young
I'm free and I love to be free
To live my life the way I want
To say and do whatever I please



Hit the road vasht

Lyrics by Scott Glick

That's right!
Hit the road Vasht
And don't you come back no more,
no more, no more, no more
Hit the road Vasht,
and don't you come back no more
That's what I say

Hit the road Vasht
And don't you come back no more,

no more, no more, no more
Hit the road Vasht,
and don't you come back no more

Don't you come back no more
Don't you come back no more
Don't you come back no more
Don't you come back no more
Don't you come back no more

Chapter Two

I Need a Queen

Lyrics by Scott Glick

Whoa! I need a queen,
you know that I do now
I need a queen, I'm feelin' real blue now
A queen. For me. How 'bout her?

Whoa! I want nice - sugar no spice
No one real strong, don't want to be wrong
She's nice. She's nice. How 'bout her?

Instrumental

When I hold her, late at night
I just want it to feel right
And when I ask her, if she will dance
(It) shouldn't be a game of chance

I want nice - sugar no spice
Don't like ice - had that twice
Real nice. Real nice. How 'bout her?

Instrumental

When I hold her, in my arms
I don't want it to feel wrong
And when I ask her, if she will dance
I'm looking for some romance

Whoa! I need a queen
You know what I mean
Esther's nice - sugar no spice
She's nice. Real nice. I want you!

Whoa!! I feel good
I knew that I would now
I feel good - I knew that I would now
So good. So good. 'Cause I got you!
So good. So good. 'Cause I got you!
So good. So good. 'Cause I got you!

Chapter Three



The Great Jew Hater

Lyrics by Cantor Stephanie Shore and Rabbi Richard Adler

Additional lyrics by Scott Glick

Oh yes, I'm the great Jew hater
I hate them, it's what I do best
My need is such, I despise so much
Start with one, and then we'll get the rest

Oh yes, I'm the great Jew hater
As wicked as anyone's ever been
I'll gain my fame. I'll stamp out their name
So what, if I'm full of sin

So real is this feeling of power he's got
So real, they will kneel - a pogrom they will feel

Oh yes, I'm the great Jew hater
I'll draw lots, for all of the Jews
And death it will be, it's their destiny
Now soon, I'll wear the crown
Parading with no Jews around

So real is this feeling of power he's got
So real, they will kneel - a pogrom they will feel

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Parading with no Jews around



Chapter Four

Help!

Lyrics by Scott Glick

Help! Jews need somebody
Help! Not just anybody
Help! Jews need someone. Help!

When you were younger
so much younger than today
They called you Hadassah
in your shtetl you would play
But now those days are gone and
now you are the Queen
Now we find, we need your help,
or the Jews will not be seen

Esther we are blue, we're really down
And we really need your help
with Haman 'round
Esther you can save us with your crown
Won't you please, please save us

To rid Shushan of Jews,
Haman has so many ways
And if, he succeeds
we'll vanish in the haze

But Esther you can be
the one who saves us Jews
Tell the King, that you're a Jew, your
love will make him choose

Esther we are blue, we're really down
And we really need your help
with Haman 'round
Esther you can save us with your crown
Won't you please, please save us

When you were younger
so much younger than today
They called you Hadassah
in your shtetl you would play
But now those days are gone
and now you are the Queen
Now we find, we need your help,
or Jews will not be seen

Esther we are blue, we're really down
And we really need your help
with Haman 'round
Esther you can save us with your crown
Won't you please, please, save us,
save us, us Jews



Chapter Five

Stop! In the Name of Love

Lyrics by Scott Glick

Stop! In the name of love
before you break my heart

Ahashverosh how can I explain
Do you know why, I am in such pain
I want you to grant my request
Listen closely and I'll tell you the rest
But this time before you have drink
I want you, to sit there and think
(Think it over) Haven't I been good to you?
(Think it over) Haven't I been sweet to you?

Stop! In the name of love
before you break my heart
Stop! In the name of love
before you break my heart
(Think it over) (Think it over)

Haman Haman, he's such an evil man
I don't know why you just don't understand
But isn't my sweet expression

Worth all of your love and affection
Haman wants to kill all the Jews
All I am asking, is that you choose
(Think it over) Haven't I been good to you?
(Think it over) Haven't I been sweet to you?

Stop! In the name of love
before you break my heart
Stop! In the name of love
before you break my heart
(Think it over) (Think it over)

Ahashverosh, you look so confused
Here is my secret, I too am a Jew
The next time, you see Haman's face
Make him vanish, without a trace
Stop! In the name of love
before you break my heart
Stop! In the name of love
before you break my heart



chapter Six

Tossin' and Turnin'

Lyrics by Scott Glick

I couldn't sleep at all last night
It was weighing on my mind
In Shushan, things weren't right
(Well I was) tossin' and turnin'
Turnin' and tossin'
Tossin' and turnin' all night

I kicked the blankets on the floor
Turned my pillow upside down
This never happened before
(Well I was) tossin' and turnin'
Turnin' and tossin'
Tossin' and turnin' all night

Jumped out of bed, turned on the light
Sent for my servants and
boy was it a sight
Read from the book
Learned of the plot
Called for my robes
it was the middle of the night

Mordechai had saved my crown
Couldn't get that off my mind
I said "parade him all around."
(Well I was) tossin' and turnin'

Turnin' and tossin'
Tossin' and turnin' all night

Instrumental

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Sent for my servants and
boy was it a sight
Read from the book
Learned of the plot
Called for my robes
it was the middle of the night

Mordechai had saved my crown
Couldn't get that off my mind
I said "parade him all around."
(Well I was) tossin' and turnin'
Turnin' and tossin'
Tossin' and turnin' all night

Yeah, yeah, yeah
(I was) tossin' and turnin'
Turnin' and tossin'
Tossin' and turnin' all night



Chapter Seven

Get Ready

Lyrics by Scott Glick

I never had a queen who makes
Me feel the way that you do
You told me the secret that you're a Jew,
And I don't mind it
So fee fie, foe fum, look out Haman,
'cause here I come

Esther's giving me a love that's true,
So get ready, get ready
You're gonna hang by the gallows,
So get ready, get ready
(Get ready 'cause here I come)
I'm on my way
(Get ready 'cause here I come)

If you wanna play hide and seek with me,
I'm gonna find you
I don't care how long a time it takes,
I love my Esther
So fiddley dee, fiddley dum,
Look out Haman, 'cause here I come

Esther's giving me a love that's true,
So get ready, get ready

You're gonna hang by the gallows,
So get ready, get ready
(Get ready 'cause here I come)
I'm on my way
(Get ready 'cause here I come)

Instrumental

The Jews in town are saying death to you,
I understand it
I hope I find you before they do,
You'd better run now
So twiddley dee, twiddley dum,
Look out Haman, 'cause here I come

Esther's giving me a love that's true,
So get ready, get ready
You're gonna hang by the gallows,
So get ready, get ready
(Get ready 'cause here I come) I'm on my
way
(Get ready 'cause here I come)
Get ready 'cause here I come
Get ready 'cause here I come



Chapter Eight

It's Like a Heatwave

Lyrics by Scott Glick

Whenever I'm with him
Something inside
Starts to burnin'
And I'm filled with desire
Could it be, the kveller in me
Or is this the way love's supposed to be
It's like a heatwave
Burnin' in my heart
I can't keep from cryin'
It's tearing me apart

He foiled Haman's plan
With a love, so grand
I feel it, right here
I am at his command
Ahashverosh got a hold on me
Is this the way love's supposed to be
It's like a heatwave
Burnin' in my heart
I can't keep from cryin'
It's tearin' me apart

Instrumental

And when I stared in space
Tears all over my face
I explained it, he understood it
I ain't never felt like this before
Now this ferklempt feeling
has me amazed
Don't know what to do,
my head's in a haze
It's like a heatwave

Yeah, yeah (well it's all right girl)
oo oo (go ahead girl)
yeah yeah (well it's all right girl)
oo oo (ain't nothin' but love girl)
I feel it burnin' (don't pass up this
chance)
right here in my heart
(it sounds like a true romance)
it's like a heatwave

Yeah, yeah
yeah, yeah
oo, oo
Yeah, yeah
Yeah, yeah
oo, oo



Chapter Nine

Hey, Hey, We're The Hebrews

Lyrics by Scott Glick

Here we come
walkin' down the street
And we're not kissing
Haman's stinky feet

Hey hey we're the Hebrews
And you can't push us around
We pray to only one G-d
So we're not bowin' down

You don't know who you're dissin'
Guess what we're gonna do
When we catch you tomorrow,
It's the gallows for you.

Hey hey we're the Hebrews
And you can't push us around
We pray to only one G-d
So we're not bowin' down

Hey hey we're the Hebrews
And we've got something to say
We're a proud Jewish nation
Us Jews are here to stay

You can't hide anywhere
Just look over your shoulder
We'll be standing there

Hey hey we're the Hebrews
And you can't push us around
We pray to only one G-d
So we're not bowin' down

Instrumental

Hey hey we're the Hebrews
And you can't push us around
We pray to only one G-d
So we're not bowin' down

Hey hey we're the Hebrews
And we've got something to say
We're a proud Jewish nation
Us Jews are here to stay

Hey hey we're the Hebrews
Hey hey we're the Hebrews
Hey hey we're the Hebrews

You're out of time



Chapter Ten

Purim Time All Hail

Lyrics by Cantor Stephanie Shore and Rabbi Richard Adler

Additional lyrics by Scott Glick

Baby it looks like Haman is gonna die
Baby it looks like Haman is gonna die
He tried to kill us Jews
And now he's gonna sob and cry

You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail
Queen Esther saved the day
with help from Mordechai
Queen Esther saved the day
with help from Mordechai
Evil's on the run, Hashem we glorify

You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail away

Instrumental

The Megillah is the book we read
on Purim night
We remember the day that Haman
gave us a fright
You know it's, Purim time all hail away

You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail away

Instrumental

And we celebrate the way us Jews
put up a fight
We're gonna shake our groggers
and eat our hamentash
We're gonna shake our groggers
and eat our hamentash
What else is new, we Jews we love to nosh

You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail away

You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail
You know it's, Purim time all hail



P*U*R*I*M

Lyrics by Scott Glick

Additional lyrics by Cantor Stephanie Shore and Rabbi Richard Adler

Purim, it's that time of the year,
I said Purim, let's get something
real clear,
Yes it's Purim, we're gonna let
out a cheer,
And just celebrate and party

Purim, part of our hist'ry
Noisy groggers, mark our victory
Over hatred, and Haman's bigotry
And now it's time to party

Let me hear you say P U R I M
Let me hear you say P U R I M
Hashem's number one, evil is on the run
It's Adar 14, and we're having such fun

Let me hear you say P U R I M
Let me hear you say P U R I M
Hashem's number one,
evil is on the run
It's Adar 14, and we're
Having such fun

Haman, he tried to push us around,
But 'ol Mordi, said he wouldn't bow down,
And Queen Esther, went and
beckoned the King,
And then us Jews were saved, we say

Haman, there's a place you can go

We say Haman, it's that place down below
To all Hamans, you should
Remember this day
Because we Jews are here to stay

Let me hear you say P U R I M
Let me hear you say P U R I M

Hashem's number one, evil is on the run
It's Adar 14, and we're having such fun

Yes it's P U R I M
Yes it's P U R I M
Hashem's number one, evil is on the run
It's Adar 14, and we're having such fun

Next Purim, back to Shushan we'll go
Come to Beth El, they'll be another
great show
A celebration, with lots of rhythm
and rhyme,
And we hope you've had a good time

Let me hear you say P U R I M
Let me hear you say P U R I M
Hashem's number one, evil is on the run
It's Adar 14, and we're having such fun

Let me hear you say P U R I M
Let me hear you say P U R I M
Hashem's number one, evil is on the run
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