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## *Purim ... without Haman ... Bye Bye !*



פורים 2026

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# "KI TISSA" IN A NUTSHELL ...



**Th**e name of the Parshah, "Ki Tisa," means "When you take" and it is found in [Exodus 30:11](#).

The [people of Israel](#) are told to each contribute exactly [half a shekel](#) of silver to the [Sanctuary](#). Instructions are also given regarding the making of the Sanctuary's water basin, anointing oil and [incense](#). "Wise-hearted" artisans [Betzalel and Aholiav](#) are placed in charge of the Sanctuary's construction, and the people are once again commanded to keep the [Shabbat](#).

When [Moses](#) does not return when expected from [Mount Sinai](#), the people make a [golden calf](#) and worship it. [G-d](#) proposes to destroy the errant nation, but Moses intercedes on their behalf. Moses descends from the mountain carrying the [tablets of the testimony](#) engraved with the [Ten Commandments](#); seeing the people dancing about their idol, he [breaks](#) the tablets, destroys the golden calf, and has the primary culprits put to death. He then returns to [G-d](#) to say: "If You do not forgive them, [blot me out](#) from the

book that You have written."

[G-d](#) forgives, but says that the effect of their [sin](#) will be felt for many generations. At first [G-d](#) proposes to send His [angel](#) along with them, but Moses insists that [G-d](#) Himself accompany His people to [the promised land](#).

Moses prepares [a new set of tablets](#) and once more ascends the mountain, where [G-d](#) reinscribes the covenant on these [second tablets](#). On the mountain, Moses is also granted a vision of the divine [thirteen attributes of mercy](#). So radiant is Moses' face upon his return, that he must cover it with a [veil](#), which he removes only to speak with [G-d](#) and to teach His laws to the people.

Learn: [Ki Tisa in Depth](#)  
Browse: [Ki Tisa Parshah Columnists](#)  
Prep: [Devar Torah Q&A for Ki Tisa](#)  
Read: [Haftarah in a Nutshell](#)  
Play: [Ki Tisa Parshah Quiz](#)

## TORAH GEM: Divinely Adjusted Destiny

**A**lone of the Books of the Bible, the Megillah contains no mention of God name. Though religious elements are mentioned explicitly, most notably in the fast and mourning when the evil decree is known and the proclamation of the holiday when the evil decree is averted, the constantly felt mighty hand of Providence is never identified by name.

Some traditional commentators feel that this is so because the Megillah was originally based on the letters of Purim (9:20, 30) that Mordecai sent to all the provinces proclaiming the Holiday. But perhaps those who consider the hidden Name a reflection of the hidden Presence are right. No longer could the Jew ascend to Jerusalem's temple to "see the Presence." The long Diaspora had begun. Providence was real, "great and feared," as the Men of the Great Assembly would proclaim again, but

hidden. The first two chapters of Exodus describing the constantly increasing suffering of the Jews avoid any mention of God's name until the death of the old Pharaoh and the call of Moses.

Unlike the Book of Judges which states that God delivered the Jews into the hands of their enemy, Exodus, describing the first Diaspora, is silent about the Ultimate Cause. So too does the Book of the Diaspora, the Megillah, remain silent. The sages sense only a hint. The invitation to Haman and the King, an invitation that brings the turn of fortune, is introduced with words [יבא המלך והמן](#) - whose initial letters spell out the name of God .

Adapted from Dor Le Dor, The World Jewish Bible Society, Spring 1977, Vol. V., page 114. Torah Gem Archives: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#forum/torahtidbits>

## YIDDISH CORNER ...

**Eat In Good Health! - Purim feast (In Yiddish)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlpC47Q6b9A>

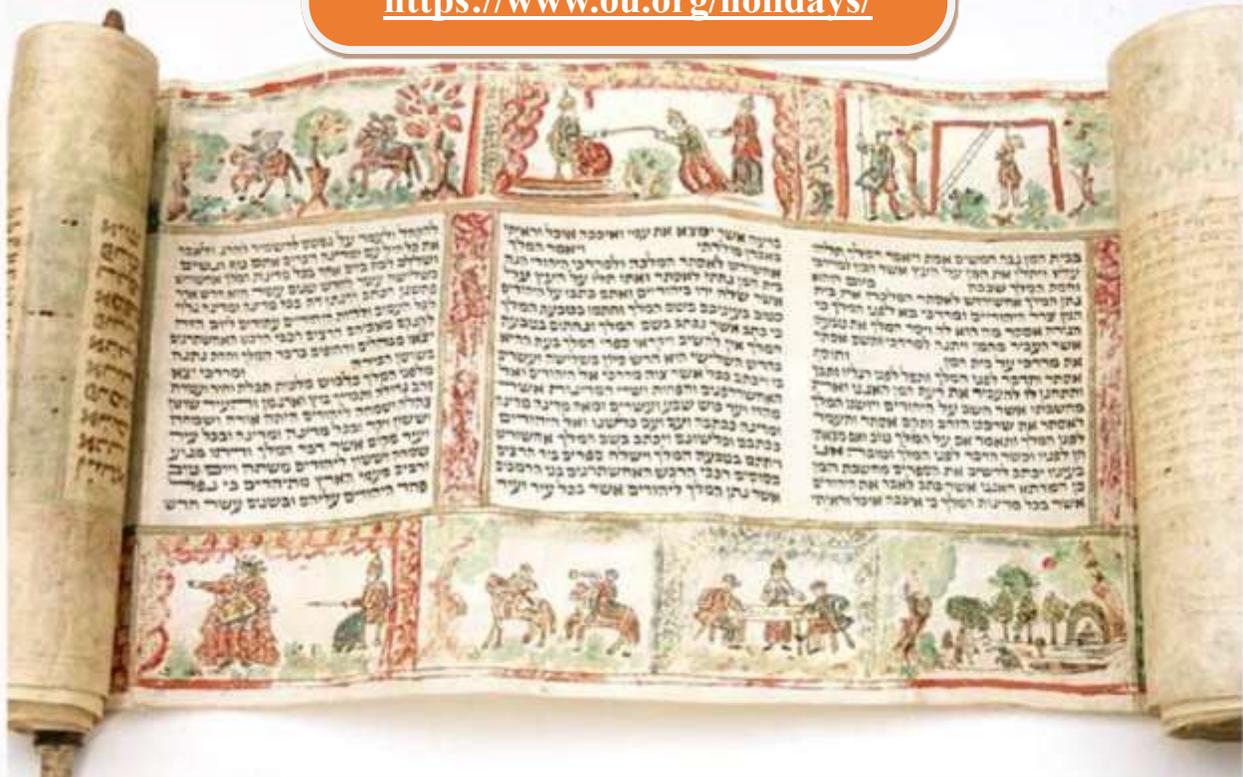


**Forverts (Est Gezunterheyt!)]**

# What are we obligated to do on Purim?

## Purim and its Mitzvot

<https://www.ou.org/holidays/>



### ***Purim has four main Mitzvot:***

***The Reading of the Megillah (Mikra Megillah)***

***The Festive Purim Meal (Seudat Purim)***

***Sending Gifts (Mishloach Manot)***

***Gifts to the poor (Matanot l'Evyonim)***

As for prayer adaptations, the Torah portion of 'and Amalek came' is read Purim morning, and Al-Hanisim is added to the Shmoneh Esray (Silent Prayer) and Birkat HaMazon (Grace after Meals). Hallel is not, however, said on Purim; the Megillah reading being regarded as the Hallel of the day.

Eulogies and fasting are prohibited on Purim, and in a leap year, they are prohibited in the first Adar as well. A mourner likewise does not practice mourning publicly on Purim. He does not sit on the ground nor remove his shoes, and observes the private aspects of mourning, as is the case on Shabbat.

It is legally permissible to work on Purim, but is nevertheless not considered proper. The Sages have said: 'Whoever works on the day of Purim does not see any sign of blessing (through his work).' The type of work that is referred to is work which results in profit. Work involving a Mitzvah, however, or work for the sake of Purim, is fully permitted...

# NEW PURIM VIDEOS ...



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# What Is Purim (in a nutshell)?



<https://www.chabad.org/holidays/purim/>

*The jolly Jewish holiday of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar (late winter/early spring). Purim 2026 begins on Monday night, March 2 and continues until Tuesday, March 3 (extending through Wednesday in Jerusalem).*

It commemorates the (Divinely orchestrated) salvation of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian empire from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day." Literally "lots" in ancient Persian, Purim was thus named since Haman had thrown lots to determine when he would carry out his diabolical scheme, as recorded in the Megillah (book of Esther).

# PURIM 2026



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[https://www.chabad.org/holidays/purim/article\\_cdo/](https://www.chabad.org/holidays/purim/article_cdo/)



## PURIM VIDEOS ...

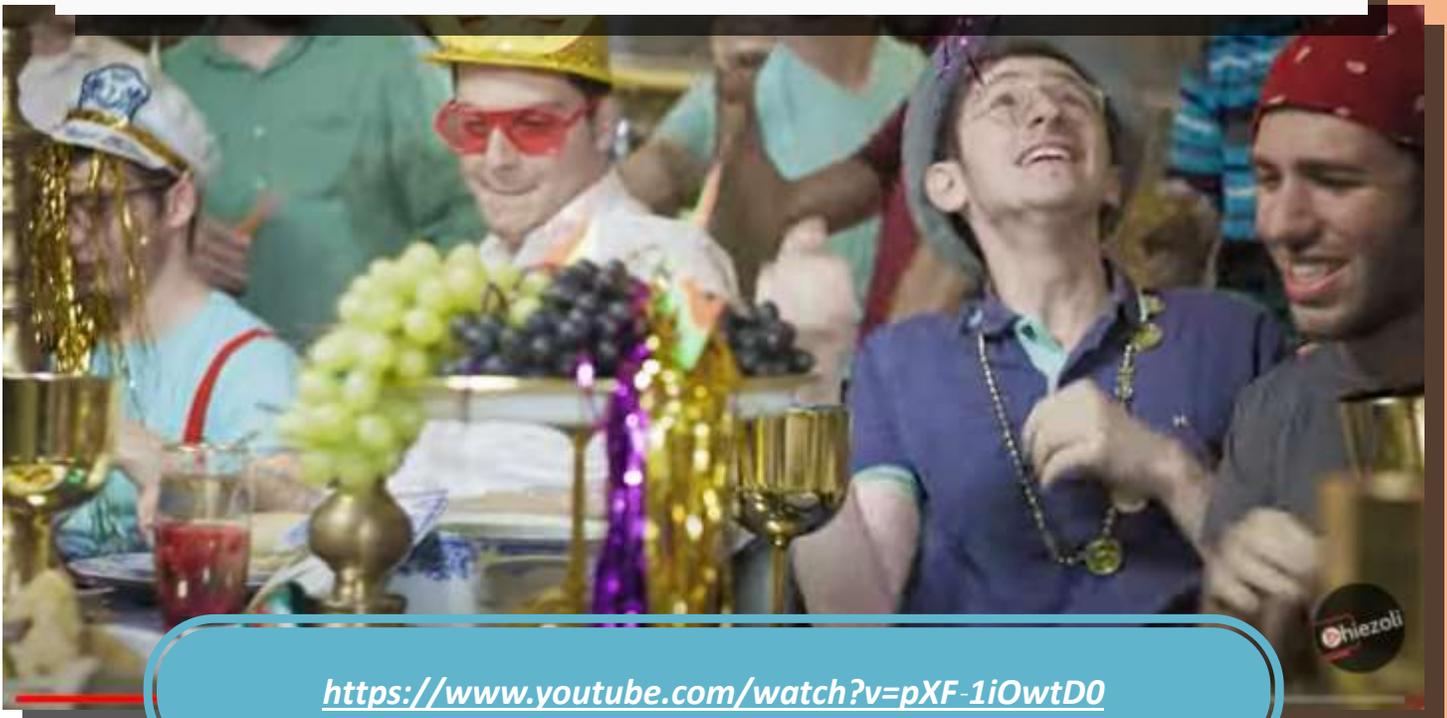


AN ENCANTO PURIM

An Encanto Purim - The Maccabeats (We Don't Talk About Haman)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjmLkEcaUAA>

PURIM BESIMCHA by Brazilian Yeshiva



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXF-1iOwtD0>

# Yummy Hamantaschen



## The Best Hamantaschen Recipe Ever

the  
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*These tried-and-true cookies come out perfect every time.*

Hamantaschen weren't always my favorite cookie to enjoy. The ones I grew up with were dry, would sort of crumble in your hand, and had a sad apricot, prune or poppy schmear in the middle that just wasn't enticing. My grandma would bring them home from her synagogue's sisterhood each year and I would do my best to smile and take a bite. Fast forward, and the quality and variety of hamantaschen have come a very long way. You can find hamantaschen these days in every flavor imaginable: stuffed with hot dogs, dulce de leche, strawberry cheesecake and so on. There is no end to the creativity that bloggers, bakers and chefs have infused into these traditional Purim cookies.

[\*The Best Hamantaschen Recipe Ever | The Nosh\*](#)

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FAST BEGINS: 6:06AM  
SHACHARIT: 6:45AM  
MINCHA: 6:00PM  
MAARIV & MEGILLA READING: 7:00PM  
FAST ENDS: 6:59PM  
THOSE WELL ENOUGH SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER  
READING THE MEGILLA TO EAT  
2ND MEGILLA READING: 10:00PM

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3:  
PURIM DAY**

SHACHARIT: 6:30AM  
MEGILLA READING: APPROX. 7:00AM  
MEGILLA READING AT HALPERN  
AKIVA ACADEMY: 9:00AM  
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW!  
2ND MEGILLA READING: 5:00PM  
TACO BAR PURIM SEUDAH: 5:30PM  
DETAILS BELOW

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<https://www.calgaryjcc.com/events/>

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## CONTEST:

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# PURIM PARTY

## Extravaganza

Tuesday  
March 3rd,  
2026

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5:30 PM  
*Lavish  
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