



What is Purim?

Purim is a joyful Jewish holiday that celebrates Esther's success and bravery in standing up for the Jewish people in Persia against Haman, the power-hungry prime minister. We celebrate this Jewish festival by reading from the Megillah, dressing in costumes, eating delicious Hamantaschen, sharing gift baskets with friends, and giving to those in need. Purim is one large party, so grab a mask and a grogger, and get ready to celebrate the resilience of the Jews!

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Bourekas In The Oven - Adapted from Raffi's "Biscuits in the Oven"

Chorus:

Bourekas in the oven, gonna watch `em RISE!
Bourekas in the oven, gonna watch `em RISE!
Bourekas in the oven, gonna watch `em RISE!
Right before my very eyes

We're gonna roll the dough,
Make it nice and flat
Gonna roll the dough,
Make it nice and flat
Gonna roll the dough,
Make it nice and flat
Nice and flat, now how about that!

Chorus

We're gonna stuff with cheese
Make `em really yummy
Gonna stuff with cheese
Make `em really yummy
Gonna stuff with cheese
Make `em really yummy
Really yummy in my tummy!

Chorus

We're gonna sprinkle the seeds
So they have a crunch
Gonna sprinkle the seeds
So they have a crunch
Gonna sprinkle the seeds
So they have a crunch
Take them out and eat `em for lunch!

Chorus

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Chag Purim - Traditional

Chag Purim, Chag Purim,
Chag Gadol Hu La'Yehudim,
Masechot Ra'ashanim,
Shirim v'Rikudim

Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash!
Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash!
Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash!
Barashanim.

Purim day, Purim day (in English!)
What a happy holiday!
Wear your mask, wear your crown
Dancing all around!

Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash!
Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash!
Hava Narisha, Rash, Rash, Rash!
Happy Holiday!

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El Dia De Purim by Sarah Aroeste

Today we read the Megila
When Mordhay to Aman said `nah'
So now we celebrate with hurrah!
La, la, la, la, la, la el dia de Purim

Chorus:

Biva yo, biva el Rey
Bivan todos Israel
Biva la Reyna Ester
Ke mos dyo tanto plazer
Ke mos dyo tanto plazer

We love Ester for being brave
For all the Jews that she did save
And for the justice she did pave
La, la, la, la, la, la el dia de Purim

Chorus

Today we eat bureka
And send our friends dulseria
And don't forget your tzedaka
La, la, la, la, la, la el dia de Purim

Chorus

Wearing masks and silly are we
As we dance all day with glee
Now that we the Jews are free!
La, la, la, la, la, la el dia de Purim

Chorus

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Hamantaschen Song by Lisa Litman

Chorus:

Hamentaschen, just right for noshin'
Hamentaschen, let's make the dough..GO

Pour it and mix it and mix it and pour it

Hamentaschen, just right for noshin'
Hamentaschen, let's make the dough..GO

Pour it and mix it and mix it and pour it
Roll it and pat it and pat it and roll it

Chorus

Pour it and mix it and mix it and pour it
Roll it and pat it and pat it and roll it
Stuff it...*PAUSE to ask what everybody is putting
in their hamantaschen*
and stuff it and pinch it and pinch it and stuff it

Chorus

Pour it and mix it and mix it and pour it
Roll it and pat it and pat it and roll it
Stuff it and pinch it and pinch it and stuff it
Bake it and wait and wait and wait

Chorus

Pour it and mix it and mix it and pour it
Roll it and pat it and pat it and roll it
Stuff it and pinch it and pinch it and stuff it
Bake it and wait and wait and wait
And EAT EM UP EAT EM UP EAT EM UP

Hamentaschen, just right for nashn'
Hamentaschen, let's make the dough..GO

[Watch Lisa Litmann on YouTube](#)
[Watch Jason Mesches' rendition](#)

I Like Hamantaschen by Ellen Allard

Chorus:

I like hamantaschen
They're so good for noshin'
I like hamantaschen
Yummy, delicious, and sweet

Do we wear them on our head? *(no, no, no)*
Do we hide them in our bed? *(no, no, no)*
Do we put them on a sled? *(no, no, no)*
Everybody knows that we eat them . . .

Chorus

[Watch Sara Smith's rendition](#)

Do we put them on our nose? *(no, no, no)*
Do we put them on our toes? *(no, no, no)*
Do we put them in our clothes? *(no, no, no)*
Everybody knows that we eat them . . .

Chorus

Do we put them on our knee? *(no, no, no)*
Do we hide them on a tree? *(no, no, no)*
Do we feed them to a flea? *(no, no, no)*
Everybody knows that we eat them . . .

Chorus

If You Hear the Name of Haman - Adapted by Amy Dulsky Little

To the tune of "If You're Happy And You Know It"

If you hear the name Haman stomp your feet.
Really loud!
If you hear the name Haman stomp your feet.
Really loud!
If you hear the name Haman, drown it out! *Let's go! C'MON!!!!*
If you hear the name Haman stomp your feet.
Really loud!

If you hear the name of Esther clap your hands,
BRAVO!! (2x)
If you hear the name of Esther, she was strong
and brave, so YES SIR!
If you hear the name of Esther clap your hands.
BRAVO!!

If you hear Ahasuerus pat your head *(2x)*
If you hear Ahasuerus pat yadayim al
harosh
If you hear Ahasuerus pat your head.

If you hear Mordecai shout hooray,
HOORAY!! (2x)
If you hear Mordecai, show some love to
that great guy
If you hear Mordecai shout hooray,
HOORAY!!

If you hear the name Haman DROWN IT
OUT! **BOOOOOO!!!!** *(2x)*
If you hear the name Haman, drown it
out! *Let's go! C'MON!!!!*
If you hear the name Haman DROWN IT
OUT! **BOOOOOO!!!!**

La Kova Sheli - Traditional

La Kova Sheli shalosh pinot
Shalosh pinot la kova sheli
Luleh hayu lo shalosh pinot
Lo ha ya zeh ha kova sheli

Translation:

The hat of mine has three corners
Three corners has the hat of mine
And had it not three corners
It would not be the hat of mine

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Mishenichnas Adar - Traditional

Mishe mishe mishe mishe
Mishe mishe mishe mishe
Mishenichnas adar

Translation:

When Adar comes in,
We increase our joy!

Mishe mishe mishe mishe
Mishe mishe mishe mishe
Mishenichnas adar

Mishenichnas adar
Marbin b'simcha

Mishenichnas adar
Marbin b'simcha

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Purim Train by Carla Friend

Chorus:

All aboard (choo choo) the Purim train
All aboard (choo choo) the Purim train
We will sing and dance and entertain
All aboard the Purim train!

You can wear your masks on the Purim train
Or silly hats on the Purim train
You can be who you want
All aboard the Purim train

Chorus

There is royalty on the Purim train
Superheroes on the Purim train
Even vegetables on the Purim train
All aboard the Purim train

[Watch the Purim Train music video on YouTube](#)

Songs from Our Purim Story

All Aboard For Shushan - Adapted from Judy Caplan Ginsburgh

In my trunk is my purim costume,
In my trunk is my purim costume,
In my trunk is my purim costume,
All aboard, all aboard, all aboard for Shushan!

In my trunk is my Purim mask...
In my trunk is my Purim grogger...
In my trunk is my Purim hamantasch...
In my trunk is my Purim Megillah...

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Chorus

There are tambourines on the Purim train
You can play your drums on the Purim train
Shake your shakers and groggers on the
Purim train
All aboard the Purim Train

Chorus

We are marching on the Purim train
We are jumping on the Purim train
We are wiggling on the Purim train
All aboard the Purim Train

Chorus

In Shu-Shu-Shushan by Ellen Allard

Chorus:

In Shu-Shu-Shushan, in Shu-Shu-Shushan,
In Shu-Shu-Shushan, a very long time ago.

There was a wicked, wicked man, there was a wicked, wicked man,
There was a wicked, wicked man, A very long time ago.

Chorus

A-hash-vay-rosh he was the king...

Chorus

Queen Esther was his lovely wife...

Chorus

Her cousin's name was Mordechai...

Chorus

The wicked man was Haman "BOOOO"...

Chorus

They saved their people, yes indeed...

Esther, Marry Me by Fran Avni

Chorus:

Esther, won't you marry me?
Oh Esther, won't you marry me?
Oh Esther, won't you marry me?
Oh Esther won't you marry me?

Hands on shoulders, hands up high
Hands on hips and hands on thighs.
Shake your head, stamp your feet
Clap your hands and slap your knees.

Chorus

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Jump up high, jump down low
Straighten up and around you go.
Shake your head, stamp your feet
Clap your hands and slap your knees.

Chorus

Shake your hands, touch your toes
Touch your ears, and touch your nose.
Shake your head, stamp your feet
Clap your hands, and slap your knees.

Chorus

Purim Songs Vocabulary

Adar - The most joyous month on the Hebrew calendar! Purim is on the 14th of Adar.

Ahasuerus - The King of Shushan who marries Esther in the Megillah

Bourekas/Burekas - Crispy pastries filled with savory stuffings such as potatoes, cheese, spinach, or mushrooms. They are a popular Sephardic Jewish dish!

Dulseria - A Ladino word for sweets or candy

Esther - The brave woman who becomes queen of Shushan and saves the Jewish people in the Megillah, the hero in our story!

Grogger - A noisemaker used during the retelling of the Purim story from the Megillah, to help drown out Haman's name.

Haman - The evil man who tries to get rid of the Jewish people in Shushan in the Megillah, the villain in our story! When you hear his name during the telling of the story, people traditionally yell "BOOO" and make noise with their groggers to drown out his name.

Hamantaschen - A triangular cookie with a delicious filling in the middle. It is named after Haman. Some traditions say it is modeled after his three-pointed hat, others say it is modeled after his ear, and some even say it is a feminist symbol since the Purim story features strong women.

Ladino - An archaic form of Castilian Spanish mixed with some Hebrew elements (as well as Aramaic, Arabic, Turkish, Greek, French Bulgarian, and Italian), also called Judeo-Spanish.

Megillah - A scroll in Hebrew, or the Megillah of Esther, where we find our Purim story!

Mordecai - Esther's cousin/uncle (often debated) and guardian. He helps Esther save the Jewish people in the Megillah!

Tzedaka - The Hebrew word for charitable contributions