

Purim Facts

The Megillah:
The Megillah is the story of Purim, also known as the book of Esther. It is the celebration of deliverance from a plot of extermination. Purim takes place in ancient Persia during the 6th century BCE. It is a holiday commonly celebrated by dressing up in costumes and going to a party.

The Cast:
King Ahasheuras...The King of Persia and Queen Esther's husband
Vashti...King Ahasheuras' first wife
Esther...Jewish heroine and King Ahasheuras' second wife
Mordechai...Leader of the Jews and Queen Esther's uncle
Haman...Prime Minister of Persia and evil villain

Terms:
Gragger-we make noise when we hear Haman's name during the Megillah reading.
Hamantashen-a delicious cookie, meaning "pocket," that is shaped like a triangle and named after Haman's pockets that were supposedly filled with money.
Costumes-we celebrate Purim by dressing up.



The story of Purim is told in Megillat Esther. Megillat Esther (The Book of Esther) is one of two books in the Tanakh to bear a woman's name. Purim is one of the few Jewish holidays celebrating the talents, courage, and dedication of a woman.