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CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY, EVENING, MARCH 11, 8:15 P. M.

MEGILLAH NIGHT
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Presenting

A PURIM PAGEANT

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KING BERNARD HOLLANDER
QUEEN ESTHER TILLIE FINE
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"Esther"



The Music Director



The Organist

and

THE EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE CHOIR

REUBEN P. CAPLIN, Director
PAUL ALLEN BEYMER, Organist

The Pageant is based on "An Animated
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Dramatic Direction by

MRS. DONALD PALAY



"Mordecai"

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Pupils of the Religious School will attend this service instead of classes on
March 11, 12, and 13.

Assisted with the Torah Last Week: Alex Sill and David Gold

Sabbath Morning Services in the Chapel, 11 A. M. to 12 Noon

Torah Portion: "TEZAVEH", Exodus 27.20-30.10; Haftarah, 1 Samuel 15.2-34

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Holiday Games

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Admission Free

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT PURIM

By Rabbi Samuel M. Silver and Marguerite J. Paelke

M.J.P.: I see another Jewish holiday is coming.

S.M.S.: Yes, there's always another Jewish holiday coming.

Q. Which one is it now?

A. Purim.

Q. Is that an important holiday?

A. Traditionally, it is a minor festival. But it has become more important in modern times.

Q. Why?

A. Because the story of Purim is applicable to the situation which has frequently confronted the Jewish people.

Q. What is the Purim story about?

A. It is about the attempt of a tyrant to annihilate an entire people.

Q. You mean Haman?

A. Yes, and the story tells of the resistance to that tyranny offered by Mordecai.

Q. Where is the story told?

A. In the Bible—the Book of Esther.

Q. Isn't that book called the Megillah?

A. Yes, it is.

Q. I have heard people use the word Megillah to mean a very long story. Is the Book of Esther that long?

A. No. It contains only ten chapters. But at the traditional synagogue service, the entire story was read and that seemed long for one sitting.

Q. When did the events in the Book of Esther take place?

A. No one is sure. But historians guess it was around 500 B.C.E.

Q. What was the controversy between Haman and Mordecai?

A. Haman, the prime minister, demanded that everyone should kneel to him and Mordecai refused.

Q. Why?

A. Because, being a very loyal Jew, he refused to bow to anyone but God.

Q. And how did Haman react to this refusal?

A. He decided to be avenged on Mordecai and all of Mordecai's people, and this is where Esther came into the picture.

Q. Esther was Mordecai's niece, wasn't she?

A. No she wasn't. Actually, she was the daughter of his uncle, that is, his cousin. But he was also her guardian.

Q. And she was married to the king?

A. Yes. She was the wife of King Ahasuerus.

Q. How do you pronounce that name?

A. You say "Aha" and follow it with a sneeze.

Q. Was there really ever such a king of Persia?

A. We're not sure. But we think he is the king known in Persian history as Artaxerxes.

Q. And how did Esther thwart the plan of Haman?

A. She revealed her identity, which she had hitherto concealed, and pleaded for the rescue of her people.

Q. Did she do this of her own accord?

A. No she was prodded by Mordecai and she did it at considerable risk to her life.

Q. What do you mean by that?

A. We are told in the Book of Esther that even the queen could not see the king without an invitation, and that in the autocratic system that then prevailed, the king might have punished Esther for seeking an uninvited audience.

Q. But what does the word Purim mean?

A. It seems to be the plural of the word "Pur" which means "lot."

Q. What kind of lot?

A. In the Book of Esther we read that Haman cast lots to determine the day of the Jewish people's destruction and for some reason this word has been given to the name of the festival.

Q. Why do you call it a festival?

A. Because, as is the case with a number of Jewish holidays, part of the celebration consists of a feast.

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THE **YPC** News

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONGREGATION

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PURIM PARTY, SUNDAY, MARCH 13th

The Purim Party for pre-school children has been shifted to SUNDAY, MARCH 13th, 3 P. M. in order to combine some of the program with the temple's gala PURIM CARNIVAL on that date.

Bring your children to the Auditorium at 3 P. M. where a special program will be presented, and refreshments will be served.

Afterwards, the little ones will proceed to Alumni Hall and stage their own costume parade with those in attendance at the carnival as their audience. Then both parents and children may mingle with the rest of the group and enjoy many attractions of the Purim Carnival.

For further information, call Carole Weinberger, administrative secretary of the YPC at the temple, or Mrs. Hartley Bergman, chairman of this activity.

NEXT YPC SABBATH SERVICE, FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, 8:45 P. M.

March 18th is the date of the next YPC separate Sabbath Eve service. Devotions will take place in the chapel and an Oneg Shabbat will follow in Alumni Hall.

Rabbi Brickner is scheduled to preach at this service and several YPC members will participate in the ritual.

Mr. Erwin Blonder is in charge of the arrangements for this service.

Please arrange for your sitters early so that you will not miss this important event in our calendar.

PTA NOTES

LOVELY PURIM GIFTS ON SALE AT PTA GIFT SHOP

The PTA Gift Shop is exhibiting a galaxy of attractive items these days. Beautiful candelabra and appropriate costume jewelry suitable for gifts are available on Sunday mornings and on every other occasion when an event takes place at the temple.

Particularly useful as well as handsome are the Passover plates now on sale.

Look for the Gift Shop whenever you come to the temple. Mrs. Ben Tepper and Mrs. Ira Krulak, gift shop chairmen, will be happy to serve you and to take orders for any items that you would like to purchase.

PTA OPEN MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 24th, 8 P. M.

An open meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Organization will take place Thursday, March 24th, 8 p. m., it was announced by Mrs. Rueben Glazer, president.

Sidney Vincent, of the administrative staff of the Jewish Community Council, will address the parents on a subject pertaining to the relations between the Jewish community and the public schools. The evening will be concluded with a social hour and refreshments.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Theodore Hertz, David Cohen, and Jerome Greenbaum (father of James L. and Eugene J. Greenbaum).

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Q. Why is there this relationship between food and religion in Jewish holidays?

A. To provide the home itself with a means of remembering the holiday and all that it stands for. When the mother makes Hamantaschen, the entire family thinks about Purim and its ideals.

Q. And what are Hamantaschen?

A. You know very well what they are, Marguerite. They are those three-cornered cakes containing poppyseed.

Q. Yes, I know, but what does the word mean?

A. Really I'm not certain what the word means. Obviously, Hamantaschen have something to do with Haman. The shape is said to be that of his tri-cornered hat, but the word "taschen" seems to mean "pocket" in Yiddish. So the actual origin of the word is lost in antiquity. But they taste good anyhow.

Q. Yes I know. But I like them better with cheese and nuts.

A. Yes, and they're good with jelly too—the way my mother makes them.

Q. How else is the holiday celebrated?

A. As I said, the Book of Esther is read from a scroll in the synagogue. And it is the one holiday that noisemakers can be brought into the sanctuary.

Q. Noisemakers. What for?

A. Well, noisemakers in the form of whirling clappers were allowed in the synagogue and at each mention of the name, Haman, they were sounded.

Q. Those are known as greggers, aren't they?

A. Yes, that's the Yiddish word for them. And additional noise was made at each mention of the name, Haman.

Q. How?

A. When Haman's name was read, the congregation would stamp their feet in derision.

Q. What else do you do on Purim?

A. In Jewish life, Purim became a time for general merrymaking.

Q. You mean for carnivals?

A. Yes. People would dress up in costumes and would have masquerade parties.

Q. What else?

A. They would also stage mock plays and farces, comically reenacting the story of Purim.

Q. Are there any other customs associated with the holiday?

A. Yes, this is the holiday when gifts are exchanged.

Q. Well, I thought that was done on Chanukah.

A. Yes, Chanukah has become a gift-giving holiday. But Purim was

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Pollock on the marriage of their daughter, Suzanne, to Mr. Leonard Hascal.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Cort and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grossman on the engagement of their children, Carolyn and Melvin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frisch on the engagement of their son, Marc, to Miss Betty Saffer.

An Evening of Relaxation and Fun
on Purim Night

AT THE MEN'S CLUB

Round Table and Dinner

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 6:30 P. M.

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SPENCER IRWIN

Foreign Editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer

Group Singing Led by
Samuel C. Levine and Paul Beymer

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from the very first the season for the exchange of gifts.

Q. I've heard the term *Shalach Monos*. What does that mean?

A. That is the Hebrew for "sending gifts". And the Book of Esther states that this is the way in which the holiday should be observed. See the Book of Esther, Chapter IX, verse 22.

Q. To whom are the gifts given?

A. Well, if you will read that verse in Chapter IX, you will see that the gifts are to be presented to the poor. And contributions to charity are supposed to be made on Purim, as they are on other holidays. Gradually, however, the custom of exchanging gifts within the family and among friends has also developed.

Q. You said that the Book of Esther was known as the Megillah. What does the word itself mean?

A. It means a scroll. The original documents of the Bible were inscribed in parchment which was rolled out when read—like the Torah.

Q. When does Purim take place?

A. In the Hebrew calendar, on the 14th day of the month of Adar.

Q. When does that fall this year?

A. It begins at sunset Mon., March 14.

Q. And how long does the holiday last?

A. Just one day.

Q. Is the Book of Esther hard to read?

A. No. As a matter of fact, it is an unusual piece of literature.

Q. What do you mean by that?

A. I mean, that it is an almost perfect short story.

Q. Are there any especially interesting quotations in the Book of Esther?

A. The most famous is the courageous statement of Esther, who, when she ventures to see Ahasuerus says, "And if I perish, I perish" (Chapter IV, verse 16).

Q. Any others?

A. Yes. Mordecai's declaration to Esther, "Do not think that because you are in the king's house, you will be able to escape the fate of your fellow Jews." This statement underscores

the necessity for unity amongst the Jewish people in the maintenance of their ideals. And Esther, like Moses and Joseph, becomes the example of more fortunate people who assist those who are in distress. That is why a great Jewish women's organization has named itself after Esther.

Q. Which organization is that?

A. Hadassah — the American Zionist women's group which brings health and healing to Palestine.

Q. But I thought her name was Esther.

A. That was her Persian name; her Hebrew name was Hadassah.

Q. Is there anything else of interest about the Book of Esther?

A. Yes. It is one of the few books in the Bible containing a humorous theme.

Q. Which one is that?

A. The scene wherein Haman is ordered to give Mordecai the honors which he thought he was going to receive. This touch of comedy is the origin of the custom of exchanging jests and witticisms before and during Purim.

Q. What about music?

A. There are many Purim songs and many of them are comic in the spirit of Purim jollity.

MJP. Thank you very much.

MERRILY WE'LL ROLL ALONG

at the

Skating Party

of the

Alumni Association

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