

Purim Word Search

See how many words you can find!

R B S H S X I K I J H H H A G
E I G A U H I H E T A V H I R
H B N M S N U W A K H A X M A
T L I A G J I S A M S S I N G
S E T N G S H D H H A R A H G
E A I T H X E A E A U N Y V E
C M R A K Z E U L P N L M K R
I Y W S T M R H O L I D A Y G
N D P C A U A N C A I S R E P
Q H N H S Q U E E N I G A I N
I T K E B W A Z H K X Z E K Z
Q Y N N I A H C E D R O M M Y
G N M A Y N J A W L C W L L Y
S S I J T E N L U M S R U R R
K X L D Z O S D V S L O Y R V

The words in the puzzle are:

AHASHEURUS

HOLIDAY

PURIM

BIBLE

JEWISH

QUEEN

ESTHER

KING

SHUSHAN

GRAGGER

MEGILLAH

TZEDAKAH

HAMAN

MORDECHAI

VASHTI

HAMANTASCHEN

PERSIA

WRITINGS

ARE YOU CURIOUS WHAT THESE WORDS ARE ALL ABOUT?

READ THE BRIEF SUMMARY ON THE NEXT PAGE. THE WORDS ARE IN **BOLD**.

TEXT TO ACCOMPANY PURIM WORD SEARCH
(THE WORDS FROM THE PUZZLE ARE IN BOLD)

THE **JEWISH HOLIDAY** OF **PURIM** RETELLS THE STORY OF THE BOOK OF **ESTHER**. THAT STORY IS NOT IN THE TORAH, BUT IT IS IN THE **BIBLE**, IN THE SECTION CALLED **WRITINGS**. MANY SYNAGOGUES THAT READ THE STORY OF **ESTHER** READ IT FROM A SCROLL, CALLED A **MEGILLAH**.

THE STORY IS SET IN **SHUSHAN, PERSIA**. THE **KING** THERE IS NAMED **AHASHEURUS**. HE HAD A WIFE NAMED **VASHTI**, AND HE WANTED HER TO ENTERTAIN ALL OF HIS FRIENDS. SHE SAID, "NO!" SO HE DECIDED TO GET A NEW WIFE TO BE **QUEEN**. TO FIND A NEW WIFE, THE KING WAS GOING TO HOLD A BEAUTY CONTEST.

MORDECHAI WAS A **JEWISH** PERSON WHO WORKED AT THE KING'S PALACE. WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT THE BEAUTY CONTEST, HE TOLD HIS NEICE, **ESTHER**, TO PARTICIPATE. **ESTHER** WON THE CONTEST AND BECAME THE NEW QUEEN OF PERSIA. THE KING DID NOT KNOW THAT SHE WAS **JEWISH**.

THERE WAS A BAD GUY NAMED **HAMAN**. HE DIDN'T LIKE THE **JEWS** AND WANTED THEM TO BE KILLED. HE CONVINCES THE KING TO HAVE ALL THE **JEWS** KILLED.

WHEN **MORDECHAI** HEARS ABOUT THIS PLAN, HE TELLS **ESTHER** SHE MUST GO TO THE KING AND TELL HIM NOT TO HURT THE **JEWS**. SO, **ESTHER** TELLS THE KING SHE IS **JEWISH**, AND HE DECIDES THE **JEWS** SHOULD NOT BE KILLED. HE NOW SAYS THE **JEWS** SHOULD DEFEND THEMSELVES IF THEY ARE ATTACKED.

HAMAN IS SUCH A BAD GUY THAT WE SOMETIMES SHOOT "BOO!" WHEN WE HEAR HIS NAME AND MAKE NOISE USING NOISE MAKERS CALLED **GRAGGERS**. WE ALSO SOMETIMES EAT TRIANGULAR COOKIES, CALLED **HAMANTASCHEN**, WHICH ARE CALLED THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE THREE CORNERS - LIKE A HAT THAT **HAMAN** SUPPOSEDLY HAD.

SOME PEOPLE USE **PURIM** AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED AND THEY GIVE CHARITY AND DO ACTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (**TZEDAKAH**).

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