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כרשה תצוה מפיטור זכור (דברים כהי-זי-ט) הפטרה: ויאמר שמואל... (שמואל א טו:א-לד)

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משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה!

סירופ וכיליירפ א!



Perushei Purim

is a time of great joy and it is also a time when people do not take things quite as seriously as they do the rest of the year. It is with this in mind that there used to be a **מסורה** (מורה מפי מורה) for the young **פזמון** on this festive day (original version as from the days of **מרדכי** and **רבה**):



- A ring-a-ring of roses
- A pocketful of posies
- A tissue-a-tissue
- We all fall down.



באור needs **פזמון**. It is obvious that it has great depth. **שוישן** asks a few perplexing questions, and with his answers he opened up a whole new insight into this **פזמון**:

(2) What is the **חשבון** that the **מחבר** chooses to double the word ring and tissue, but only finds it necessary to use a pocketful of posies? (4) How exactly did a ring of roses, a pocketful of posies and two tissues make them all fall down? (4) Why is this **פזמון** sung specifically on **פורים**? (1) Who was the "we" referring to, in the last line, "we all fall down"? (5) What is the significance of this "pocketful" of posies? (6) Why is the **מנהג מדורי דורות** to hold hands and dance in a circle all through the **פזמון**? (b) Why do we abruptly fall to the ground when singing the last words of this rather short but intriguing **פזמון**?

The **פזמון** explained that this brilliant **פזמון** was composed to provide the other side of the story of **המון**'s string of failed misunderstandings. His 1st mistake. He never learned the **מדרש** on the words in **שיר השירים** (2:2), "As the rose among the thorns, so is

my love among the maidens". [Ed. Note: The 2 double words (ring & tissue) are alluding to chapter and verse in **שיר השירים** (2:2)]. The **מדרש** explains that the **צדיקים** [the roses] protect **ישראל** from their sins [the thorns]. **צדיקים** will come together and unify **ישראל** through **תשובה** to bring them closer to **ד**. The first ring, symbolizes the **אחדות** of **ישראל** dancing in a ring, holding each other's hand and equally connected to their neighbors. The 2nd ring represents **ד**'s eternal connection to **ישראל**. A ring has no beginning and no end, representing the eternal nature of **ד**'s eternal connection to His people. His second mistake was the power of **תורה** learning with children. **המון** reluctantly admitted that **מרדכי**'s teaching about a pocketful of posies (flours) (small amount of **עומר** flour) had outweighed his 10,000 silver **שקלים**. His 4th mistake was in his date calculation of his wicked plan. He saw a tissue cloth when he drew the lots and picked the month of **אדר**. He immediately thought he hit a jackpot. This was the month that **ישראל** used many tissues after **מנושה**'s passing and then during the **שבועה**. He was unaware that the tissue cloth represent the cloth wrapping of **מנושה** when he was born and again at his **ברית**. And so, just after **המון** describes his public embarrassment, but just before **המון** is taken to his first and only **סעודת** **פורים**, his wife, **זרש**, trembled, "If **מרדכי**, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, YOU will surely fall down!" She really meant to say "WE"! We all fall down to commemorate the other side of the story!

Adapted from: Shoe Shine Serenades, **תירומת הבטן**, and more (with kind permission from the Purim Rebbe שליט"א)

תורת פורים שאבדו ונסתר ואין נמצא

אויבנו... The very first **זר** explains that **ישראל** is compared to a **rose** because the **flower** has thirteen petals. The thirteen petals correspond to the thirteen **מדות** of **רחמים**, *attributes of mercy*.

Corresponding to every **petal** there is a **thorn**. Therefore, there are thirteen **thorns** on every **stem**. These correspond to the thirteen enemies of **ישראל** - starting from **שמעאל** and ending with **המון**: **נבוכדנצר**, **סנחריב**, **גלית**, **סיסרא**, **בלעסבלק**, **פרעה**, **עמלק**, **עשו**, **שמעאל**, **המון** and **הדרקוניוס** (Hadrian). The thorn of **המון** perished, brought out the **rose** and led to the **פזמון**, so too may all the wicked **thorns** of our time perish and we will see **במהרה** **במינו** **אמן**, **בית שלישי**!

לעיני הבי ישעיהו דוב ע"ה בן יבלחטי"א יצחק צבי נ"י

Reshaim Remnants

סגת שושן עלות משפלה
... a nation that came together in a hedge of roses 🌹🌹, rose up from destruction

המון thought he could 🌱🌱🌱 the growth of **ישראל**, but he was just a prickly 🌵🌵, destined to be up 🌳🌳🌳 ed. **המון** 🌱🌱🌱 to power, but he didn't realize that **ישראל** has much deeper 🌳🌳🌳🌳🌳. **המון**'s plan was clearly a 🌳🌳🌳🌳 failure because he underestimated the 🌳🌳🌳. A single **rose** might be fragile, but when we come together, 🌳🌳🌳 become an un- 🌳 - 🌳-able force and He protects us from all the prickly 🌵🌵🌵 of the world.



Sauce: Based on the פרקים for פורים for חסידים.

לעיני ר' ישראל בן אברהם ז"ל

אחינו כל בית ישראל, הגתוגים בעצה ובשבכה, העומדים בין בים ובין ביבשה, המקום ירחם עליהם ויוציאם מערה לרנחה, ומאפלה לאורה, ומשעבוד לגאולה, השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב, ונאמר אמן:



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Focus on שמות

men wore an outdoor three cornered cap.

One פורים, a nice Jewish boy, יעקב, decided that this styled head-covering was synonymous with the hat and came up an idea of his own. He drew a sketch of his dream 'yeshiva-man' hat. He went to the local furrier who loved his idea. That פורים the boy dressed up as and rode through town with his black hat and a feather stuck in the band. It was a major hit, especially among בני תורה. The hat was named after the town, Macerone, and has been the headgear of Jewish men every since. A new multi-billion industry came into being, and today's Borsolino hats are replicas of Yankel's first doodle.

My יעקב, imagine if he wouldn't have acted on his dream, a dream that changed the headgear of every 'yeshiva-man' in the world. Many great ideas are lost, because people dream but don't act!

ישראל, Your שמות

both Europe and America) that was prevalent in a story by mentioning a ledger (1795), 'introduces the town's. The town's, it is traced to a small town, this historical Library of Congress, I found a After research in the

And called it macaroni
He stuck a feather in his cap
riding on a pony
Yankee Doodle went to town

Lyric: in a difficult to comprehend hysterical nursery rhyme has its The origin of this And his hair was full of macaroni cap

He didn't have a feather in his
riding on a pony
Haman didn't come to town

day: interesting rhyme on this festive חמאן (חמאן) to sing an that there has been a the year. It is with this in mind as seriously as they do the rest of people do not take things quite joy and it is also a time when שמות is a time of great

Dear רבי,

Sauce: *Shoe Shine Serenades, and more* (with kind permission from the Purim Rebbe)

Understanding

The Contest

The 12th year of our international הלכות contest is starting next שבוע. Our contest learning will focus on your learning some of the practical הלכות of the upcoming פסח — יום טוב.

Starting פורים, begin learning at least two הלכות פסח from ארב פסח every day until קצור שלחן ערוך (29 days). The two practical סימנים in קצור שלחן ערוך (totaling 23 סימנים x2) chosen for the contest are: סימן קי"ח (-) and סימן קי"ט (סימן קי"ט). (continued on page 2.7 in this publication ...)

14 YEARS OF EVENTS RECORDED IN THE מגלה BY MONTH & YEAR

11 5408 / 1647 — This day was established as פורים of Mezhbuzh. The Jews of Międzyrzec (מזבז'ץ), Poland, were saved from the pogroms led by Chmielnicki and the ימ"ש Cossacks during the infamous ת"ח ותי"ט (1648 — 1649). Interestingly, the hero who was responsible for saving the city was called and his wife's name was אסתר.

14 1741 / 1055 — This day was established as פורים טאקא, or פורים. On 11 טבת 5501, the The Window or Turkish Governor that ruled over a country or a province) demanded that the Jews in his regime give him 50,000 גרוש in order to annul his extermination order. The Jews fasted for three days and on the morning of 14 טבת a large sack with 50,000 gold coins was miraculously discovered on a windowsill in the main shul.

16 5399 / 1638 — This day was established as פורים Baghdad. The Turkish leader Sultan Morad IV conquered the city of Baghdad from the Persians for the second time with the help of the Jews. The day was celebrated as a יום הנס (a day of miracles) by the Baghdad קהלה, and the city has a מנהג to say שמות on this day.

Scholarly Shmoozies

As always, the פורים רב concluded his דרשה with a thought provoking שושנת יעקב פה: גימטריה = 1323. Any moment now, תמטה את זכר עמלק = 1321. But the גימטריה and אלהו הזביא — 2 by עמלק ended with a תיקון (take 2). Rule 1 of פורים רב is: a difference of 1 is not an issue. On פורים, where everything is doubled [e.g. מילה by night and day, דגים מול, you drink and see double etc.], should the difference of 2 not be an issue?

Sauce: *Stretched by a Story* (without permission from SmartScroll) *Names withheld to protest the guilty

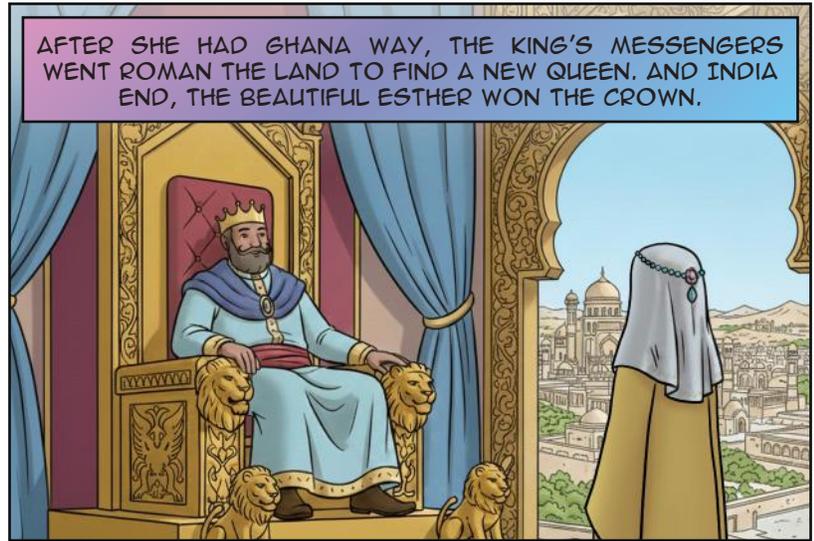
Shmoozies

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 PUNS

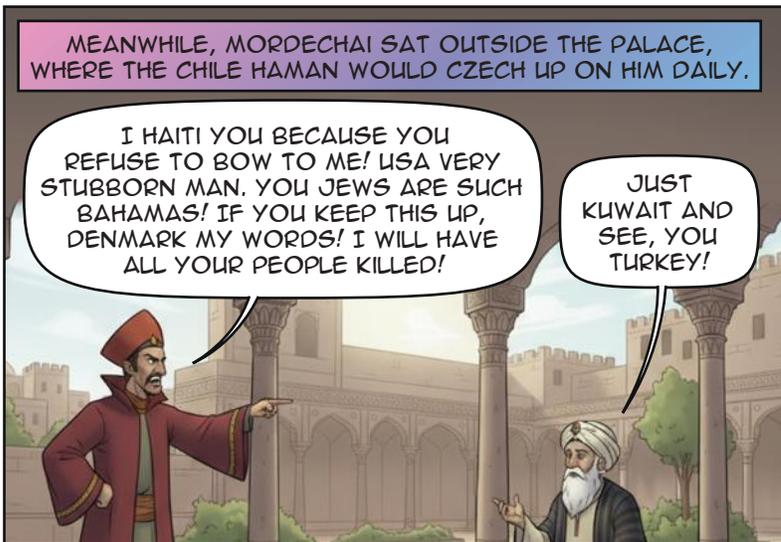


KING ACHASHVEIROSH WAS FINNISH WITH HIS DISOBEDIENT WIFE, QUEEN VASHTI.

YOU CONGO NOW!



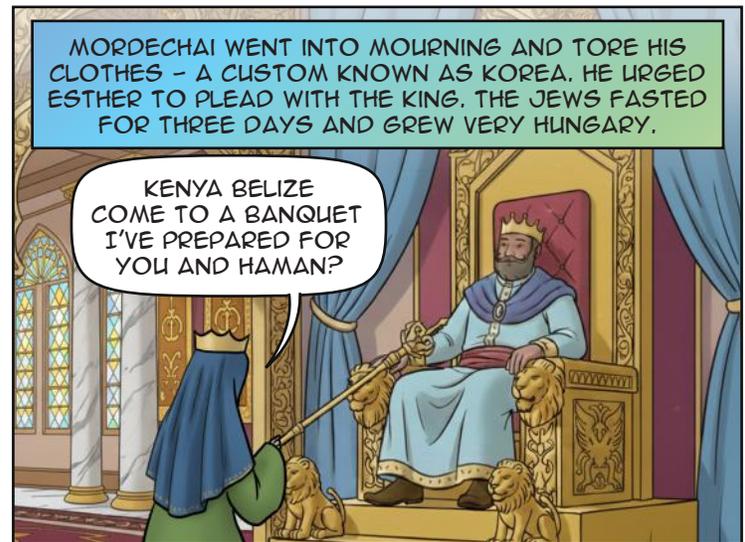
AFTER SHE HAD GHANA WAY, THE KING'S MESSENGERS WENT ROMAN THE LAND TO FIND A NEW QUEEN. AND INDIA END, THE BEAUTIFUL ESTHER WON THE CROWN.



MEANWHILE, MORDECHAI SAT OUTSIDE THE PALACE, WHERE THE CHILE HAMAN WOULD CZECH UP ON HIM DAILY.

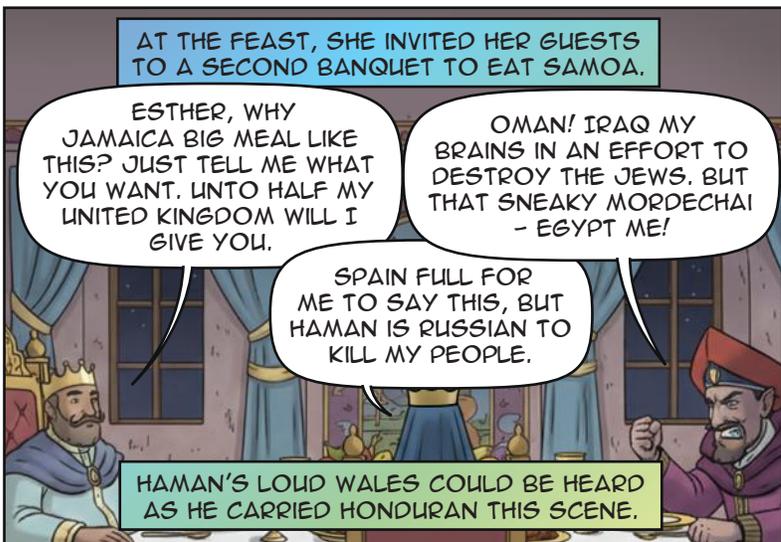
I HAITI YOU BECAUSE YOU REFUSE TO BOW TO ME! USA VERY STUBBORN MAN. YOU JEWS ARE SUCH BAHAMAS! IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, DENMARK MY WORDS! I WILL HAVE ALL YOUR PEOPLE KILLED!

JUST KUWAIT AND SEE, YOU TURKEY!



MORDECHAI WENT INTO MOURNING AND TORE HIS CLOTHES - A CUSTOM KNOWN AS KOREA. HE URGED ESTHER TO PLEAD WITH THE KING. THE JEWS FASTED FOR THREE DAYS AND GREW VERY HUNGARY.

KENYA BELIZE COME TO A BANQUET I'VE PREPARED FOR YOU AND HAMAN?



AT THE FEAST, SHE INVITED HER GUESTS TO A SECOND BANQUET TO EAT SAMOA.

ESTHER, WHY JAMAICA BIG MEAL LIKE THIS? JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT. UNTO HALF MY UNITED KINGDOM WILL I GIVE YOU.

OMAN! IRAQ MY BRAINS IN AN EFFORT TO DESTROY THE JEWS. BUT THAT SNEAKY MORDECHAI - EGYPT ME!

SPAIN FULL FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT HAMAN IS RUSSIAN TO KILL MY PEOPLE.

HAMAN'S LOUD WALES COULD BE HEARD AS HE CARRIED HONDURAN THIS SCENE.



HAMAN AND HIS TEN SONS WERE HANGED AND WENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NETHERLANDS. AND TO SWEDEN THE DEAL, THE JEWS WERE ALLOWED TO POLISH OFF THE REST OF THEIR FOES AS WELL.

YOU LOST YOUR ENEMIES AND UGANDA FRIEND.

AND THAT IS WHY THE PURIM STORY ISRAELI A MIRACLE. G-D DECIDED TO CHINA LIGHT ON HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE. SO NOW, LET'S CELEBRATE! FORGET ALL YOUR SYRIA'S BUSINESS AND JUST BE HAPPY! SERB UP SOME WINE AND TAIWAN ON! HAPPY PURIM!

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IN THE ENTIRE WORLD WE FIND THAT KLAL YISROEL ARE A NATION SCATTERED YET SINGULAR, PLANTED IN MANY LANDS YET ROOTED IN ONE ETERNAL COVENANT. HASHEM PROMISES THAT WHEREVER THEY JOURNEY, HIS PRESENCE JOURNEYS WITH THEM, GUIDING THEIR STEPS THROUGH EVERY EXILE AND EVERY ERA. EMPIRES REDRAW BORDERS, BUT THEY CANNOT ERASE A PEOPLE WHOSE HOMELAND DWELLS IN THEIR HEARTS. ACROSS CONTINENTS AND GENERATIONS, THE JEWISH SPIRIT ENDURES WITH UNWAVERING FAITH. AT THE TIME OF THE MEGILLAH, THOUGH DISPERSED ACROSS 127 PROVINCES, KLAL YISROEL FASTED, PRAYED, AND UNITED UNDER MORDECHAI AND ESTHER'S LEADERSHIP. DISTANCE DID NOT DIVIDE THEM, AND DECREE DID NOT DEFEAT THEM. TOGETHER THEY TRANSFORMED FEAR INTO TEFILLAH AND UNCERTAINTY INTO TRUST. THUS PURIM REMINDS US THAT EVEN ACROSS THE GLOBE, KLAL YISROEL REMAIN ONE NATION UNDER HASHEM - UNITED AND ETERNAL.

