

Purim in Paradise (or at least Pardes Hannah)

featuring di Gantze Megillah (ok, a part of it); songs & ditties, cavorting & virtual hijinks; masks 'n' filters



I am not
a lawyer!

Purim 5781

Mitzvah #1: Gift Exchange

משלוח מנות איש לרעהו/ Shaloch Moness
in the Age of COVID



Happy
Fur-im!!

Exchanging.....

Presence



C'est nest pas
une pipe



And I ain't
no
hamantash

"Mechayev inish
Liv'sumei [b'furaya] ad
d'lo yada bein arur Haman
I'varukh Mordechai"

On Purim folks must become so pixilated, so inebriated, so shikker, so *mastul*, so re-arranged, so lifted into 'Higher Consciousness' that they can no longer distinguish **between Cursed is Haman and blessed is Mordechai**

Between **X and Y**

A and Z

Trump and Bernie

Stephen Hawking and Kim Kardashian

Fun-size M&M's and Family-Size M&M's...

Berkeley and the Berkeley of the Midwest

אמר רבא מיחייב איניש לבסומי בפורי'א עד דלא ידע בין ארור
המן לברוך מרדכי

Rava said: A person is obligated to become intoxicated with wine on Purim until he is so intoxicated that he does not know how to distinguish between cursed is Haman and blessed is Mordecai.

רבה ורבי זי'רא עבדו סעודת פורים בהדי הדדי איבסום קם רבה
שחטיה לרבי זי'רא למחר בעי רחמי ואתניה לשנה אמר ליה גי'תי
מר ונעביד סעודת פורים בהדי הדדי אמר ליה לא בכל שע'תא
ושע'תא מתרחיש ניסא

The Gemara relates that **Rabba and Rabbi Zeira prepared a Purim feast with each other, and they became intoxicated to the point that Rabba arose and slaughtered Rabbi Zeira. The next day, when he became sober and realized what he had done, Rabba asked God for mercy, and revived him.**

The next year, Rabba said to Rabbi Zeira: Let the Master come and let us prepare the Purim feast with each other. He said to him: Miracles do not happen each and every hour... (ba-dum)

CHAG PURIM



Chag Purim
Chag Purim
Chag gadol layehudim

Masechot, ra'ashanim,
shirim verikudim.

Hava narishah - rash, rash, rash,
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Hava narishah - rash, rash, rash,
Bara'ashanim.

Chag Purim
Chag Purim
zeh el zeh sholchim manot,

Machmadim, mamtakim,
Tunifim migdanot.

Hava narishah - rash, rash, rash,
Hava narishah - rash, rash, rash,
Hava narishah - rash, rash, rash,
Bara'ashanim.

FESTIVAL OF PURIM

Purim time
Purim time
A big festival for the Jewish people

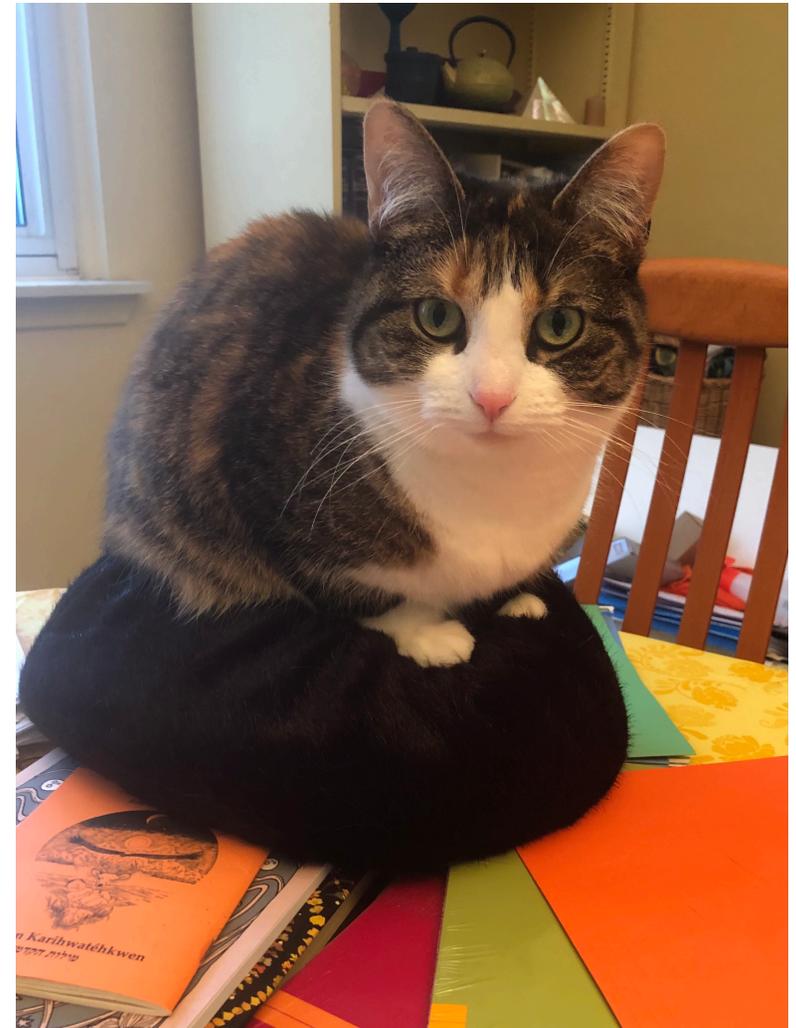
Masks, noisemakers
songs and dances.

Wind your noisemakers - "rash rash rash"
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Wind your noisemakers - "rash rash rash"
With your noisemakers.

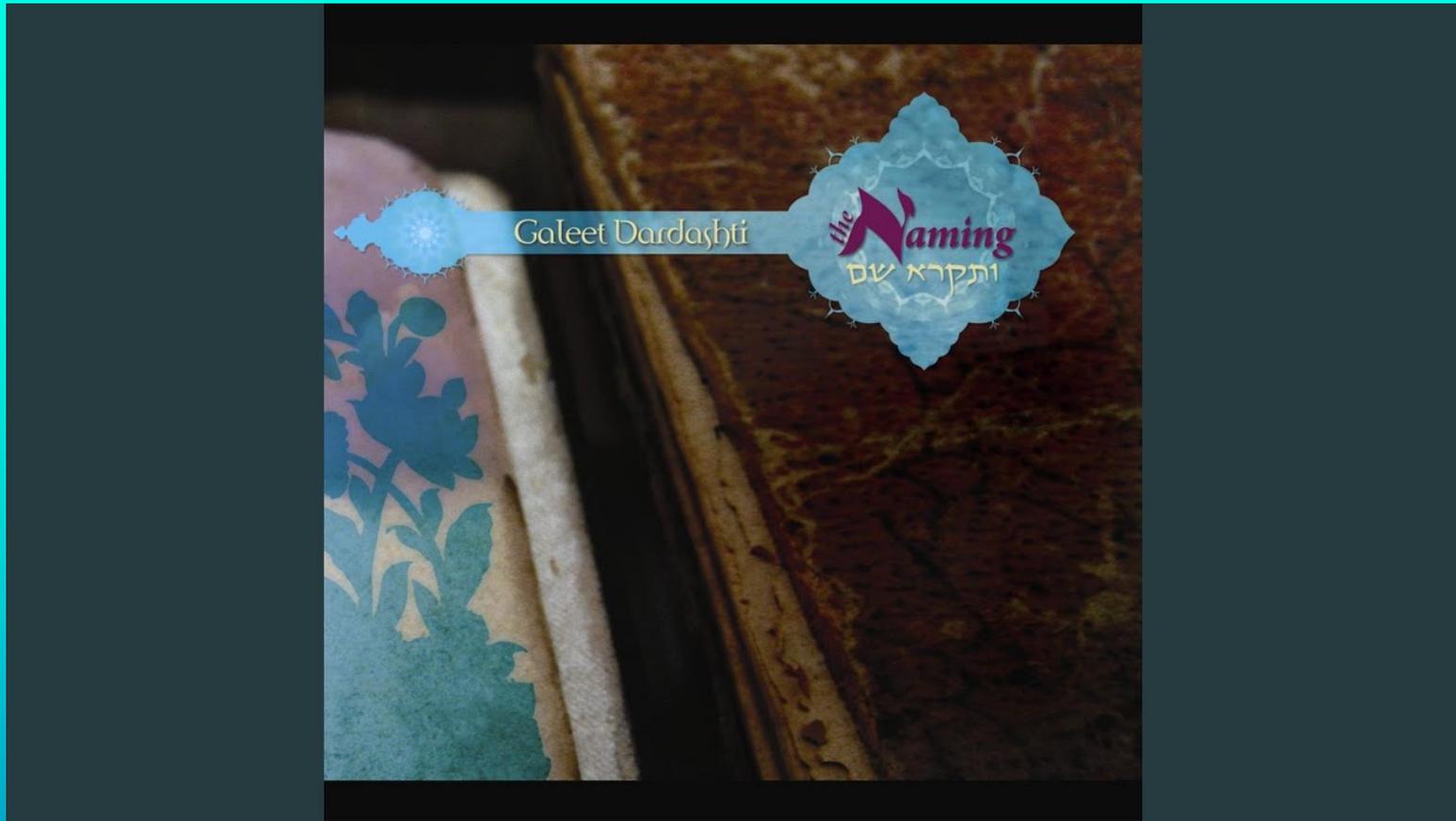
Purim time
Purim time
we send gifts to one another

Treats, sweets
and other nice things.

Wind your noisemakers - "rash rash rash"
Wind your noisemakers - "rash rash rash"
Wind your noisemakers - "rash rash rash"
With your noisemakers.



Cat on a Hat (aka Pumpkin on a Shtreiml)



Vashti (by Galeet Dardashti)

Presenting Queen Esther and her good friend, Ms. Gabrielle Pescador (Esther 2:5-10)

Mitzvah #2 קריאת המגילה / Reading Megillah:

אִישׁ יְהוּדִי הָיָה בְּשׁוּשַׁן הַבֵּיָרָה וּשְׁמוֹ מֶרְדֳּכַי בֶּן יָאִיר בֶּן-שִׁמְעִי בֶן-קִישׁ אִישׁ יְמִינִי:

In the fortress Shushan lived a Jew by the name of Mordecai, son of Jair son of Shimei son of Kish, a Benjaminite.

אֲשֶׁר הֶגְלָה מִירוּשָׁלַיִם עִם-הַגְּלוּלָה אֲשֶׁר הֶגְלָתָהּ עִם יְכֻנְיָה מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה אֲשֶׁר הֶגְלָה נְבוּכַדְנֶצַּר מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל:

[Kish] had been exiled from Jerusalem in the group that was carried into exile along with King Jeconiah of Judah, which had been driven into exile by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.—

וְהָיָה אִמּוֹן אֶת-הַדָּסָה הִיא אֶסְתֵּר בַּת-דָּדָיו כִּי אֵין לָהּ אָב וְאִם וְהַנְּעִרָה יַפְתִּי-תֵאֵר לְטוֹבַת מְרָאָהּ וּבְמֹת אֲבִיהָ וְאִמָּהּ לְקַחָהּ מֶרְדֳּכַי לֹו לְבַת:

He was foster father to Hadassah—that is, Esther—his uncle’s daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The maiden was shapely and beautiful; and when her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her as his own daughter.

וְהָיָה בְּהַשְׁמַע דְּבַר-הַמֶּלֶךְ וְדָתוֹ וּבְהַקְבֵּץ נְעָרוֹת רַבּוֹת אֶל-שׁוּשַׁן הַבֵּיָרָה אֶל-יַד הֶגַי וּתְלַקַּח אֶסְתֵּר אֶל-בֵּית הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶל-יַד הֶגַי שֹׁמֵר הַנָּשִׁים:

When the king’s order and edict was proclaimed, and when many girls were assembled in the fortress Shushan under the supervision of Hegai, Esther too was taken into the king’s palace under the supervision of Hegai, guardian of the women.

וַתֵּיטֵב הַנְּעִרָה בְּעֵינָיו וַתִּשָּׂא חֶסֶד לְפָנָיו וַיְבַהֵל אֶת-תְּמָרוּקֶיהָ וְאֶת-מְנוֹתֶיהָ לְתַתּ לָהּ וְאֶת שֵׁבַע הַנְּעָרוֹת הָרְאיוֹת לְתַת־לָהּ מִבֵּית הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּשְׁנֶה וְאֶת-נְעָרוֹתֶיהָ לְטוֹב בֵּית הַנָּשִׁים:

The girl pleased him and won his favor, and he hastened to furnish her with her cosmetics and her rations, as well as with the seven maids who were her due from the king’s palace; and he treated her and her maids with special kindness in the harem.

לֹא-הִגִּידָה אֶסְתֵּר אֶת-עַמָּהּ וְאֶת-מִוְלַדְתָּהּ כִּי מֶרְדֳּכַי צִוָּהּ עָלֶיהָ אֲשֶׁר לֹא-תִגִּיד:

Esther did not reveal her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had told her not to reveal it.

That's right chevreh!!!
It's time to share you **favorite** Hamantashen Recipes and fillings
...and your (ewwww!) **least favorite** ones too.
Let the vying begin!!

Prrrrrrrone!!!
Poppy Seed
Apricot
Cherry
Rosewater and Pistachio
Avocado n Quinoa
Pizza
Sardine and Monukka Honey
Triple Chocolate
Grivenes (for the meatlover in your midst)
Blueberry Bagel flavor
Slivovitz (that's two mitzvahs in one)



Rosewater and Pistachio

And once again it's Gabrielle (Hadassah) Pescador talking about **Hamantashen Fashion aka Couture you can nibble** (earrings, hats, elbow and knees pads, a nice understated dickey...)

She is also a **shtikl fortuneteller**, and is graciously offering to "read" your hamantash: what do your filling say about you; for an extra groschen or two, she will read your fortune, what LOT might befall or grace you!!

#sayarethosepoppyseedsinyourteeth

Ready for a Eunuch Experience? Try Chapter 7 (countertenors only)

וַיָּבֹא הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהָמָן לִשְׂתוֹת עִם־אֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה:

So the king and Haman came to feast with Queen Esther.

וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ לְאֶסְתֵּר גַּם בַּיּוֹם הַשֵּׁנִי בְּמִשְׁתֵּה הַיַּיִן מִה־שְּׂאֵלְתְּךָ אֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה וְתַגִּיתָ לִּי וּמִה־בְּקִשְׁתְּךָ עַד־חֲצֵי הַמַּלְכוּת וְתַעֲשֵׂ:

On the second day, the king again asked Esther at the wine feast, “What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half the kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.”

וַתַּעַן אֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה וַתֹּאמֶר אִם־מְצִאתִי חַן בְּעֵינֶיךָ הַמֶּלֶךְ וְאִם־עַל־הַמֶּלֶךְ טוֹב תַּגִּיתָ־לִי נַפְשִׁי בְּשִׂאֵלְתִּי וְעַמִּי בְּבִקְשָׁתִּי:

Queen Esther replied: “If Your Majesty will do me the favor, and if it pleases Your Majesty, let my life be granted me as my wish, and my people as my request.

כִּי נִמְכַרְנוּ אֲנִי וְעַמִּי לְהַשְׂמִיד לְהַרְוֹג וְלִאֲבֹד וְאֵלּוּ לַעֲבָדִים וְלִשְׁפָחוֹת נִמְכַרְנוּ הַחַרְשָׁתִּי כִּי אֵין הַצָּר שְׁוֶה בְּנֹזֵק הַמֶּלֶךְ: (ס)

For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, massacred, and exterminated. Had we only been sold as bondmen and bondwomen, I would have kept silent; for the adversary is not worthy of the king’s trouble.”

וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲחַשְׁוֶרְוֹשׁ וַיֹּאמֶר לְאֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה מִי הוּא זֶה וְאִי־נֶה הוּא אֲשֶׁר־מָלְאוּ לְבוֹ לַעֲשׂוֹת כֵּן:

Thereupon King Ahasuerus demanded of Queen Esther, “Who is he and where is he who dared to do this?”

וַתֹּאמֶר־אֶסְתֵּר אִישׁ צָר וְאוֹיֵב הָמָן הָרַע הַזֶּה וְהָמָן נִבְעֵת מִלִּפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהַמַּלְכָּה:

“The adversary and enemy,” replied Esther, “is this evil Haman!” And Haman cringed in terror before the king and the queen.

וְהַמֶּלֶךְ קָם בְּחִמְתּוֹ מִמִּשְׁתֵּה הַיַּיִן אֶל־גִּנַּת הַבַּיִת וְהָמָן עָמַד לְבַקֵּשׁ עַל־נַפְשׁוֹ מֵאֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה כִּי רָאָה כִּי־כָלְתָה אֵלָיו הַרְעָה מֵאֵת הַמֶּלֶךְ:

The king, in his fury, left the wine feast for the palace garden, while Haman remained to plead with Queen Esther for his life; for he saw that the king had resolved to destroy him.

והמלך שב מגנות הביתו אל־בית | משתה הליו והמן נפל על־המטה אשר אסתר עליה ויאמר המלך הנהם לכבוש את־המלכה עמי
בבית הדבר יצא מפני המלך ופני המן חפוי: (ס)

When the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet room, Haman was lying prostrate on the couch on which Esther reclined. “Does he mean,” cried the king, “to ravish the queen in my own palace?” No sooner did these words leave the king’s lips than Haman’s face was covered.

ויאמר תרבוזה אחד מן־הסריסים לפני המלך גם הנה־העץ אשר־עשה המן למרדכי אשר דבר־טוב על־המלך עמד בבית המן
גבה תמשים אמה ויאמר המלך תלהו עליו:

Then Harbonah, **one of the eunuchs** in attendance on the king, said, “What is more, a stake is standing at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai—the man whose words saved the king.” “Impale him on it!” the king ordered.

ויתלו את־המן על־העץ אשר־הכין למרדכי וחמת המלך שככה: (פ)

So they impaled Haman on the stake which he had put up for Mordecai, and the king’s fury abated.



What a punim!!

**Oh today, we'll merry, merry be
Oh today, we'll merry, merry be
Oh today, we'll merry, merry be
And nosh some hamentashen**

Sing along!!

And on a more serious note....

What's in a Mask?

From Irwin Keller's article on Keter Malkhut and Purim, here are two excerpts to ponder:

(1) On Esther "hiding" her Jewishness. Reflect on revelations that might emerge only through concealing a part of oneself: "This side of Esther—the part that holds and manages power confidently and humbly—is a part of Esther that probably never would have been expressed had she not come into the palace in her non-Jewish disguise. The Esther who would have lived out her life in the Jewish Quarter of Shushan might never have had the opportunity to know how powerful she was." Comment!

(2) Or how costumes--and Purim---enable us to express our fuller selves. Irwin writes: "How can we tap into Malkhut—Shekhinah, the Divine just below the surface—to feel into our purpose? How can we wrap ourselves in a robe of Malkhut and let whatever is intended to flow from us flow? How can we be like Esther: determined, powerful, humble, and full of Shekhinah's light?"

Who knows? Maybe we have all come into the Malkhut for just such a moment as this. **So let's suit up: costumes, wigs, heels, whatever you need to start feeling who you are. Put the script down; you've studied it enough. Open yourself to flow and take a deep breath. It's showtime.**





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Mitzvah #3:
Matanot le-Evyonim
Tzedakah to those in
need. E.g. click on

<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/purim/purim-social-action-guide>

שׁוֹשַׁנַּת יַעֲקֹב צָהֳלָה וְשִׂמְחָה, בְּרֵאוֹתֶם יַחַד תִּכְלַת
מְרֻדְכֵי, תִּשְׁוַעְתֶּם הַיֵּית לְנִצְחָ, וְתִקְוֹתֶם בְּכֹל דּוֹר וָדוֹר.
לְהוֹדִיעַ שְׂכָל קוֹיָךְ לֹא יִבְשׁוּ וְלֹא יִפְלְמוּ לְנִצְחָ כָּל
הַחֹסִים בְּךָ. אֲרוֹר הַמֶּן אֲשֶׁר בִּקֵּשׁ לְאַבְדֵי, בְּרוּךְ מְרֻדְכֵי
הַיְהוּדִי. אֲרוּרָה זְרַשׁ אֶשֶׁת מִפְּחִידֵי, בְּרוּכָה אֶסְתֵּר בְּעַדֵי,
אֲרוּרִים כָּל הַרְשָׁעִים, בְּרוּכִים כָּל הַצְּדִיקִים, וְגַם חֲרֻבּוֹנָה
זְכוֹר לְטוֹב:

Rose of Jacob, Shoshana Yaakov

"You have always been their salvation, their hope in every generation... to make known that all who place hope in You s



It's the great Theo Bikel...Hop meine Hamantashen

Mitzvah #4: Joyous Feasting/Seu'dah

L'chayyim!!!!
Ad d'la yada
Yada yada yada



O, ye young coconut water lovers!!



A freilikh Purim to all
Purim Sameach
פורים שמחחחחח